



•“Plan and prepare for every possibility and you will never act. It is nobler to have courage as we stumble into half the things we fear than it is to analyze every possible obstacle and begin nothing. Great things are achieved by embracing great dangers.”

Home of the Mystical
Maltese Tigers



Mason Academy School Newsletter:

March 19, 2021

Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent Teacher Conferences will be held Wednesday, March 24, 2021 from 2pm until 6pm. All conferences will take place in the virtual setting through Microsoft Teams & Microsoft Bookings. Conferences will be held in 15 minute sessions and we encourage you to have your children with you when the conference takes place to allow the children to describe the work they have completed and take part in the review of End of Year Growth Targets that have been established using our IREADY Reading & Math data.

By clicking on the link below, you'll be able to search for your teacher's name and select the time slot you'd like to meet with your child's teachers.

Find your child's teacher's name by selecting the circled drop down menu and then selecting the time, (3:00, 3:15, 4:30, 5:45) you'd like to meet. If a time slot is not shown, then that time has been filled by another parent.

Please remember, Mason Academy conducts weekly Wednesday Independent Learning / Office Hours to meet with students and parents.

If you are unable to meet with your child's teacher during Parent Teacher Conferences, you can always contact the teacher directly to schedule a meeting after Parent Teacher Conferences have taken place.

<https://outlook.office365.com/owa/calendar/G5b2ccbd6ca664458895b7bcfc42fd6a7@Detroitk12.onmicrosoft.com/bookings/>

Mason Academy 03-24-21 Parent_Teacher Conferences

Initial consult
1 hour

March 24

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	
1	2	3	4	5	6		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	2:00 pm - 2:15 pm
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	2:44 pm - 2:45 pm
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	3:00 pm - 3:15 pm
28	29	30	31				3:45 pm - 4:00 pm
							4:30 pm - 4:45 pm
							2:15 pm - 2:30 pm
							2:45 pm - 2:59 pm
							3:15 pm - 3:30 pm
							4:00 pm - 4:15 pm
							4:45 pm - 5:00 pm

© All times are in (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada) v

Add your details

Name Please let us know if you have any special requests. Thank you.

Email

Phone number (optional)

Notes (optional)

Learning Centers

Open for Business!!!!

Learning Centers in all DPSCD Schools will be open beginning Wednesday, February 24, 2021.

Mason Academy's Learning Centers will be open from 8:30am until 3:40pm beginning Wednesday, February 24, 2021 and will remain open every week day there after until

further notice. There are differences between the Learning Center and Face 2 Face instruction. In the Learning Centers, students will be socially distanced and will received support with technology from our instructional support staff. **They will receive their instruction from their teachers virtually.**

In Face 2 Face instruction, students will be socially distanced but receive instruction and instructional support from a teacher that will be in the room with them throughout the day. We do not have a date when Face 2 Face instruction will begin. When we are given a date, we will share it with you.

Here are our expectations for Learning Center Participation:

- Students must wear a mask over their nose and mouth at all times.
- Students must wear their school uniform daily.
- All students will enter the building through Door 4 between 8:15am & 8:45am. This will take time because students must go through COVID-19 Screening Protocols individually.
- Walkers and students picked up by their parents will dismiss from the building out Door 3 at 3:35pm.
- Bus Riders must follow all COVID-19 protocols while on the bus as if they were still in the building. Failure to follow these expectations may result in removal from the bus.
- Parents must make an appointment to enter the building. Please call 313-866-3700 or text 313-706-4632 to schedule your appointment.
- All students that have received their books for Quarter 3 and their loaner laptop must bring their books, loaner laptop and power cord with them daily. Students that have received Loaner Laptops will not receive another laptop for use in the building.
- All persons in the building must maintain 6 foot social distance at all times and in all areas of the building.
- All students will participate in orientation upon return to the learning centers. All students are expected to follow the guidelines of the Code of Conduct. **Failure to follow expectations established during the orientation may result in removal from the learning center.**
- **Learning Center hours are 8:30am to 3:40pm. Students must be picked up on time to allow our custodial staff to clean and sanitize the building.**



COVID-19 Screening Tool for Families

Parents and guardians, use this checklist *every day* before sending your children to school.

If you answer "YES" to one or more questions, you **must** keep your child home from school today.

Does your child have any unusual symptoms from the list below?

- | YES | NO | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | A fever? (Temperature greater than 100.4° F) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | A new or worsening cough? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Headache and/or sore throat? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Shortness of breath/difficulty breathing? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Runny nose and/or congestion? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Body aches and/or tiredness? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Vomiting and/or diarrhea? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | New loss of smell or taste? |

If the answer to any of the questions above is "yes", keep your child home and consult your primary care physician. If a doctor determines that the symptoms are due to another diagnosis, or COVID-19 is ruled out, your child may return to school after being fever-free for 24 hours **without** the use of fever-reducing medications.

- | | | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Has your child had close contact with anyone who had a positive COVID-19 diagnostic test in the past 14 days? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Has your child traveled out of the US by airplane in the last 14 days? |

If the answer to either of these questions is "yes", your child must stay home to quarantine for 14 days since last contact or return to US.

Report any confirmed or suspected cases:

In the City of Detroit:

[Detroit Health Department](#)

Main Communicable Disease Line: (313) 876-4000

After Hours Call Center: (313) 876-4000

Dr. Kenetra Young: kyoung@detroitmi.gov - (313) 594-7683

Outside the City of Detroit:

[Wayne County Public Health Division](#)

Main Communicable Disease Line: (734) 727-7078

After Hours Call Center: (734) 727-7284

Mary Roman: maryroman@waynecounty.com - (734) 727-7150

Nyenna Wiedtke: nyenna.wiedtke@waynecounty.com - (734) 727-7253

Lukas Ayers: lukas.ayers@waynecounty.com - (734) 727-7076





MASON NEWSLETTER

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT MASON?

March is Women's History Month and Reading Month!

START OF READING MONTH CHALLENGE
- MARCH 1

WXYZ CHANNEL 7 SPELLING BEE (WITH SCHOOL BEE WINNER, KARIEN MITCHELL, & RUNNER-UP, JESSICA HORTON)
- MARCH 9



PI PALOOZA
- MARCH 8-12



PI DAY
- MARCH 14

DEADLINE FOR MARCH IS READING MONTH CHALLENGE
-MARCH 19

MARCH READING CHALLENGE CELEBRATION!
-MARCH 26 9:30-10:30 AM



March Staff Birthdays!

- March 1: MS. MCDANIEL
- March 7: MS. FINKLEA
- March 14: MS. KAISER
- March 17: MS. THOMAS
- March 18: MS. ABBY
- March 23: MR. BROHMAN
- March 23: MS. RANCE
- March 31: MR. VANHOOKS



GET TO KNOW MR. ZACHI!



FAVORITE SCHOOL SUBJECT

Social Studies

FAVORITE SELF-CARE ACTIVITY

Playing Soccer



MOST PLAYED SONG

Intuition - G Herbo

FAVORITE MOVIE

The Pursuit of Happiness

FAVORITE BOOK

Born a Crime - Trevor Noah

CURRENT FOOD CRAVING

Pad Thai



MY BIRTHDAY

December 24



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: KARIEN MITCHELL (MASON SPELLING BEE CHAMP!)



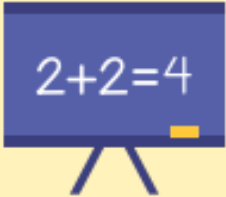
favorite thing to do: *listen to music*
 favorite food: *chicken*
 favorite school subject: *math*



MATH/ELA QUESTION

Math: Which is the smallest?

- a. -1
- b. $-\frac{1}{2}$
- c. 0
- d. 3


$$2+2=4$$

Answer: A

ELA: Choose the correct spelling:

- a. misterious
- b. mysterious
- c. misteereeos
- d. mysteereeos



Answer: B

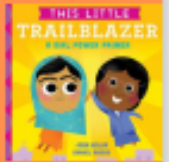
*Does February like
March?
No, but April May!*

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HA

WOMAN'S HISTORY MONTH READING LIST

K-2:

The Trailblazer A Girl Power Primer
by Joan Holub



Serena Williams: Champion On and
Off the Court by Jodie Shepherd



3-5:

Shuri: A Black Panther Novel by Nic
Stone



Hidden Figures: The True Story of
Four Black Women and the Space
Race by Margot Lee Shetterly



6-8:

I am Malala (Young Reader's
Edition) by Malala Yousafzai



Staff Appreciations!

Thank You Mason Staff for being so supportive in every way! This month we had so many staff members help for events. We want to specifically shout out:

Ms. Gantner: Thank you for your help in getting student entries for the Writing Celebration and the Black History Month Poetry Slam!

Ms. Benavidez: Thank you for putting the dance together for the Black History Poetry Slam! We couldn't have done it without you!

Ms. Bentley: Thank you for working with us to get as many submissions as possible for the poetry slam!

Ms. Rance: Thank you for partnering up with Ms. Brittany in the middle of the year for math interventions!

Ms. Hodges: Thank you for always bringing your energy and enthusiasm every day in every way!

Mrs. Guley: We loved the Spelling Bee! We are so excited for our school champion to perform at the next level!

THANK
YOU



When the whole world is **silent**,
even **one voice** becomes **powerful**.

- Malala Yousafzai



*"Each time a
woman stands
up for herself,
she stands up for
all women."*

MAYA ANGELOU



"When they go
low, we go high."

MICHELLE OBAMA

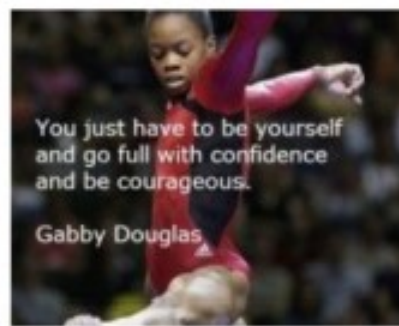
Never be limited
by other people's
limited imaginations.

Mae Jemison



WOMEN'S HISTORY
MONTH

WORDS OF WISDOM



You just have to be yourself
and go full with confidence
and be courageous.

Gabby Douglas

Pi day OREO Cream Pie!

Directions

1. Crush 24 cookies finely, mix with butter and press to bottom and up-side of 9 in. pie plate
2. Chop 12 cookies, beat pudding mix with milk for 2 minutes. Stir in Cool Whip, spoon into crust.
3. Refrigerate 4 hours or until firm
4. Enjoy! :)

Ingredients:

- 1 box (36) oreos/chocolate sandwich cookies
- 1 box Cool Whip, whipped topping
- 1/4 cup butter or margarine, melted
- 2 3.4 oz pkg jello instant vanilla pudding
- 1-1/2 cups cold milk
- 1 tup (8 oz.) Cool Whip, whipped topping thawed

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Recipe from:

<https://www.myfoodandfamily.com/recipe/055859/cookies-cream-pie>



BLACK HISTORY MONTH



CITY YEAR AND MASON ACADEMY
PRESENT

BLACK HISTORY POETRY SLAM!

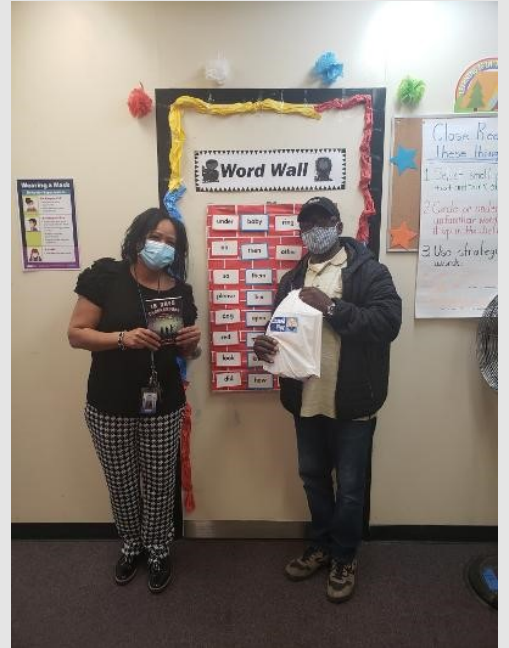
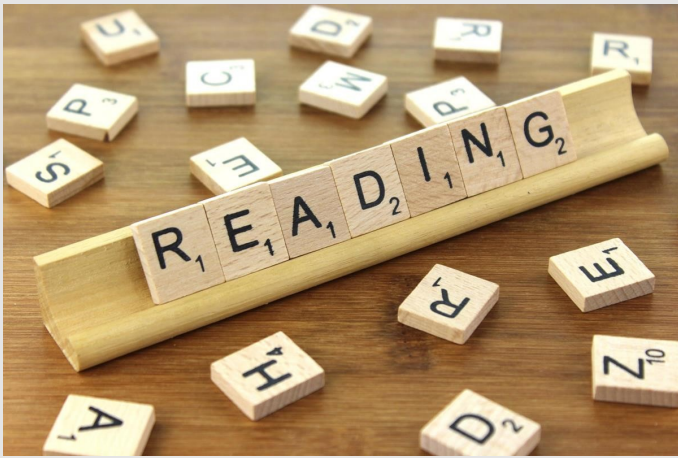
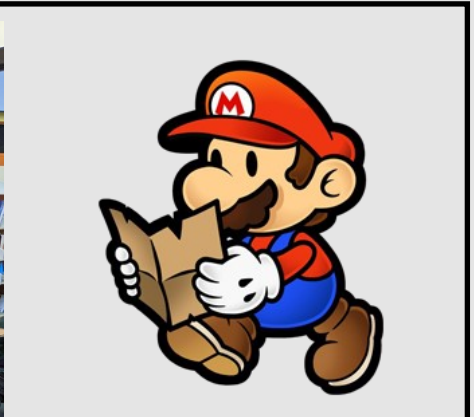
Who: ALL classes and grades!

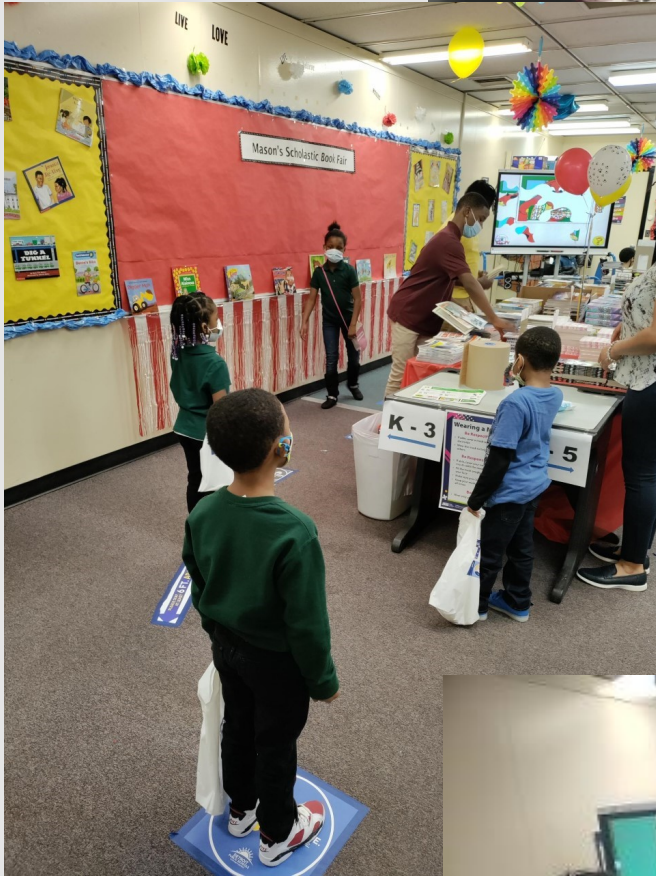
What: create a poetry slam video or art piece about Black History!

submit to Ms. Giulia
gsantangelo@cityyear.org
or Mr. Shon
npowell@cityyear.org by
Feb 12th

Participants will be entered in a RAFFLE to win Prizes!

A collage of black and white portraits of various historical figures, including Martin Luther King Jr., Rosa Parks, and others, surrounds the text.





A Book Review by _____

Title _____ Author _____

My Star Rating For this Book: ☆☆☆☆☆

Characters

Plot

Your Opinion

Recommend

March is Reading Month at Mason

Students can submit a Book Review to WIN PRIZES

Use this Flip grid code or QR below for assignment details and to submit winning video

<https://flipgrid.com/9ff64bbb>

Panorama Student Survey Completion for 3rd—8th Grade Students

Below are directions on how you can access and complete your assigned surveys:

Hold your mouse over the link below. Press and hold the "Ctrl" key and click the left mouse button

1. Visit <https://surveys.panoramaed.com/detroit/login>.
1. When prompted for an "Access Code," enter your student ID number.
 2. In the top left corner, choose your language.
 3. Choose a survey from your queue to "Start Survey."

At the bottom of the survey screen, click the "Submit" button once you have answered all questions.



Upcoming Events at Mason Academy

- Principal's Office Hours on Microsoft Teams: 3:30pm—5pm every Tuesday
- March 24: K-8 Parent Teacher Conferences (Microsoft Teams) 2pm—6pm
- March 26: March Reading Challenge Assembly 9:30am —10:30am
- March 26: Progress Reports Published in PowerSchool
- Spring Break: March 29 to April 2
- School Resumes: April 5, 2021 @ 8:30am

Get In-Person Support At a Technology & Family Resource HUB!!!!

13 locations will drive direct support services and resources to District students and families.

Schools	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Eastside						
East English Village		10 a.m. - 6 p.m.				10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
King High School	10 a.m. - 6 p.m.		10 a.m. - 7 p.m.			
Denby High School		10 a.m. - 6 p.m.		10 a.m. - 6 p.m.		
Pershing High School	10 a.m. - 6 p.m.				10 a.m. - 6 p.m.	

To learn more about the support you can receive to ensure our students are able to stay engaged in Virtual Instruction, please click here. [Technology Resource Hub](#)



Theory of Knowledge

How do we know what we claim to know?

1. Language
2. Sense Perception
3. Emotion
4. Reason
5. Imagination
6. Intuition
7. Memory
8. Faith

