

Elementary Morning Announcements February 2024

Thursday, February 1, 2024

[Backatown- Trombone Shorty](#)

Happy Birthday today to Za Corey H, Annabelle K, Mahniya S, Tevin W, and Jada S.
Also, Happy birthday today to Ms. Sanker

Tomorrow is Groundhog Day!

If a groundhog emerges from its burrow on this day and sees its shadow, it will retreat to its den and winter will go on for six more weeks; if it does not see its shadow, spring will arrive early.
Will the groundhog see his shadow?

Today also starts Black History Month.

Black History Month is an annual celebration of achievements by African Americans and a time for recognizing their central role in U.S. history.

The Black History Month 2024 theme, "African Americans and the Arts," explores the key influence African Americans have had in the fields of "visual and performing arts, literature, fashion, folklore, language, film, music, architecture, culinary and other forms of cultural expression."

This month we will have many activities, projects, read a louds, and an assembly all celebrating Black History Month.

Quote of the day:

"Never be limited by other people's limited imaginations." – Dr. Mae Jemison

Dr. Mae Jemison has always imagined a boundless future for herself. Not only is she the first African American woman to be admitted to NASA's astronaut training program in 1987, but Dr. Jemison is also the first African American female astronaut! On September 12, 1992, she flew into space aboard the Space Shuttle Endeavor. She is also a medical trained doctor, served in the Peace Corps, and currently runs a medical technology company.

BIG shout out to Ms. Voss's 3rd grade class for totally rocking their first day with their recorders! WAY TO GO!! You guys are so awesome!!

Friday, February 2, 2024

[Isn't She Lovely- Stevie Wonder](#)

Happy Birthday today to Jeffrey D.

Happy Birthday this weekend to KJ O, Charles R, Ja'Ray M, Zaria C, and Kandi G. Also Ms. Robinson will be celebrating a birthday this weekend! Hope it is great!

The following students should report to the office right after announcements because YOU were caught doing to right thing in the month of January. Come to Ms. Kramper's office to claim your reward:

Ross K. Amina D. David D. Christopher E. Neveah S.

The most important question of the day? Did the groundhog see his shadow?

Quote of the day by Anne Reikenberg

Wake up each day and tell the world to bring it.

— Anne Reikenberg was an American dancer, actress, choreographer, and singer.

Monday, February 5, 2024

[The Four Tops- I Can't Help Myself](#)

Happy Birthday today to Landon W. A huge birthday shout out today to Ms. Dorothy Sarmiento!

Thank you for all you do for us! We hope you have a great day!

Our quote of the day:

"Won't it be wonderful when Black history and Native American history and Jewish history and all of U.S. history is taught from one book. Just U.S. history."

This quote is by Maya Angelou, writer and civil rights activist.

Tuesday, February 6, 2024

[Let it go](#)

Happy Birthday today to Brock A. and Brooklen G.

In recognition of Black History Month, the elementary art classes finished their murals of Dr. Martin Luther King JR., Rosa Parks, Ruby Bridges, Booker T. Washington, and Barack Obama. Each grade level not only completed a mural, they learned something about each person. The murals are on display across from the elementary gym.

Today's Black History Month quote is by Toni Morrison was an American novelist. Her first novel, The Bluest Eye, was published in 1970. The critically acclaimed Song of Solomon brought her national attention and won the National Book Critics Circle Award.

"You are your best thing."

So, today show us your best in everything you do today!

Wednesday, February 7, 2024

[Fast Car- Tracy Chapman](#)

Happy Birthday today to Jahri N. and Brooke P.

Spirit Day and Hat Day is tomorrow Thursday, February 8th, Show us your Bomber Pride by wearing your Bomber Gear and/or Bomber colors which are black and red. Also, bring a dollar and show off your favorite hat.

Our Black History quote of the day is by Rosa Parks.

"Each person must live their life as a model for others."

Rosa Parks was an American activist in the civil rights movement best known for her pivotal role in the Montgomery bus boycott. The United States Congress has honored her as "the first lady of civil rights" and "the mother of the freedom movement".

Thursday, February 8, 2024

[Hotline Bling - Drake](#)

Today's announcement song is by Drake. Drake is a Canadian rapper, singer, songwriter, and actor. Drake has been credited with popularizing singing and R&B sensibilities in hip hop artists.

Happy Birthday today to Axel D.

Happy Spirit Day! I love seeing you showing your Bomber Pride!

Tomorrow lets get ready for the Super Bowl LV111 (58)!

Friday wear your favorite Football Team attire!

Ms. Kramper says she will be wearing her Chiefs gear!

Today's quote is from American football executive and former quarterback and coach, Doug Williams. Williams is best known for his performance with the Washington Redskins in Super Bowl XXII against the Denver Broncos, making him the first black quarterback to both start and win a Super Bowl.

"Never give up, never give in, and when the upper hand is ours, may we have the ability to handle the win with the dignity that we absorbed the loss."

Friday, February 9, 2024

[Sesame Street: Usher's ABC Song](#)

[Our Song- Taylor Swift](#)

Happy Birthday to Dev Ante C. on Super Bowl Sunday!

Sunday is Super Bowl 58 the Kansas City Chiefs vs the San Fransico 49ers!

The big question is will Taylor Swift make it from Japan to the Super Bowl Game to cheer on her favorite team the Chiefs!!!!?

Today's Black History quote is from Chiefs Quarterback Patrick Malhomes:

"I just try to learn from every mistake that I make so that I never make them again."

The elementary art classes finished their tribute to artist Alma Thomas. The students' rendition of her work will be hanging in each grade levels hallway. Alma Thomas is a famous black artist, known for being the 1st black woman to have her work displayed in the White House!

Trivia Question:

What year was the first Super Bowl?

(1967)

Who will perform at this year's Super Bowl half time show?

Answer:

Usher, the king of R&B, will headline the most-awaited performance of the evening, the Super Bowl halftime show. For the first time, the halftime concert will be presented by Apple Music.

Monday, February 12, 2024

[Maple Leaf Rag- Scott Joplin](#)

Today's announcement song is Maple Leaf Rag by Scott Joplin. Joplin is an American composer and pianist known as the "king of ragtime". Ragtime is a type of music heavily syncopated that came before Jazz and took roots from African American music. Ragtime gained popularity by musicians playing along the Mississippi and Missouri rivers in the late 19th century.

Happy Birthday today to Jabrion H, Mila M, Lilian S, and Luis V.

Congratulations to the Kansas City Chiefs!!

Super Bowl 58 champs!

Also, Happy Birthday today to Abraham Lincoln today!

Abraham Lincoln became The United States' 16th President from Illinois in 1861, issuing the Emancipation Proclamation that declared forever free those slaves within the Confederacy in 1863.

Today's quote is from President Lincoln: "We have, as all will agree, a free Government, where every man has a right to be equal with every other man"

Tuesday, February 13, 2024

[Respect- Aretha Franklin](#)

Today's announcement song is by the "Queen of Soul" Aretha Franklin. Aretha is one of the world's most best selling artists. In 2019, The Pulitzer Prize jury awarded her a posthumous special citation "for her indelible contribution to American music and culture for more than five decades".

No birthdays today.

Tomorrow is Valentine's Day. Let's see your sweetest attire tomorrow.

Today's quote is by Martin Luther King Jr.

Who was an American Christian minister, activist, and political philosopher who was one of the most prominent leaders in the civil rights movement from 1955 until his assassination in 1968. A Black church leader and a son of early civil rights activist and minister Martin Luther King Sr., King advanced civil rights for people of color in the United States through the use of nonviolent resistance.

The time is always right to do what is right.

Wednesday, February 14, 2024

[L-O-V-E- Nat King Cole](#)

Happy Valentine's Day!

Happy Birthday on this lovely Valentine's day to Jonah C. and Ms. Rebecca M. Have a lovely day!

Happy Birthday to all these friends who will celebrate a birthday on our little break.

Enjoy your birthday Curwin J, Raelynn M, Camya R, Karter W, Nova'J C, Hezekiah G. We also hope Ms. Lea Wallace has a Happy Birthday on Monday.

Congratulations to the top finishers of the ICTM Math Contest! In third grade, Megan J. took first place with a near perfect score of 7 points! The first place winners of the team contest were Gene L, Yosef E, Lia P, Tyson H, and Brantley W. who worked together to score 12 points! In fourth grade, there was a tie for first place: Jace L, Mariah H, Ahkiyah S, and Jonah C. each scored 7 points! The first place winners of the team contest were Rylee J, Dani W, Bailey O, Peyton Ks, and Ahkiyah S. who worked together to score 11 points! Thank you to all who participated, and Mrs. Bator can't wait to see you at the final math contest in April!

I hope everyone enjoyed the Mardi Gras game yesterday! Congratulations again to Ms. Davis with 17 beads!!! If you have your beads from yesterday, please drop them off in Ms. Kramper's office.

We have no school on Monday, February 19th this is President's Day!

Enjoy your little break!

Today's quote is also by Dr. Martin Luther King:

"Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that."

Thursday, February 15, 2024

Parent / Teacher Conferences – No School

Friday, February 16, 2024

Teacher's Institute – No School

Monday February 19, 2024

President's Day – No School

Tuesday, February 20, 2024

[Feeling Good-Nina Simone](#)

Today's announcement song is Feeling Good by Nina Simone. Nina was an American singer, songwriter, pianist, composer, arranger and civil rights activist. Her music spanned styles including classical, folk, gospel, blues, jazz, R&B, and pop.

Happy Birthday today to Kyler A.

Our quote of the day is from Harriet Tubman who was an American abolitionist and social activist. After escaping slavery, Tubman made some 13 missions to rescue approximately 70 enslaved people, including her family and friends, using the network of antislavery activists and safe houses known collectively as the Underground Railroad.

"Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world.

Dont' forget it's Wellness week this week! Tomorrow's dress up day is Pajamas!!

Tomorrow is our Early Dismissal day. We are dismissed at 1:45 tomorrow.

Wednesday, February 21, 2024

[I'll Be Seeing You- Billie Holiday](#)

Today's announcement song for Black History Month is I'll Be Seeing You by Billie Holiday. Billie Holiday was the first popular jazz singer to move audiences with an intense, personal feeling of classic blues.

Today's quote is from — Michael Jordan, former professional basketball player

"Obstacles don't have to stop you. If you run into a wall, don't turn around and give up. Figure out how to climb it, go through it, or work around it."

Happy Birthday today to Rylee J.

Congratulations to Bailey O, Shane H, Fallon F, & Aliza D. for receiving a First place on their band solo Saturday at Solo and Ensemble Contest.

Congratulations to Rylee J. and Mariah H. for receiving a First Superior (perfect score) on their band solo Saturday at Solo and Ensemble Contest. Mrs. Haas is very proud of all of you!

Also great job to all of the band students who represented Belle Valley at the McKendree Beginning Band Honor's Festival yesterday!

We are dismissed today at 1:45.

Thursday, February 22, 2024

[Sitting On The Dock of the Bay- Otis Redding](#)

Today's announcement song is perfect for your "future self". I don't know about you, but my future self can't wait to be sitting on the dock of the bay! This song was written by Otis Redding. Otis Redding was one of the most powerful and influential artists to emerge from the Southern Soul music community in the 60's. This song in particular won Otis two Grammy awards.

Today's Black history month quote is by — James Baldwin who was

an American writer and civil rights activist. He garnered acclaim for his work across several forms, including essays, novels, plays, and poems

"Not everything that is faced can be changed, but nothing can be changed until it is faced."

Friday, February 23, 2024

[Higher and Higher- Jackie Wilson](#)

Today's announcement song for black history month is by Jackie Wilson. Jackie Wilson was one of the most important agents of the transition from R&B into soul.

Today's quote is from Kamala Harris who is an American politician and attorney who is the 49th and incumbent vice president of the United States under President Joe Biden

"Anyone who claims to be a leader must speak like a leader. That means speaking with integrity and truth. "

Boys and girls that's so true! Telling the truth is so important in life for leaders and people in general. Being truthful builds trusting positive relationships.

Happy Birthday today to Ryielle W. Also, Happy birthday today to Mrs. Angela Wallace.

Happy Birthday this weekend to Jay lin B, Legend M, Alayah N.

Don't forget Ms. Collins in the cafeteria a happy Birthday!

Monday, February 26, 2024

[I Got You \(I Feel Good\)- James Brown](#)

Today's announcement song is by James Brown, or you could call him by one of his many nicknames:

"Soul Brother Number One"

“The Godfather of Soul”

“The Hardest Working Man in Show Business”

“Mr. Dynamite”

Just like there are a lot of nicknames for James Brown, there is A LOT to say about James Brown! Other singers were more popular, others were more equally skilled, but few other musicians were so influential over the course of popular music!! AND no other musician (at the time) put on a more exciting, exhilarating show! James Brown was also a crucial piece in not just one, but two revolutions in American music. He was one of the figures most responsible for turning R&B into soul and he was one figure most responsible for transforming soul music into funk.

Happy Birthday today to Connor C, Willow C, and Carter M.

What an amazing Black History Month Assembly we had on Friday! Thank you to the Elementary Pride committee and especially to Mrs. Gallaher for organizing this wonderful assembly. Your song was beautiful!

Today’s black History Month quote is from Lena Waithe

Lena Waithe is an American actress, producer, and screenwriter.

“The things that make us different, those are our superpowers.”

Congratulations again to Zander K! He was our racial harmony award winner. Thank you for showing KINDNESS everyday. Special thank you to Mr.s Schweppe for attending as well.

Tuesday, February 27, 2024

[Respect- Aretha Franklin](#)

Today’s announcement song is by Aretha Franklin AKA the QUEEN of soul. Many people saw Aretha as a symbol of Black America, reflecting the increased confidence and pride of African-Americans in the decade of the Civil Rights movement and other triumphs for the Black community.

Happy Birthday today to Tramon M.

If you see Mr. Moore today please give him a big birthday shout out!

Today’s Black History Month quote today is from Ella Fitzgerald who was an American Jazz singer.

“It isn't where you came from; it's where you're going that counts.”

Shoutout to Raelynn M. for completing her homework in Ms. Davis’ class! Way to go for being hard working and always helping your brain grow!

Wednesday, February 28, 2024

[Halo-Beyonce](#)

Happy Birthday today to Owen B. and Zane F.

Also Happy birthday to Ms. Holt

Today's Black history quote is from Harriet Tubman who was an American abolitionist and social activist.

"Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world." ~

Boys and girls we are seeing a lot of toys at school. Please remember to keep them at home.

Also, the PBIS rewards party is coming up in just two short weeks!! Please continue to follow the PBIS expectations so you can join in the fun!

Thursday, February 29, 2024

[It Don't Mean A Thing- Ella Fitzgerald](#)

Happy Leap Day!

We have no leap day birthdays today.

Did you know that Instead of the 365 days that we usually have in a year, a leap year has 366 days! This extra day is added to the month of February, which normally has 28 days. So, in a leap year, February has 29 days.

A leap year usually occurs every four years, as calendars take into account an orbit around the Sun taking more than 365 days to complete

The next leap day will not be until February 29, 2028.

Tomorrow is March 1st. Will it come in like a lion or a lamb? We will see!

Today's final Black History Month quote is from Yvette Clarke who is an American politician.

"We must never forget that Black History is American History. The achievements of African Americans have contributed to our nation's greatness."