



Rahway Public Schools



Black History Month Celebrations - 2025

Franklin School Celebrates Black History Month

Franklin School's Black History Month was a vibrant, month-long celebration, not just a single event. Students immersed themselves in activities, captivating stories, and rich cultural experiences. From classroom lessons highlighting influential figures to interactive workshops and artistic expressions, the school fostered a deep appreciation for Black history and its ongoing impact.

Franklin School hosted its 3rd annual Black History Month celebration on February 27, a vibrant evening that brought the school community together to honor and celebrate the rich tapestry of Black history and culture. Students and teachers collaborated to create a truly unforgettable experience, showcasing their talents through a moving display of student artwork, powerful musical performances, and poignant poetry readings. The night was a testament to the students' creativity and the school's commitment to fostering a deeper understanding and appreciation of Black heritage.

The vibrant energy and lessons learned during Franklin School's Black History Month celebration will resonate far beyond February. Although the dedicated month of recognition has concluded, the spirit of celebration, understanding, and appreciation for Black history and culture will continue to thrive within the school community throughout the year.





Grover Cleveland Celebrates Black History Month

Grover Cleveland School celebrated Black Excellence with a wax museum where fourth graders portrayed influential figures. Parents then participated in a gallery walk, viewing student work and artifacts highlighting African inventors. The event continued with performances by the Cardinal Band, a 6th-grade oratory contest, a 5th-grade Soul Train dance, and a Steppaz with Attitude step performance. The celebration concluded with a choral finale.





Madison School Celebrates Black History Month

Madison Elementary School absolutely rocked Black History Month with an unforgettable museum experience! On Thursday, February 27th, from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM, our gymnasium was bursting with creativity, transformed into a dazzling showcase of student talent! We're talking about everything from powerful poems and captivating videos to insightful essays, brilliant comparative analyses, and the coolest bottle people you've ever seen! And guess what? We were thrilled to welcome some very special guests: Mayor Raymond Giacobbe, Superintendent Dr. Aleya Shoieb, Director of Curriculum and Instruction Dr. Tiffany Beer, our amazing Board Liaison Shanna Raysick, superstar Principals Dawe Peralta and Isabel Colon, and a whole crew of supportive supervisors! The excitement didn't stop there - we kept the museum open on Friday so every class could join in the celebration and be inspired by the incredible work of their classmates!



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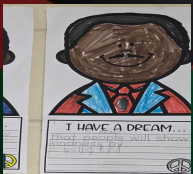
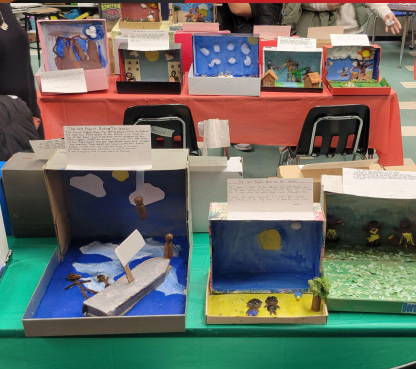
BLACK HISTORY MONTH MUSEUM



Roosevelt Celebrates Black History Month

Roosevelt Elementary School's Black History Month celebration was an engaging experience for students and families alike. Throughout February, classrooms embarked on in-depth studies of Black history, exploring the contributions of renowned African American inventors and the pivotal roles of civil rights activists. A particularly impactful activity involved students writing letters to Ruby Bridges, fostering a personal connection to a significant figure in history.

The culmination of the month's activities was a remarkable family program on February 27th. The event commenced with a captivating performance in the auditorium, planned and choreographed by Ms. Baker and Mrs. Hill. Following the performance, students participated in an immersive learning experience, rotating through three classrooms dedicated to highlighting important places and people in Rahway who significantly shaped local Black history. The program also encouraged critical thinking and creativity by incorporating thought-provoking quotes throughout the learning stations, leaving a lasting impression on all who attended.



Rahway Academy Celebrates Black History Month

On Thursday, February 27th, 2025 the Rahway Academy hosted members of our community for a Black History Month Celebration.

The students prepared artwork, research projects, performances, poetry, and a skit to celebrate the history of African Americans. It was a wonderful night of honoring heritage and culture that highlighted the talent of our students!



Rahway High School Celebrates Black History Month

On Friday, February 28, 2025, Rahway High School held a student-led Black History Month assembly that celebrated the theme of African Americans and “Labor” with a vibrant showcase of performances and presentations. The event began with the powerful singing of the Black National Anthem, "Lift Every Voice and Sing", setting a tone of unity and pride. Students from Ms. Flanagan’s dance class followed with a moving performance choreographed to "Work" from "The Color Purple*", highlighting the resilience and strength of African Americans in labor.

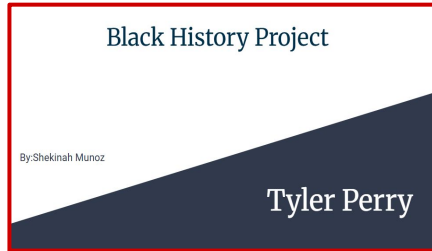
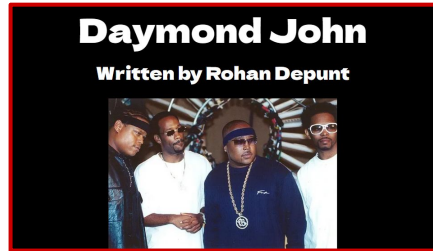
Art 1 and Art 3 students displayed stunning works inspired by New Jersey artist Bisa Butler, honoring Black artists and historical figures. The Jazz Lab energized the audience with their rendition of "One O’Clock Jump" by Count Basie, while the theatre department presented an engaging skit about household inventions created by Black inventors, shedding light on their often-overlooked contributions.

The Jazz Ensemble performed "Cold Duck Time" by Eddie Harris, showcasing the rich legacy of Black musicians. Culinary students added a flavorful touch with a live demonstration on making cornbread, explaining its cultural significance in Black history and traditions. Finally, the RRX Dance Team closed the assembly with a dynamic performance to a compilation of music by Black artists, celebrating the enduring influence of Black creativity and labor. The assembly was a heartfelt tribute to the contributions and legacy of African Americans in shaping culture, innovation, and history.



ACE Celebrates Black History Month

Students at the Alternative School engaged in meaningful projects exploring lesser-known figures in Black history. Across classes, students conducted research to deepen their understanding of influential Black Americans from the past 100 years, creating Google Slideshows and posters to showcase their findings. This project not only broadened their historical awareness beyond well-known figures, but also helped them connect these narratives to contemporary issues. Additionally, it provided an opportunity for students to sharpen their research, technology, and presentation skills, making for a successful and enriching learning experience.



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