








## GLADWYNE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

LMSD schools will celebrate Black History Month with a variety of educational and enrichment activities throughout February. African American history is part of the year-long curriculum at all levels, but teachers and students will take extra time throughout the month for deeper exploration of significant historical figures and events. Displays throughout the schools will feature art, literature and general information reinforcing curricular learning, while a variety of programs and classroom-specific activities will emphasize the significance of African Americans throughout history.



**Gladwyne Elementary School will celebrate Black History Month with a focus on the 2024 ASALH National theme, African-Americans and the Arts. Students will engage in the following school-wide activities:**

-  **Black History Trivia** – Posters have been created depicting African American artists. The posters will be on display throughout the building. Trivia questions will be generated from the information on the posters. Each day a new trivia question will be shared. Students will explore the building to locate the answer to the trivia question. Answers will be placed in a box located in a centrally located spot. Two winners will be selected each day. Winners will receive a “Black History Achievers” pencil. A new trivia question will be read each morning during the month of February.
-  **Whole School Meeting (February 9th)** – The Gladwyne student body will gather in the gymnasium for our Whole School Meeting. Our Gladwyne Wolf Ambassadors will lead us in an activity recognizing a collection of African American artists, both past and present. Our music teacher Ms. Becky Jones will lead students and staff in singing the Black National Anthem, “Lift Every Voice and Sing.” Students will be introduced to the song during their music class. Trivia winners for the day will be announced during this meeting.
-  **African Americans & the Arts Showcase** – Each class and special area teacher will select an African American in the field of the arts to research. After completing their research, each homeroom class (or special area teacher) will showcase what they learned through creating a bulletin board outside their classroom – either an interactive Google Slide or video – to share with our Gladwyne community.
-  **Black History Month Scavenger Hunt** – During the final week of Black History Month, teachers are encouraged to lead their class through a fun and informative scavenger hunt, which is being coordinated by third grade teacher Maria Gannon, to explore the respective showcases of the other Gladwyne classes. Through this scavenger hunt, students will get to view and learn about additional contributions of African Americans in the arts.
-  **Additional activities and extensions will take place all month long in each class.**

