

February Newsletter

Black History Month



McKinley Monarchs

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Carter G. Woodson inspired our society to intentionally acknowledge and study the contributions African-Americans have made to the world. The effects of his ideas to begin honoring "Black History Month" were birthed because of him attending school while not seeing any mention of African-Americans contribution to the prosperity and spirit of the United States of America. He thought it was significant to choose February as the month to praise African-American contributions because Civil Rights' Leaders, Fredrick Douglass and President Abraham Lincoln were born in February. Both dedicated their lives to the advancement of equal rights for all men. Carter G. Woodson's purpose for starting "Black History Month" was to assure that African American history would no longer be ignored or misrepresented among scholars. Preceding to the creation of Black History Month, he along with Alexander L. Jackson published "The Education of the Negro Prior to 1861" in 1915. Whether the contributions were from literature, science, technology, engineering, arts, or mathematics, Woodson's inspiration for telling the stories of African-Americans has transcended American culture and has influenced young people of all races to live a life of purpose.



UPCOMING EVENTS

February 4

Thornton Township
Science Fair

February 8

School Improvement
12:00 Dismissal

February 20

Presidents' Day
No School

February 24

Black History Program
1:30p.m.

February 28

NAEP Testing



On Saturday, February 4, 2017, sixth grade student **Angel Hampton** and seventh grade student **Aaron Bryant** were awarded first place for their respective grades at the fifth annual Thornton Township Teaching and Learning Partnership Area Science Fair hosted at Thornwood High School. Help me congratulate these science fair champs. A special thanks to Ms. Kaczmarczyk, Mrs. Lane and Mrs. Staley for their untiring work with all the participants. Congratulation to Nina Scott, Kenneth James, Gregory Tate and Imani Whitaker, who also participated in the science fair as well.



FEBRUARY 11, 2017

3-7P.M.



McKinley School

Assistant Principal

Greetings McKinley Family!

As we approach the 2nd quarter midterms, I ask parents to remain diligent and attentive to our children's academic performance. Please make sure that you are checking your child's grades on PowerSchool on a consistent basis. If you find that your child is not performing at their full potential, please contact your child's teacher to discuss ways to help them improve academically. As always, every child at McKinley should be reading every night for *at least 20 minutes*. This is necessary to improve fluency, enhance comprehension and strengthen vocabulary skills. Reading every night is also tied to their Accelerated Reader (AR) grade. AR is an independent reading class that is 10% of your child's reading grade. It is also imperative that they spend an additional 20 minutes practicing math facts. Success generally does not occur overnight, it is the constant practice of a skill or talent that gives birth to an achievement!

~Ms. Perkins

In the Community

Special Thanks to the South Holland Police Department for their bike contributions. Four straight "A" students earned bikes for 2nd Quarter during the Principal's luncheon.

Congratulations!

Destiny Abuwa 6th

Jewel Lopez 5th

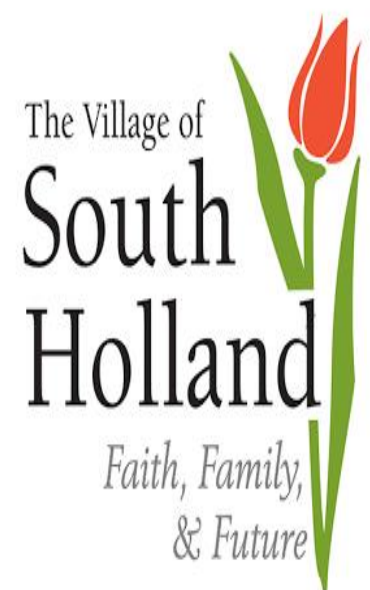
Steven Sesson 4th

Alaina Barnett 6th

On February 24, 2017 at 1:30p.m., McKinley will host our Annual Black History Month Program. This year a cast of phenomenal students will take us on a journey through time as they enlighten us on the contributions of African American Artists of our past and present.

IRise: The Voice of Black Artists in America!

Written by Mr. Poore



Reminder:
No School!

February 20th

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ERIK



CORK

Poet/Writing Consultant, Erik Cork is the Creator of an innovative Workshop entitled, Rap, Rhythm and Rhyme: Rebuilding The Writing Foundation. He will visit McKinley on Friday, February 17, 2017 for our first all school Writer's Workshop.

Unleash the Writer in you!

WRITERS: LANGSTON HUGHES

- He was one of the earliest innovators of the then-new literary art form called jazz poetry. Hughes is best known as a leader of the Harlem Renaissance.



Writers: Zora Neale Hurston

- Zora Neale Hurston is considered one of the pre-eminent writers of twentieth-century African-American literature. Hurston was closely associated with the Harlem Renaissance and has influenced such writers as Ralph Ellison, Toni Morrison, Gayle Jones, Alice Walker, and Toni Cade Bambara.



WRITERS: CLAUDE MCKAY

- Another landmark came in 1919, when the poet Claude McKay published his militant sonnet, "If We Must Die"



MCKINLEY HONORS VIP'S

January 13, 2017–February 10, 2017

Makenzie Sharpe	Mikayla McGee	Markiema Dixon
Candace Agyopong	Sommasi Egbuna	Traivon Womack
Autumn Arnold	Robert Smith	Kimora Sellers
Janiya Dixon	Sydney Edwards	Amirah Harrington
Kayla O'neil	Alaina Barnett	Michael Ware
Robert Rangel	Sofia Ceja	Jordan Johnson
Keshaun Jones	Aaron Bryant	Cerenity Williams
Thalia Powell	Jayden Downs	Marlon Burks
Kaylen Hines	Emily Neetz	Inetta Bolton
Rayanna Ousley	Austin Seeley-Williams	Ashlynn Davis
Daki Hugghis	Kayla Shackelford	Jordan Jones
Nyazia Long	Isaac Rodgers	Haley Fair
Caitlyn Forestal	Kendrick Turner	Jaylon Thurman
Makayla Coleman	Kayla Keith	Amani Harrington
Jeremiah McGrone	Sydney Golden	Autumn Harmon
Brian Ibarra	Adrian Oparnozie	Khoi Thurman
Isaiah Johnson	Jayden Williams	Jared Arreola
Angelina Long	Ariana Doss	Micheal Somerville
Derrick Williams	Jacoby Edwards	Nkeoma Nwachukwu
Audrey Davis	Mia Johnson	Nasir Hall
Lauryn Cotton	Ulyses Banuelos	Mytiera Evans
Norvese Mingo	Alexis Goodwin	Laniya Knight
Dominic Sharpe	Ladejah Barksdale	Tamia Amos
Taylor Wilson	Ufuoma Omene	Angel Hampton
Aaron Smith	Damarion White	Devin Mahone



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TO
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VIP**

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Wow!

awesome job!
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From the Desk of Dean Ingram

The McKinley Monarchs Boys basketball program completed their season with a 7th grade record of 18-1 and an 8th grade record of 17-3. Both teams won the IESA Class 3A Regional Championship. Congratulations on a great season Monarchs!

Kudos to Coach Ingram and Coach Anderson

Way to go!

**YOU
ROCK!**

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Lady Monarchs Volleyball Team



The Lady Monarchs Volleyball team is moving through their season rather quickly. The 7th grade team is 4-2 and the 8th grade team is 6-0.

Good luck Lady Monarchs on your next four games!

Come out and support your Lady Monarchs Volleyball Team!