



**Week of
February 24, 2025**

Wildcat Weekly



Upcoming Events

-Tutoring- Tues. Feb.
25th & Thurs. Feb.

27th @2:30-4:00pm

-Early Release Wed.
Feb. 26th noon
dismissal

-Black History
Program Thurs. Feb.
27th @ 9am

-8th Grade
Graduation Deposit
Due Fri. Feb. 28th

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

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

Black History & Culture Facts

African Americans are instrumental in society in the realms of art and politics. Let's take a closer look at some examples.

Art

1. The Harlem Renaissance (1920s-1930s) – This cultural movement birthed legendary Black artists, writers, and musicians like Langston Hughes, Zora Neale Hurston, Jacob Lawrence, and Duke Ellington, shaping the future of Black artistic expression.
2. Jean-Michel Basquiat (1960-1988) – A groundbreaking artist, Basquiat blended graffiti, poetry, and painting to challenge societal views on race and power, making a lasting impact on contemporary art.
3. Kara Walker's Provocative Art – Known for her silhouette installations, Walker's work confronts themes of slavery, race, and gender, forcing powerful conversations about America's history.
4. First Black Oscar for Costume Design (2019) – Ruth E. Carter became the first Black person to win the Academy Award for Best Costume Design for her stunning work on Black Panther, celebrating Afro-futuristic fashion.

Politics

1. Shirley Chisholm (1924-2005) – In 1968, Chisholm became the first Black woman elected to the U.S. Congress and later the first Black woman to run for U.S. president in 1972.
 2. Barack Obama (2008) – The first Black president of the United States, Obama's election was a historic moment that changed the trajectory of Black political leadership.
 3. Kamala Harris (2021) – The first Black (and South Asian) woman to serve as Vice President of the United States, breaking multiple barriers in politics.
- The Rise of Black Mayors – Cities like Atlanta, Chicago, and New York have seen an increase in Black leadership, with mayors like Keisha Lance Bottoms, Brandon Johnson, and Eric Adams shaping urban policies.

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.

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



Thank you to all students and staff that have participated in our Black History Spirit Week. Please make sure that your student is adhering to the theme of the spirit week. This is not a dress down activity, but a spirit week that has specific theme. If your student shows up out of dress code and not in spirit wear, they will run the risk of a consequence. Dress up for our last day:

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.

Our Black History Program will be held on Thursday February 27th at 9am. Parents of students in grades 5th-8th are invited to attend our program. Please make sure to bring a valid id that can be ran through our Raptor background check system. If you plan to attend, arrive by 8:45am.



IAR TESTING

Our Illinois Assessment of Readiness window will open in March. Please express the importance of this test with your child(ren). Visit <https://il.mypearsonsupport.com/practice-items/> for sample questions



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:

ADDITION- combining two or more numbers.



SUBTRACTION- finding the difference between numbers.



MULTIPLICATION- the repeated addition of groups of equal sizes.



DIVISION- How many are in each group when sharing fairly.



Attendance Counts Contest

EC -	72.50%
K -	91.11%
1 -	90.09%
2 -	89.78%
3 -	85.62%
4 -	89.97%
5 -	92.88%
6 -	94.09%
7 - winner	97.28%
8 -	96.99%

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.