

Mental Health Team Resource Flyer

This month's edition highlights:

African American
History Month



Black Lives Matter Week of Purpose



- Educators nationwide are organizing a national <u>Black</u>
 <u>Lives Matter at School Week of Action</u> for February 5-9,
 2024. The goal of Black Lives Matter at School is to
 continue the ongoing movement of critical reflection and
 honest conversation and impactful actions in school
 communities.
 - <u>National School Counseling Week</u> is Feb 2-5.
 Show your school counselors how much you appreciate them in <u>these</u> simple ways



African American History Month

African American historian, author, and journalist <u>Carter Godwin Woodson</u>, was known as the "Father of Black History". Woodson's devotion to showcasing the contributions of Black Americans bore fruit in 1926 when he launched <u>Black History Week</u> in the second week of February to coincide with the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass.

In 1975, President Ford issued a Message on the Observance of Black History Week urging all Americans to "recognize the important contribution made to our nation's life and culture by black citizens." In 1976, the Assoc. for the Study of African American Life and History expanded this commemoration of Black history in the US from a week-long observance to Black History Month, also known as African American History Month. In the same year, President Ford issued a Message on the Observance of Black History Month.



There are a wide variety of books you can share with your student to expand their understanding of subtopics of Black history and experience. These are just a few books that can inspire kids, build a broad knowledge base, and spark discussion.













You can access these and other videos through your student's BrainPop account via Clever

At-Home Resources

Ways to Commemorate

- Start at the beginning by discussing, in a kid-friendly way, what the month honors, how <u>Black History Month</u> started and why it is important.
- Explore <u>biographies</u> and <u>videos</u> of important African Americans who have made an impact on Black history.
- Explore Black history and spark conversation through art.
- Explore the Smithsonian's <u>Black History Month</u> with their Person a Day slideshow and other Smithsonian events, resources, exhibitions, and podcasts.





23-24 Mental Health Team

School Psychologist



We are actively working on filling an open position on our team for a School Psychologist

School Social Workers



Marjorie Jean, LICSW
PK, Kindergarten and 1 students w/IEPs &
Intelectual Learning Supports (ILS)



Erin Ayers, LICSW

2nd and 3rd students w/IEPs &
Early Learning Supports (ELS)
Social, Emotional, Behavioral Intervention Coach
SEL Committee Co Facilitator



Sophia Carre', LICSW
4th and 5th Students w/IEPs &
Specific Learning Supports (SLS)
Student Behavior Health Coordinator
MTSS Coordinator (Temporary):
SEL Committee Co Facilitator

School Counselors







Jillian Diesner, Ed.S., LPC
PK - 1st - Peace Teacher/Tier 1 Supports
PK - 1st - Social, Emotional Behavioral Interventionist
PK - 1st - 504 Coordinator and Related Service Provider
Family Engagement & Outreach

Shakirra McKinley, MS, MHC-LP
2nd - 5th Social, Emotional, Behavioral Interventionist
2nd - 5th 504 Coordinator and Related Service Provider
2nd - 5th Tier 1 general classroom support