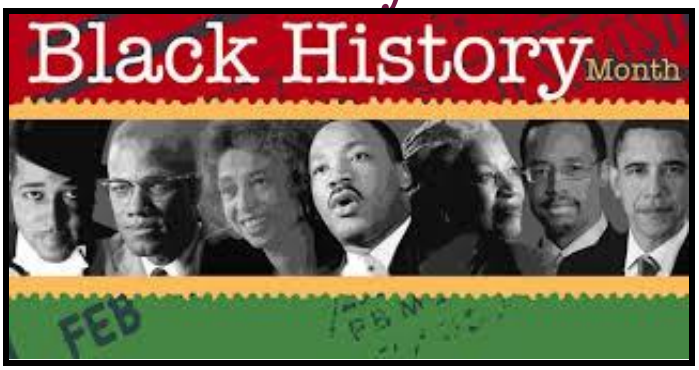
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February Is Black History Month





Vice President Harris (center) marches across the Edmund Pettus Bridge on March 6, 2022, in Selma, Ala., to commemorate the 57th anniversary of Bloody Sunday. *Elijah Nouvelage/AFP via Getty Images*

Here Are Three Things To Know About Black History Month

By Scott Neuman, NPR, Excerpt from
https://www.npr.org/2023/02/01/1150977600/black-history-month-2023-theme-3-things-to-know

February marks Black History Month, a tradition that got its start in the Jim Crow era and was officially recognized in 1976 as part of the nation's bicentennial celebrations. It aims to honor the contributions that African Americans have made and to recognize their sacrifices.

Here are three things to know about Black History Month:

It was Negro History Week before it was Black History Month

In 1926, Carter G. Woodson, the scholar often referred to as the "father of Black history," established Negro History Week to focus attention on Black contributions to civilization. According to the NAACP, Woodson — at the time only the second Black American after W.E.B. Du Bois to earn a doctorate from Harvard University — "fervently believed that Black people should be proud of their heritage and [that] all Americans should understand the largely overlooked achievements of Black Americans."

There's a new theme every year

Each year, the ASALH chooses a different theme for Black History Month. This year, the theme is "Black Resistance."

"African Americans have resisted historic and ongoing oppression, in all forms, especially the racial terrorism of lynching, racial pogroms, and police killings since our arrival upon these shores," the ASALH says of this year's theme. "These efforts have been to advocate for a dignified self-determined life in a just democratic society in the United States and beyond the United States political jurisdiction."

Dulaney says this year's theme was chosen, in part, because of the current politically charged environment around race.

Recent controversies over how race is taught echo a time when Black history was often ignored

For Dulaney, the culture wars playing out across the country over how students learn about race feel like a case of history repeating itself.

For many, recent events — the police killings of Breonna Taylor and George Floyd, for example, and the ongoing controversy surrounding critical race theory, an academic framework stating that people who are white have benefited from ingrained racism in American institutions — look like a recurring pattern, he says.

To read the entire article, go to the website page provided at the start of this article.

National Read Across America Day Is March 2

by
https://nationaldaycalendar.com/national-read-across-america-day-dr-seuss-day-march-2-unless-weekend/



Each year, National Read Across America Day is celebrated on March 2nd, the birthday of Dr. Seuss. The annual event is part of Read Across America, an initiative on reading created by the National Education Association. The event is designed to encourage reading in children.

This motivational and awareness day calls all children and youth in every community across the United States to celebrate reading. It encourages them to read wherever they are. Great ways to inspire reading in children include:

- Keep books everywhere you spend time. Put them in the car, in every room of the house, and tuck them in backpacks and purses. Make them easily accessible.
- Visit the library often. Knowing how to use the library and learning the benefits of a library fosters a love of reading as well as genuine respect for the services libraries provide.
- Get caught reading. Children imitate what they see the adults around them do. Whether they see you read a magazine, newspaper, or novel, let them know reading is the cool thing to do.
- Read to your children. No matter their age, reading aloud strengthens their vocabulary and language skills. It also opens up opportunities for discussion.
- Have your children read to you, too. You never know what you might learn!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Here is the link to complete the Desired Results Parent survey, thank you for taking the time to give us your feedback:
https://forms.gle/Fwh1QegEgjZEh5go6



Every Tuesday - Return READ WITH ME books

Every Thursday - READ WITH ME books will be distributed to students who have returned books

ENROLL YOUR CHILD in Transitional Kindergarten or Kindergarten for 2023-2024 before the end of the month of March.



Wednesday, 3/1 - Wear Red & White Clothes!

Thursday, 3/2 - Wear Crazy Socks!

Thursday, 3/2 - Read Across America Day

Friday, 3/3 - Dress-as-your-favorite-book character day and bring the book to school!

Saturday, 3/4 - Pitch a tent outdoors and read a book with a flashlight!

Monday, 3/6 - Friday, 3/10 - National School Breakfast Week

Monday, 3/6 - Friday, 3/10 - Save your Vision Week

Tuesday, 3/7 - Spring Pictures at FSP & BSP

Wednesday, 3/8 - Spring Pictures at JSP & MSP

Thursday, 3/9 - Spring Pictures at WSP

Friday, 3/10, 8:30 AM, Cafecito in person at the District Office, Professional Development Center, 10319 Firmona Avenue, Is Your Child Ready for Kindergarten?

Sunday, 3/12 - Daylight Savings Day, spring forward an hour

Wednesday, 3/15, 3:15 PM - Parent Advisory Council Meeting via Zoom
https://lennoxk12-org.zoom.us/j/82746928883?pwd=N3RSazcwOER0M1VQeFJESFJQb2E1UT09
Meeting ID: 827 4692 8883

Friday, 3/17 - National Preschool Teachers Appreciation Day

Tuesday, 3/21 - World Down Syndrome Day - Rock Your Socks!

Friday, 4/1 - Autism Awareness Month

Monday, April 3 - Friday, April 14 - Spring Break

Friday, 4/7 - World Health Day

Monday, April 17 - Classes resume

Monday April 17 to 21 - Children's Week

Monday, April 17 - Preschool Enrollment Begins for School Year 2023-2024



Thursday, 4/20 - Happy Birthday to Teacher Elizabeth Diaz

Thursday, 4/20 - Happy Birthday to Teacher Griscel Gonzalez

Sunday, 4/23 - Happy Birthday Principal Nellie Ríos-Parra

Wednesday, 4/26 - Administrative Professionals Day

Monday, 5/1 - Mental Health Awareness Month

Monday, 5/1 - Friday, 5/5 - National Teacher Appreciation Week

Tuesday, 5/2 - Parent Teacher Conferences

Tuesday, 5/2 - National Teacher Appreciation Day

Monday, 5/8 - Friday, 5/12 - BOGO Scholastic Book Fair

Friday, 5/12 - Provider Appreciation Day

Monday, 6/19 - Juneteenth Holiday recognized, non-school day and school closed.

Tuesday, 6/20 - Classes resume

Friday, 6/23 - Last day of school

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