

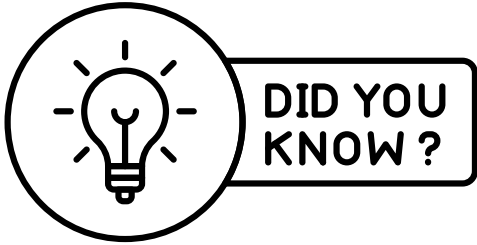
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PIONEER NEWS



Dr. Rebecca Lee Crumpler (1831-1895) was the first African-American woman to become a physician in the United States (1864). She practiced in Boston and Richmond, focusing on the health of freed slaves after the Civil War and published a significant medical text in 1883, yet no photos of her survive.



NPFE Schools is excited to announce our Summer School and Enrichment Program. Students will participate in thematic novel studies and in math reading and problem-solving projects. In addition, we will offer enriching sports camps, STEM activities, art, gardening, chess, and field experiences with attendance incentives.

Transportation is available. Please submit one form for each child you are enrolling in our summer program.

Click [here](#) to register



BLACK HISTORY MONTH

- 2.11 - COUNT DAY
- 2.12 - no school students - Data Day for staff
- 2.13-2.16 - Mid Winter Break
- 2.17 - return to school

Re-enrollment tickets are due! You may also complete by clicking [here](#).

February						
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Count Day

Attendance on Count Day is very important to our school. Count Days and school funding are mandated through the Michigan State School Aid Act. On this day, all public schools in Michigan count the number of students attending.

This information is critical because each student in attendance directly supports school funding. State aid for school districts is based on the number of students legally enrolled on or before Count Day.

Count Day is Wednesday, February 11, 2026. We ask that all students be present on this day, as attendance directly impacts funding for our school.

As an incentive, students may enjoy Free Dress on Wednesday.

Thank you for ensuring your child attends school on Count Day and for your continued support of our school community.

Re-enrollment

Re-enrollment for the upcoming school year is now open. Student enrollment plays an important role in supporting school programs, staffing, and daily operations.

Your child brought home a green re-enrollment slip last week. Please complete and return this form as soon as possible. To secure your child's spot for the upcoming school year, the re-enrollment form must be completed and returned immediately.

SAVE
the DATE



SAVE THE DATE FOR
OUR SPECIAL EVENT
— MARK YOUR
CALENDARS AND
JOIN US FOR A DAY TO
REMEMBER.

TIME: 9AM - 1 PM
LOCATION: DEPSA
1903 WILKINS STREET
DETROIT



JUNE 6, 2026

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MATH BOWL!



District Wide Math Competition
One District. One Challenge. Infinite Solutions.





Message from Mrs. Garvin, PreK Director

Why Are We Studying Cameras?

As technology has advanced, cameras have become part of everyday life. People now use cameras to capture special moments, communicate with others, create art, and share experiences in real time.

Many children are already familiar with cameras. From an early age, they see adults taking photos, appear in pictures and videos, and enjoy looking at images of themselves and others. These authentic experiences spark curiosity and make learning about cameras meaningful and exciting.

Through this study, children are learning how cameras work, how they are used, and how photos and videos help people share stories, ideas, and information.

Home Extension Activities

You can support your child's learning at home with simple camera-related experiences:

- **Photo Hunt:** Let your child use a phone or camera (with supervision) to take pictures of favorite objects, people, or places.
- **Family Photographer:** Invite your child to take photos during a family activity and talk about what they captured.
- **Look & Talk:** Review family photos together and discuss who is in the picture, where it was taken, and what was happening.
- **Before & After Pictures:** Take photos while building, cooking, or creating art to show steps in a process.
- **Emotion Photos:** Take pictures showing different feelings (happy, surprised, proud) and talk about them.
- **Shadow & Light Play:** Take photos indoors and outdoors to notice how lighting changes pictures.
- **Storytelling with Pictures:** Choose 3-4 photos and help your child tell a story about them.

These experiences build language, observation skills, creativity, and confidence while helping children understand how cameras help us document and share our lives.



Pre-K Gallery



Black History: Learning about Garrett Morgan

Answering questions on our new BenQ Board



- Sign up for an excellent summer program.
- There is no cost.
- The sign-up link is on the front page of this newsletter.



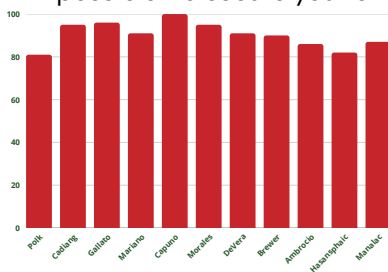
Message from Principal Withers

Congratulations to everyone who participated in the Math contest and a special congratulations to Saint Michael Radden our Kindergarten math relay champion!. Please make sure all students are working on their black history projects. Projects are due on Feb 27th. Students are allowed to dress up as their icon. Count Day is Wednesday, February 11, 2026. We ask that all students be present on this day, as attendance directly impacts funding for our school. As an incentive, students may enjoy Free Dress on Wednesday.

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Reading Trends

Kindergarten: 88% → 91%

1st Grade: 84% → 94 %

2nd Grade: 79% → 86%

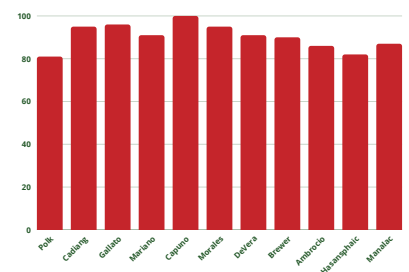
Goal: 95% Weekly Student Attendance

Kindergarten: 78% - 94%

1st Grade: 84%-93%

2nd Grade: 80%-93%

ADA has increased for all grades this week. Please remember our goal is 95% We are almost there!! Lets keep it up



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COOPERATIVE CHALLENGE

Monday: This week our school-wide cooperative challenge is demonstrate a waiting strategy. During the school day, there are many times when you are expected to wait. For example, if you know the answer to a question, don't blurt it out! Instead, use self-talk to remind yourself to keep your lips zipped until the teacher calls on you. Tell your brain to be the boss of your body!

Tuesday: This week our school-wide cooperative challenge is demonstrate a waiting strategy. In class, at times you are expected to wait on classmates to finish their work before moving onto the next task or subject. Try being an expert waiter by not bothering others. Train your brain to take deep breaths and relax!

Wednesday: This week our school-wide cooperative challenge is demonstrate a waiting strategy. When you are waiting in line for lunch or on your turn to go to the restroom, try being an expert waiter by finding something else to think about. For example, think about a favorite movie or something funny. Train your brain to entertain!

Thursday: This week our school-wide cooperative challenge is demonstrate a waiting strategy. There are times when you have to wait for your turn in a game or class activity. When this occurs, try being an expert waiter by finding something to do. You could write in your head or even think of an invention everyone would love to have or need. Remember to train your brain to entertain!

Friday: This week our school-wide cooperative challenge is demonstrate a waiting strategy. We know at times waiting can be frustrating, but you have stop and think waiting strategies to use. Next time you have to wait, remember to train your brain to take deep breaths and relax, think about something else, or use self-talk.





Message from Principal Dr. Peart

Hello DEPSA Families.

Re-enrollment Forms

Re-enrollment forms have been distributed. Please return completed forms by the end of this week to ensure your child's enrollment for the upcoming school year is secured. If you have any questions or need another copy of the form, please contact the main office. Thank you for your continued partnership and timely support.

SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL

Partnering for Student Success: Attendance Matters

As we move through the school year, consistent attendance continues to play a critical role in your child's academic success. Students who attend school daily and arrive on time build strong routines, confidence, and the academic skills needed to thrive. Every instructional minute matters, and frequent absences or tardies can quickly create learning gaps that are difficult to close.

Thank you for partnering with us to ensure your child is present, prepared, and on time each day.

Important Academic Reminders

Please remember that Read & Respond (RR) and C³ (Critical Content Comprehension) assignments must be completed and submitted when your child returns to school after an absence. Our continued focus is on the quality of student work, including complete responses, use of evidence, and clear explanations of thinking.

Tutoring Information

Tutoring is currently underway and is offered on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 4:00-5:30 PM. To ensure student safety and smooth dismissal, on-time pick-up is required.

Please note: After two late pick-ups, students will no longer be able to participate in tutoring.

Ways Families Can Support Learning at Home

- Establish consistent bedtime and morning routines to support on-time arrival
- Ask your child about their learning each day and encourage them to explain their thinking using details and evidence
- Ensure Read & Respond assignments are completed daily with thoughtful written responses
- Support daily C³ practice by encouraging rereading, answering questions, and explaining reasoning
- Provide a quiet workspace and review completed assignments for accuracy and effort

4th Grade Parents Only

4th grade students will participate in our annual 4th Grade Camping Trip!

A parent meeting will be held in March to review expectations, safety, and answer questions. In the meantime, please review the attached information so you can begin gathering what your child will need for the trip.

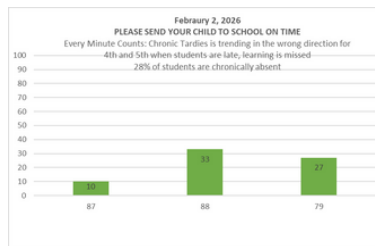
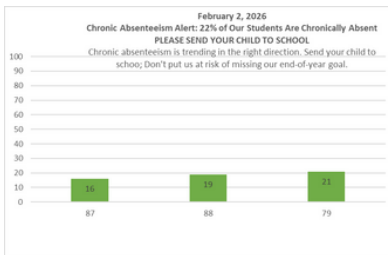
Important Notes

- The trip is free of charge
- If you are interested in volunteering, please email Dr. Peart at kpeart@npfeschools.org
- Trip Dates: April 27-28, 2026

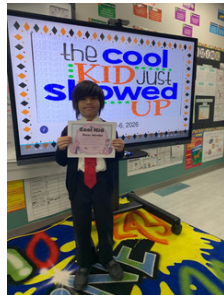
More details will be shared soon.

Thank you for your continued partnership and commitment to your child's success. Together, we can ensure every student is present, prepared, and progressing academically.

Congratulations LaFontte Thomas 4th grade math relay champion



Cool Kids



HOMEWORK

Monday 2/9

Read & Response, C3 Homework

Tuesday 2/10

Read & Response, C3 Homework

Wednesday 2/11

Read & Response, C3 Homework

Thursday 2/12

Read & Response, C3 Homework

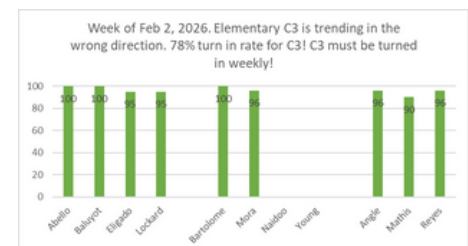
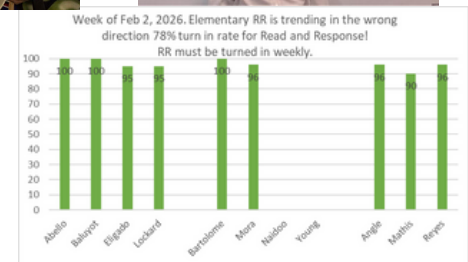
Friday 2/13

C3 & RR Due

•Students are expected to complete homework by their classroom teacher along with their Reading (Read and Response and C3). Homework is due daily.

The goal is for each class to attain a 95% return rate on homework at the end of the week.

Homework will be checked EVERY DAY- thank you for helping your child build their work ethic by completing their homework every night.





Message from Principal Collins

As we begin Semester II, we are implementing a structured math notebook expectation to support student learning and preparation for high school.

In middle school, taking notes in math is essential as students transition from being shown how to solve problems to explaining and applying their thinking independently. A math notebook helps students organize strategies, track examples, and build strong academic habits.

What this means for students:

- Each student will be provided with a school-issued math notebook.
- Students are required to bring their math notebook and math textbook to class every day.
- The notebook will be used daily for notes, worked examples, vocabulary, and problem-solving.
- If a student does not have their math notebook, they will receive a zero for participation for that day.

Students will receive their notebooks in class and will sign for them, acknowledging responsibility for bringing them daily.

We appreciate your partnership in helping students build responsibility, organization, and strong learning habits. Please feel free to reach out with any questions.

Thank you for your continued support!

Warmly,

DEPSA is an International Baccalaureate School



IB trait: Caring

Caring learners show empathy, compassion, and respect for others.

They take action to make a positive difference in the lives of others and in the world around them—standing up for what's right and supporting those in need, every day.



Read & Respond

Q3 - novel due on February 9th

6th

7th

8th



34
till

PSAT

8th

Grade
Activities
Click [here](#)

DEPSA JUNIOR ACADEMY

Unsung Heroes

BLACK HISTORY Month

People who makes a meaningful, positive impact through their actions but do not receive public recognition, praise, or credit for what they do. They are lesser known in history.

FEBRUARY

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DURING THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 23RD, STUDENTS WILL ENGAGE IN RESEARCH AND IN-CLASS DISCUSSIONS AS THEY PREPARE FOR OUR CULMINATING ACTIVITY.

OUR GALLERY WALK WILL TAKE PLACE ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH.

**DRESS EXPECTATIONS FOR FEBRUARY 27TH:
STUDENTS MAY WEAR ALL BLACK ON THIS DAY.**

NO LEGGINGS

NO MIDRIFTS SHOWING

ALL ATTIRE MUST FOLLOW SCHOOL DRESS CODE EXPECTATIONS





DEPSA HIGH SCHOOL MISSION BRIEFING

PARENT AND FAMILY NEWSLETTER

A WORD FROM MR. BLACKBURN

HELLO, DEPSA FAMILIES AND HAPPY BLACK HISTORY MONTH,

WE ARE OFFICIALLY 32 DAYS AWAY FROM HIGH-STAKES TESTING, AND THE START OF SEMESTER TWO IS HERE. WITH SEMESTER TWO BEGINNING ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, IT IS CRITICAL THAT ALL STUDENTS ARE PRESENT, ON TIME, AND READY TO LEARN EACH DAY. DAILY ATTENDANCE DURING THIS PERIOD IS MANDATORY AS WE PREPARE STUDENTS TO DEMONSTRATE THEIR LEARNING ON UPCOMING ASSESSMENTS.

AS WE CONTINUE TO REVIEW ATTENDANCE AND ENGAGEMENT DATA, WE SEE PROGRESS IN SOME AREAS AND INCONSISTENCY IN OTHERS. OUR SCHOOLWIDE GOAL REMAINS CLEAR: 95% ATTENDANCE. EVERY INSTRUCTIONAL MINUTE MATTERS, ESPECIALLY AS COURSEWORK BECOMES MORE RIGOROUS AND EXPECTATIONS INCREASE DURING SEMESTER TWO.

DAILY ATTENDANCE AND ON-TIME ARRIVAL ARE ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT DURING THIS CRITICAL TIME OF THE SCHOOL YEAR. STUDENTS WHO MISS CLASS TIME FALL BEHIND ON INSTRUCTION, ASSESSMENTS, AND CRITICAL SKILL-BUILDING OPPORTUNITIES. BEING PRESENT AND ON TIME ENSURES STUDENTS ARE ABLE TO FULLY ENGAGE IN LESSONS, RECEIVE SUPPORT FROM TEACHERS, AND STAY ON TRACK ACADEMICALLY AS TESTING APPROACHES.

FAMILIES PLAY A VITAL ROLE IN SUPPORTING STUDENT SUCCESS. WE ENCOURAGE FAMILIES TO ENSURE STUDENTS ARRIVE AT SCHOOL ON TIME EACH DAY, ATTEND SCHOOL CONSISTENTLY, AND COME PREPARED TO LEARN. PLEASE CONTINUE TO MONITOR STUDENT PROGRESS BY REGULARLY CHECKING POWERSCHOOL FOR GRADES AND ATTENDANCE AND DEANSLIST FOR BEHAVIOR UPDATES. STAYING INFORMED ALLOWS FOR EARLY INTERVENTION AND REINFORCES ACCOUNTABILITY AT HOME AND SCHOOL.

LASTLY, WE WANT TO WELCOME MR. WALDRON, 9TH GRADE EARTH SCIENCE TEACHER TO THE DEPSA FAMILY. HE'S BEEN RECEIVING RAVE REVIEWS FROM HIS STUDENTS THUS FAR.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED PARTNERSHIP AND COMMITMENT TO SUPPORTING OUR STUDENTS. TOGETHER, BY MAINTAINING HIGH EXPECTATIONS AND WORKING COLLABORATIVELY, WE CAN ENSURE A STRONG AND SUCCESSFUL SEMESTER FOR EVERY STUDENT. ONE TEAM. ONE MISSION.

UPDATES

- SEMESTER TWO BEGINS 2/9
- MID WINTER BREAK: FEB 12 - 16
- REPORT CARDS: FEB 21

EVENTS/ GAMES

Monday-2/9

HS(Away)-Boys JV @Westfield 5:30 pm CSC Semi-Final

Tuesday-2/10

HS(Away)-GBB location/Time TBA..Possible CSC Semi-Final

Wednesday-2/11

HS(Away)-Boys Var CSC Semi-Final Location/Time TBA

Friday-2/13

HS (Wayne State Mathei) CSC Basketball Championship
Girls 5:30 pm, Boys 7:00 pm

Feb 27: Black History Program

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

WE ARE PROUD TO CELEBRATE OUR SENIORS, WHO HAVE EARNED OVER \$10 MILLION IN COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS, REFLECTING THEIR HARD WORK, PERSEVERANCE, AND COMMITMENT TO POSTSECONDARY SUCCESS.

ADDITIONALLY, THE CLASS OF 2026 HAS REACHED 94% FAFSA COMPLETION, AN INCREDIBLE MILESTONE THAT KEEPS STUDENTS ON TRACK FOR COLLEGE ACCESS AND AFFORDABILITY.

AS WE LOOK AHEAD, IT'S ALSO TIME FOR FAMILIES TO BEGIN PLANNING AND SAVING FOR THE SENIOR TRIP TO ORLANDO. MORE DETAILS REGARDING DATES, COSTS, AND PAYMENT OPTIONS WILL BE SHARED SOON.

[CLICK HERE FOR THE FULL NEWSLETTER](#)

