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The Academy Media Center

NEWSLETTER



"Just as flowers bloom after the cold, let each book you read open a new world of possibilities."

HELLO SPRING

Spring represents growth, change, and transformation. Spring signifies a renewed focus on learning as the school year approaches its conclusion. It is a time when students prepare for standardized tests, finalize projects, and participate in end-of-year activities. This season often evokes feelings of hope and optimism, as people enjoy longer days and the beauty of nature.

Stay focused! Stay positive!
Keep reading, learning, and growing!

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"Just as cherry blossoms bloom in the spring, each page you turn in a book has the power to open your mind to new ideas and adventures, reminding us that every story is a chance for growth and discovery."

Keep Reading! There is power in words!

Empowered Women Empower Women

Women's History Month



Malala Yousafzai

Malala was a Pakistani activist and advocate for girls' education. Born on July 12, 1997, Malala began speaking out for girls' right to education at a young age, using her voice to highlight the importance of learning in a society that often denied it to women. In 2012, she survived a horrific assassination attempt by a Taliban gunman, which only amplified her message and commitment to education. Malala became the youngest-ever Nobel Prize laureate in 2014.



Diane von Furstenberg



She was a prominent fashion designer and businesswoman best known for her iconic wrap dress, which became a symbol of women's liberation in the 1970s. Born on December 31, 1946, in Brussels, Belgium, Diane moved to the United States in the 1960s, where she began her career in fashion. The wrap dress, introduced in 1974, was celebrated for its versatility and ability to flatter a variety of body types, making it a favorite among women seeking empowerment through fashion. Diane has been a vocal advocate for women's rights, serving as the president of the Council of Fashion Designers of America (CFDA) and supporting various charitable initiatives.

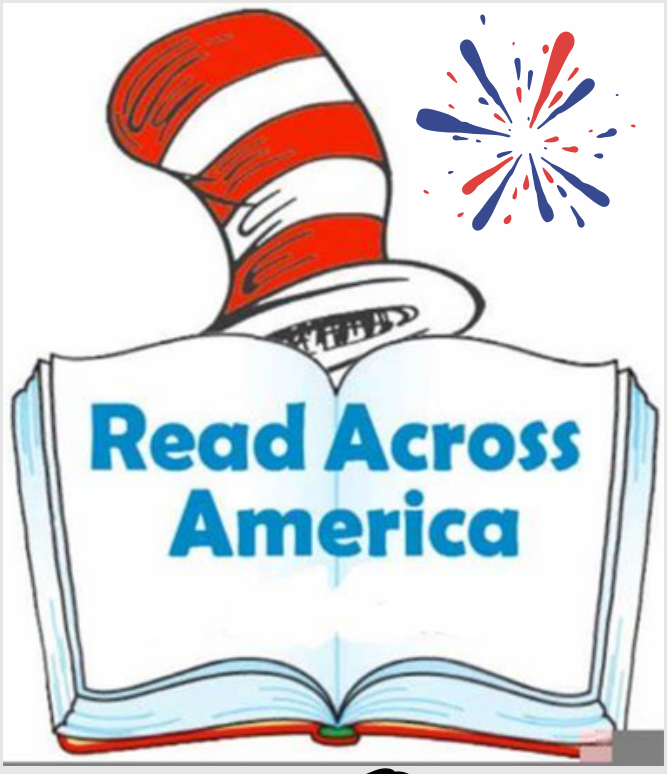


Ella Baker

She was a prominent African American civil rights activist whose work significantly shaped the landscape of the civil rights movement in the United States. Born on December 13, 1903, in Norfolk, Virginia, Ella was known for her grassroots organizing and her belief in the power of collective action. She played a crucial role in several key organizations, including the NAACP, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), and she was a co-founder of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC). She earned the nickname "the Godmother of the Civil Rights Movement." Through her dedication and vision, Ella Baker left a lasting impact on the fight for social justice and equality.

I ♥ READING

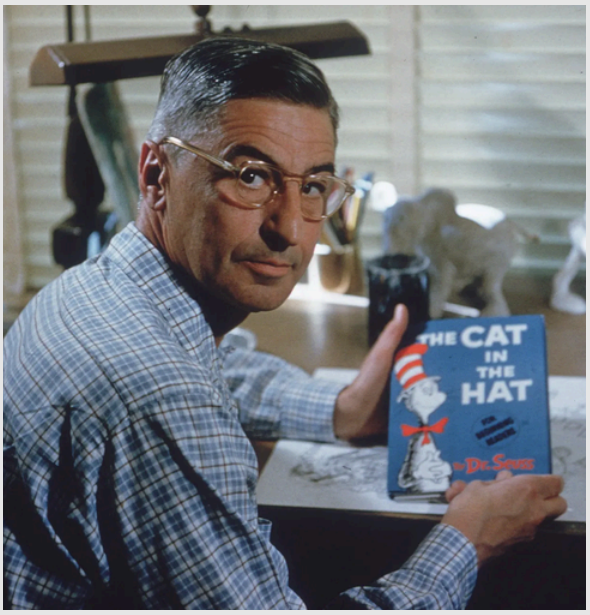
Read Across America is an annual program that celebrates reading and promotes literacy among children and young adults across the United States. Launched by the National Education Association (NEA) in 1998, the initiative is typically observed on March 2, coinciding with the birthday of beloved children's author Dr. Seuss. The campaign encourages schools, libraries, and community organizations to host reading events, activities, and celebrations that foster a love for reading. Read Across America aims to engage students, parents, and educators in promoting reading as a fun and essential part of childhood development.





DR. SEUSS'S BIRTHDAY IS SUNDAY, MARCH 2, 2025

In honor of Read Across America and Dr. Seuss's Birthday, we will have spirit week March 3, 2025 - March 7, 2025.



Monday: Favorite Team Day (Wear your favorite basketball team jersey/shirt in honor of the selected book "Crossover").

Tuesday: Dr. Seuss Day (Wear your favorite Dr. Seuss attire).

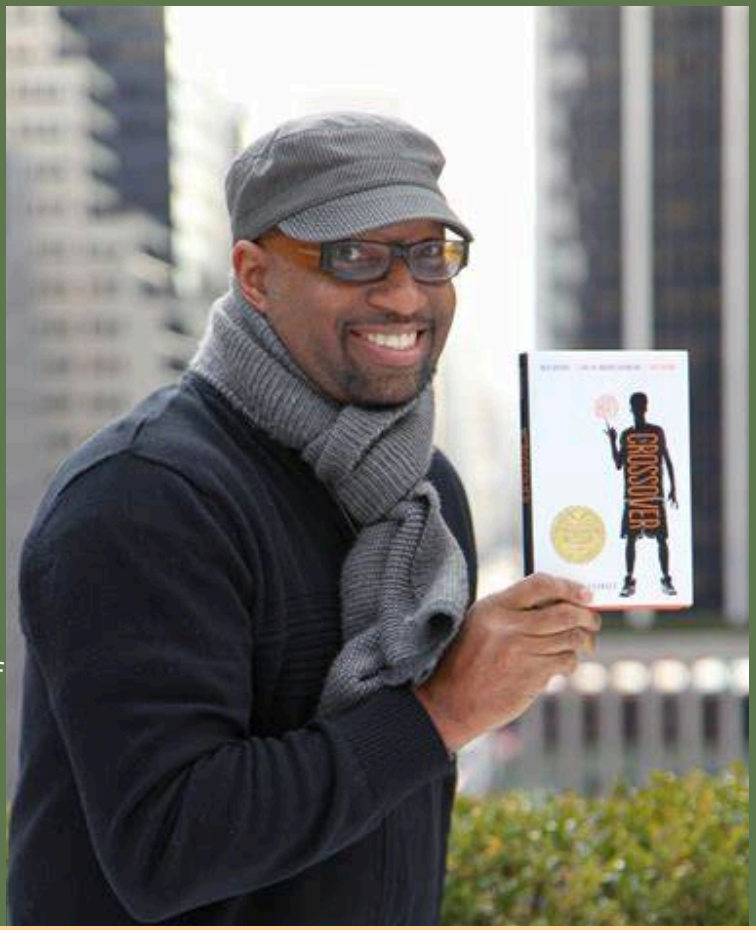
Wednesday: Grand Day (Reading never gets old. Dress like an older person).

Thursday: Throwback ThursDay (Read a book from the 90s and dress in the 90's era).

Friday: Eagles Read Day (Wear your Eagles Pride School Shirt in honor of The Academy Reads).

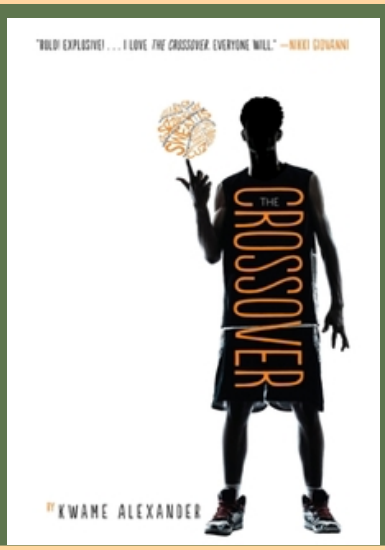
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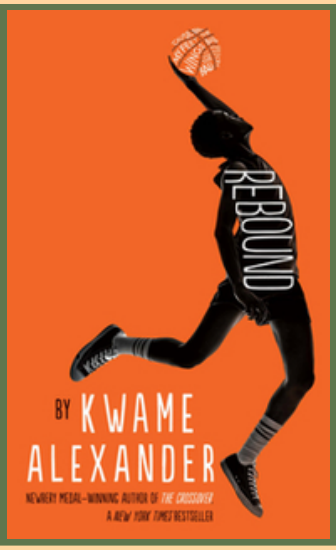
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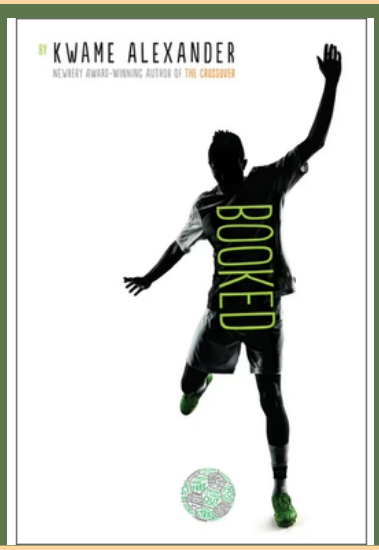


Kwame Alexander is an acclaimed American author known for his engaging and impactful works that often focus on themes of identity, family, and the power of poetry. He has received numerous awards for his contributions to children's and young adult literature, including the prestigious Newbery Medal.

One of his most celebrated works is "The Crossover," published in 2014. This novel-in-verse tells the story of twin brothers, Josh and Jordan Bell, who are talented basketball players navigating the challenges of adolescence, family dynamics, and the pressures of competition.









I LOVE READING



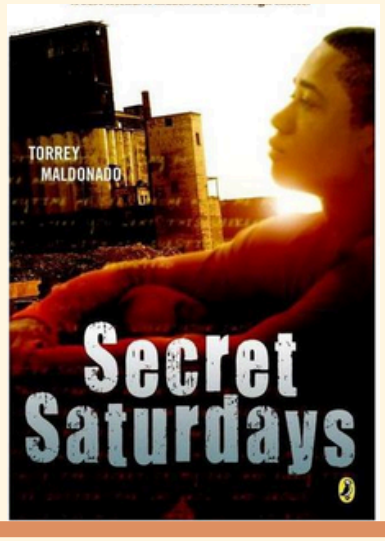
NEW BOOKS



Exciting News! New Books Available for Checkout!

We are thrilled to announce that our media center has recently received a fresh selection of new books just for you! Whether you are looking for the latest bestsellers, captivating fiction, informative non-fiction, or inspiring biographies, we have something for everyone. Come visit us and explore our new arrivals. Grab your favorite titles and dive into a great read today!

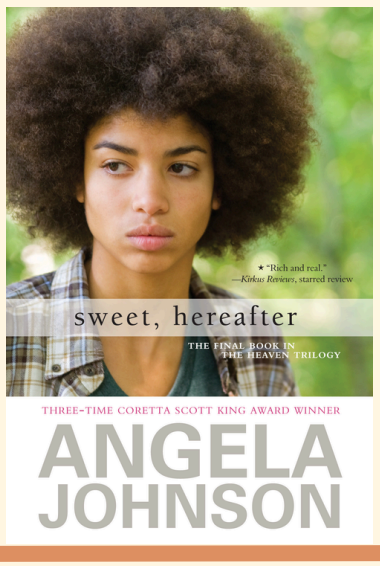
Happy Reading!













THE ACADEMY SPOTLIGHT READERS

READ LEAD SUCCEED

DERICCA GAIL

READS "THE CROSSOVER" ON MARCH 3RD FROM 12:50 PM TO 1:15 P.M. DAILY UNTIL THE BOOK IS FINISHED, & SHE WILL READ "OH BABY THE PLACES YOU'LL GO" ON MARCH 4TH AT 8:00 A.M. IN HONOR OF DR. SEUSS.



Ms. Gail is an experienced educator for more than 20 years. She has been trained in restorative practices, social and emotional learning, and teaching the whole child. She has traveled all over the United States presenting the importance of the social well-being of adults and children. She encourages participants to promote a positive environment for all no matter how uncomfortable a situation may be. There is always room for understanding and growth. She has always been a collector of sneakers and t-shirts. Ms. Gail is a motivator, innovator, and has classical style.



BRANDI BURGESS

READS "GREEN EGGS AND HAM" FOR VIP ACADEMY ON MARCH 4, 2025 AT 1 P. M. VIA ZOOM IN HONOR OF DR. SEUSS.

With 20 years of experience as an educator, Mrs. Burgess has dedicated the majority of her career to Houston County. She has taught Reading in the PLC Program at SOAR Academy, served as an Elementary Teacher, and Mentor at VIP Academy, and currently holds the position of VIP Program Lead Mentor and Enrollment Specialist. Mrs. Burgess is passionate about teaching, reading and writing, solving problems, and empowering families to thrive as virtual school learning coaches and scholars.





The Academy Media Center Activities for March 2025

WOMEN'S HISTORY
MARCH 1-31

Students will research and create a poster, presentation, or write a book report highlighting the achievements and impact of a significant woman in women's history. Due March 28, 2025. There will be 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prizes.



GRAMMAR DAY
MARCH 4

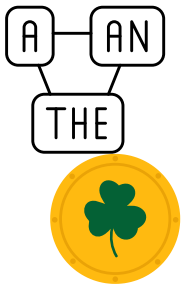
Grammar Kahoot
Top 5 players will win a prize!







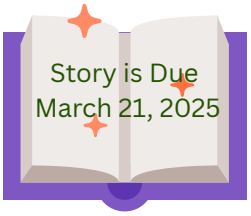




NATIONAL WRITE YOUR STORY DAY
MARCH 14

Every Story Matters:
Choose one of the writing prompts and write your story. Story must be at least one page. Turn your story in to the Media Center to receive a prize.

- A memorable experience that changed your life
- A fictional adventure in a world you create
- A story about friendship or overcoming challenges







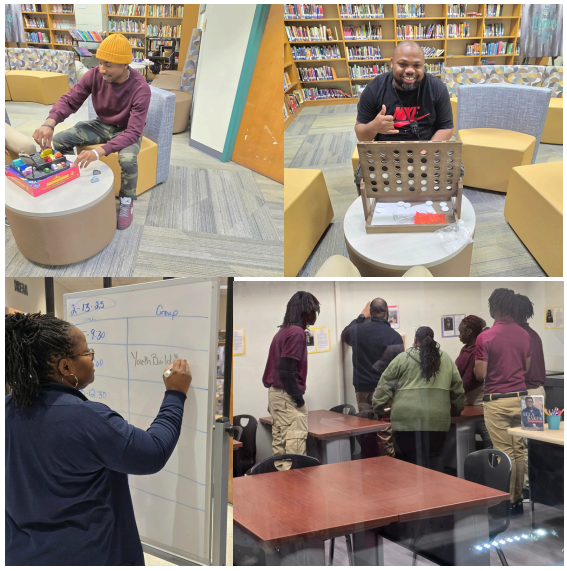
SHOUT OUTS YEAH!

Bingo Winners

The following Middle School Scholars won Bingo from February Library Lover's Month Activity. They received personalized gift baskets. Thank you for your learning and participation!

- Ywa'Kivia Troutman
- Jasmine Davis
- Denasia Clark
- Jose Garcia Borromeo
- Zantourius Brown

Thank You



for participating in Library Lover's Month

Happy 50th Birthday!

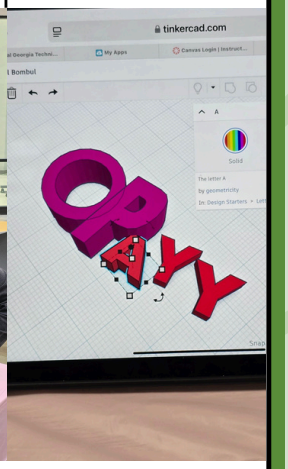
Dr. Arndra Jackson will be celebrating her 50th birthday on March 11th!



Tamoco Hill

Thank you for overseeing and working the 3D Modeling station. Ms. Hill worked with 78 students in teaching them how to create keychains using Tinkercad during our Library's Lovers Month activities! She printed the keychains giving students a tangible product!





FINISHED Product



DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP/TECH REMINDERS

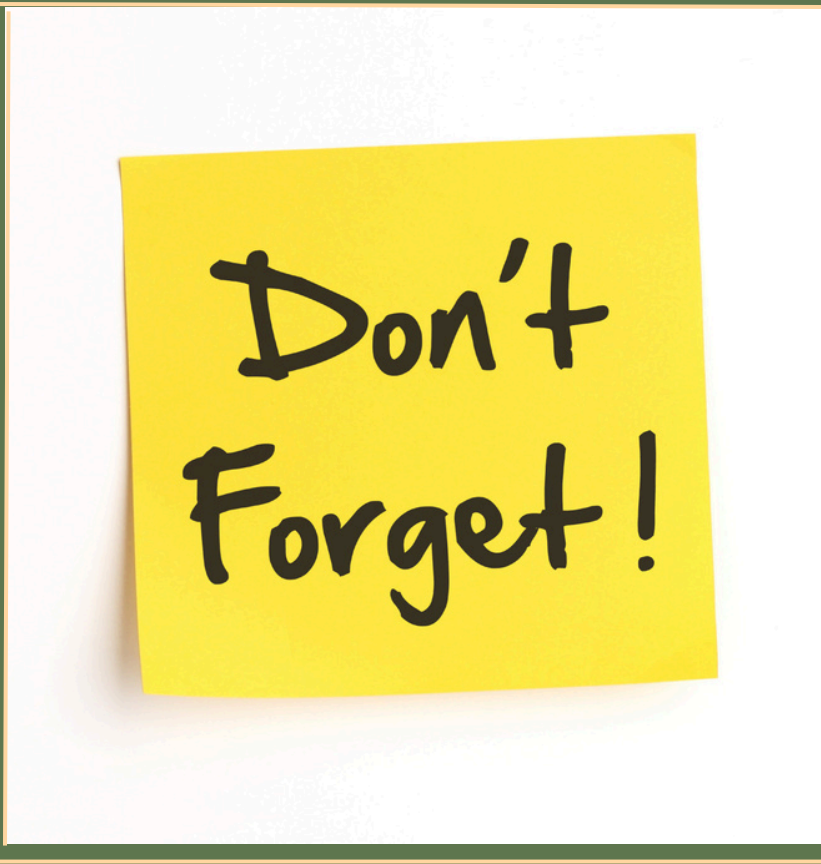


DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP REVIEW MARCH 24-25, 2025

Your digital footprint follows you!

TECH REMINDERS

- Keep up with your school issued devices, chargers, and/or sleeves.
- Do not eat or drink around your devices.
- Do not leave devices in the vehicles.
- Do not carry the devices by the screen.
- Do not go to any unauthorized websites.
- Do not yank, pull, or drag the chargers.



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DID YOU KNOW?

"March always begins on the same day of the week as February in non-leap years, and it also begins on the same day as November. March always end on the same day of the week as June."