



**Week of
February 11, 2025**

Wildcat Weekly



Upcoming Events

-No School Mon. Feb.
17th **PRESIDENT'S
DAY**

-Tutoring- Tues. Feb.
18th & Thurs. Feb.
20th @2:30-4:00pm

-Staff Meeting Wed.
Feb. 19th (no after
school activities)


-Black History
Program Thurs. Feb.
27th


-No School Mon. Mar.
3rd **CASIMIR
PULASKI DAY**


-Regional Spelling
Bee Tues. Mar. 4th @
Southland Prep


Black History & Culture Facts


Black Culture is filled with a rich heritage that spans over generations. Here are just a few to discuss this month.


 **The Power of Storytelling** – Many African cultures have a tradition of storytelling through griots (GREE-ohs), who are historians, musicians, and poets who pass down history through spoken word. This tradition influenced modern rap and spoken word poetry!

 **The Birth of Jazz & Hip-Hop** – Jazz, blues, and hip-hop all started in Black communities in the U.S. Jazz began in New Orleans, while hip-hop was born in the Bronx, New York, in the 1970s. These music styles changed the world!

 **Vibrant Art & Quilting** – Black artists have used painting, sculpture, and even quilting to tell powerful stories. The Gee's Bend Quilters of Alabama create colorful quilts that represent family history and cultural heritage.

 **Delicious Food Traditions** – Many popular American foods, like macaroni and cheese, okra, and cornbread, come from African and African American traditions. Some foods have roots in West Africa, such as rice and beans!

 **Famous African American Writers** – Writers like Langston Hughes, Maya Angelou, and Jacqueline Woodson have shared incredible stories about Black history, culture, and dreams through poetry and books.

 **Influence on TV & Movies** – Black actors, directors, and filmmakers, like Sidney Poitier (the first Black actor to win an Academy Award) and Ava DuVernay (who directed A Wrinkle in Time), have paved the way for diverse stories on screen.

Congratulations to our Spelling Bee winners: 1st place winner Terrell Jones and our runner up Ms. Kyleigh Dixon. Mr. Jones will go on to represent Sandridge in the Regional Spelling Bee on March 4th at Southland Prep in Richton Park.



Your entire child's school day is important. Please refrain from picking your child up after 1:30pm. This disrupts the educational and dismissal process.

In order to ensure that your child has adequate time for breakfast, make sure to arrive at school by 7:30am.



If you choose to change your child's mode of transportation home, submit a note in writing to the classroom teacher by 9:00am.

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PBIS COOL TOOL: ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL

The Cool Tool for the month of February is Arrival and Dismissal. It is important for students to be safe by walking on the right, keeping hands, feet, and objects to themselves at all times, using backpacks before and after school only, keeping all doors closed at all times, and following directions the first time given. Students should be respectful by using school-appropriate language and saying please, thank you, and excuse me. Students should be responsible by coming to school on time, bringing all materials needed for the day, taking important papers home, and keeping cell phones and other electronic devices turned off and in lockers and bookbags.

BLACK HISTORY SPIRIT WEEK



TUESDAY (2/18)- PAN AFRICAN COLORS: Wear the Pan African Flag colors (a red, black, and green shirt with school pants) or wear a dashiki/Kente patterns

WEDNESDAY (2/19)- MOTIVATED MELANIN: Wear black, brown, cream, or peach shirt with school pants.

THURSDAY (2/20)- HBCU LOVE: Wear an HBCU shirt or represent your parents Divine 9 colors with school pants.

FRIDAY (2/21)- FUTURE CEO: Wear professional attire (a suit or dress) or dress your best.

MONDAY (2/24) ICONIC HISTORY: Wear an inspirational or motivational African Figure shirt with school pants or wear a family reunion top with school pants.

GRADUATION PICTURES



Picture day is on Friday Feb. 21st. Spring graduates (Kindergarten and 8th graders.), please come dressed to impress. You will take one photo in your clothes and the other in your graduation cap and gown.

Staying Healthy during Flu Season



Keeping our students and staff well is a top priority, and together, we can help prevent the spread of illness. Tips to follow:

- ✓ Wash hands often – Encourage your child to wash their hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- ✓ Cover coughs and sneezes – Using a tissue or the elbow helps prevent germs from spreading.
- ✓ Keep your child at home if they have a fever that is not stable without medicine or have thrown up in the last 24 hours.

Word of the Week:

DIVISION- the opposite of multiplication. The main goal of dividing is to see how many equal groups are formed or how many are in each group when sharing fairly.



Attendance Counts Contest

EC -	75.00%
K -	81.05%
1 -	82.57%
2 -	80.24%
3 -	80.00%
4 -	88.75%
5 -	88.33%
6 -	85.50%
7 -	93.75%
8 - winner	94.50%

Uniform: Reminders

Tops- short/long sleeve gray, navy blue, light blue, black and white polo shirts.

Bottoms- black and navy-blue uniform pants, shorts, skirts, skorts

No hoodies

Peanut Free School:

Please do not include peanuts or peanut products in your child's school lunch.