

Pontiac Academy for Excellence Elementary School Recognizes and Celebrates Black History Not Only This Month, But Year-Round!



Eagle Nation



Pontiac Academy for Excellence Elementary School

A Note From Mr. Sedick

Happy frosty February everyone! I'd like to begin my monthly note with a quote from actor Morgan Freeman. Mr. Freeman said "I don't want a Black History Month. Black history is American history." With the month of February upon us, it is important that we not only acknowledge Black History Month, but go a step further and celebrate Black History, as well as the history of other races and cultures year-round. We are blessed to have a very diverse community at Pontiac Academy for Excellence. With such a blessing comes along the opportunity to talk about our backgrounds, and share

our history with each other, thus instilling values such as trust, understanding and compassion toward others in both our students and ourselves. At Pontiac Academy for Excellence Elementary School, we thrive on promoting and celebrating the accomplishments of our students, though we also accept the importance and responsibility of teaching our children about those who came before them, that fought and gave their lives for the very things that so many take for granted today—things such as education, freedom and equality. This month, the school will be offering a number of activities to our students

with this focus. It is our hope that through acknowledgement and acceptance of differing races and cultures, that we will continue to break down barriers that exist even to this day. I ask that all of our parents take some time to discuss cultural sensitivity with their children, and to teach that people being different is part of what makes people so great!



Assemblies Coming to Teach Students About Black History

On Friday, February 12, the students of PAE Elementary School will be visited by the Mobile Planetarium. Each class will have the opportunity to see a brief presentation with Black History as the primary focus. This presentation promises to be a

memorable one for all students in grades K-5.

On Thursday, February 25, the African Dance and Drum Company will visit PAE Elementary School. This energetic and vibrant group will provide insight into the world of African dance, music, as well as

cultures. Parents are welcome to attend this presentation, as well.



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Upcoming Events

- 2/4: Parent/Teacher Conferences 4-7 pm
- 2/5: **No School for Students**—Parent/Teacher Conferences 8-12 pm
- 2/8: DRA Testing Begins
- 2/9: District Parent Advisory Meeting 6 pm
- **2/10: COUNT DAY EXTRAVAGANZA**
- 2/10: Parent Workshop 6 pm
- 2/15-2/19: **No school for students—Mid-Winter Break**
- 2/16: School Board Meeting
- 2/24: Elementary Parent Advisory Committee Meeting 5:30 in the Elementary Cafeteria
- 2/27: Weekend Warriors Saturday School Begins

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Elementary Parent Advisory Committee in Need of Members


In 2010, Pontiac Academy for Excellence has made the New Year's resolution to get our parents more involved in the many things that are always going on at the school. The first step in doing this is to get our school's Parent Advisory Committee up and running. The purpose of this committee is to come together as the parents of our students to discuss ways that Pontiac Academy for Excellence can maintain its ongoing quest for continuous school-wide improvement. Mr. Sedick is looking for committed parents with creative ideas who are open to sharing their thoughts and ideas with at monthly committee meetings **on the last Wednesday of the**

Month at 5:30 p.m. with the intention of making those ideas a possible reality at our school. Elementary Parent Advisory Committee Meetings are open to all parents. We are in the process of appointing at least one parent representative from each grade level, as well as Parent Advisory Committee Officers. **We are currently in need of a parent representative from the 3rd grade and 5th grade classes.** If you are interested in participating in this committee and putting your imprint on the future of P.A.E. Elementary School, please see either Mr. Sedick or Mr. Williams in the Elementary Office to register.



Eagles Soaring High!!!

We would like to congratulate our incredible students of the month for the months of the Second Marking Period months of November and December. These are students who do a tremendous job of putting their education first at P.A.E. and they have the grades and citizenship to prove it. Keep up the great work, kids!

Grade/Month	November '09	December '09
 Kindergarten	Kelis Merrieweather, Tiasia Watkins, Justin Bryany, Lewis Tostado-Loredo, Dominic Lopez	Janella Douglas, Zamiya Malone, Eric Bogus, DeKarrion Boone, Ca'she Williams-Thomas
First Grade	Katelyn Snow, Jaichell Cooper, Jailyann Lopez, Dale Cole III, Andrea Preston	Corban Small, Simon Dodson, Gabriel Esbri-Colon, Bryan Bogus
Second Grade	Aaron Hughes, Aareonia Matthews-Ratliff, Christian Torres, Jr., Prentice Shaw, David Laws, Jr.	Jadin Glen, Sophia Flisek, Bria Mosley, Charian Bernard
Third Grade	Carlos Leyva, Najalin Fowler, Destiny Brown, James Garcia, Diego Angeles	Ra'Vionne Macias, Camari Green, Makayla Williams, Victoria Kerr, Markeis Holbrook
Fourth Grade	Louis Phillips, Jr., Kiera Hollins, Tamia Williams, Aaliyah Brown	Alexandria Suarez, Allante Davis, Laemeere Scott, Kemon Washington
Fifth Grade	Deangelo Woodson, Lisandro Munoz, May Lor	Daejeonna West, Joseph Newton, May Lor, David Gerth