centering BLACK excellence '26

The 2nd annual Centering Black Excellence program, a collaboration between Bellingham Public Schools and Western Washington University, builds upon the theme of Black Lives Matter Week of Action, Globalism & Loving Engagement. Together, we create space for learning, dialogue, and action to center Black excellence in education.

JAN. 13

Dr. William Jackson, WA state 2024 Secondary Principal of the Year, is a leader in education and equity, committed to empowering students and educators through culturally responsive practices. On Tuesday, Jan. 13, he will visit students and educators in Bellingham Schools to share a powerful vision for dreaming big and taking actionable steps to make those dreams a reality. In the evening, he brings his engaging sessions to the community to inspire dialogue, elevate student voice, and model strategies for inclusive learning environments.



Loving Engagement in Leadership
WWU, Millier Hall 258

6:00 PM Meet and Greet
light refreshments provided

6:30 PM Presentation



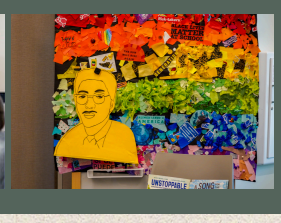
JAN. 14

Educator & Community Event
1985 Barkley Blvd.

We are excited to support teaching and learning for Black Lives Matter Week of Action and Black History Month. We will be offering educators model lessons, resources and lesson plans, interactive opportunities, and a student panel.

Clock hours available: Pro Dev #13333




Schedule

- 4:30-5:00 Elementary & secondary model lessons
- 5:00-6:30 Educational resource & vendor fair
- 5:30-6:00 Student panel
- 6:00-6:30 Poetry workshop

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