

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT PVA

FEBRUARY 2024

Greetings PVA Families!

As February unfolds, we are reminded of the significance of **Black History Month**—a time dedicated to recognizing, honoring, and celebrating the invaluable contributions of African Americans throughout history. This annual observance provides us with a unique opportunity to reflect on the rich tapestry of Black culture, resilience, and achievement.

By acknowledging Black History Month, we not only pay homage to the trailblazers and visionaries who have shaped our world, but also foster a deeper understanding of the challenges faced and the progress made. It is a time to highlight the stories of courage, perseverance, and triumph that have often been overlooked or marginalized.

Celebrating Black History Month is more than a mere commemoration; it is a call to action. It prompts us to engage in meaningful conversations, challenge stereotypes, and work together towards a more inclusive and equitable future. By embracing the diversity within our community, we strengthen the bonds that unite us and cultivate an environment where everyone's contributions are recognized and valued. Here at PVA, we have a strong tradition of working towards social justice. It is even a part of our charter! Throughout this spring, our staff will be participating in racial equity professional development, so that we can provide a more robust culturally responsive teaching and learning environment.

Let us use this month as an opportunity to amplify Black voices, elevate Black achievements, and continue the journey toward justice and equality. Together, we can create a world where the lessons of the past inspire positive change, and where the celebration of Black history extends far beyond the confines of February.

Wishing you all a month filled with education, inspiration, and a renewed commitment to building a more just and inclusive society.

Mr. Redman



Celebrate
Black
HISTORY
month

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

2/19 **HAPPY Presidents Day**
(No School)



2/13 - Excursion Day (New Date)

2/14 - Valentine's Day Celebration

2/28 - Last Day for Swimming (NEW Date)

2/8 - 100th Day of School Projects Due

2/15 - PVA Parent Night w/ Mr. Eddie

2/16 - Half day (Noon Dismissal for Parent Conferences)
Sign Ups Coming Soon

2/23 - Black History Month Biographies Due
More Info to Come



FEBRUARY 26TH-29TH - BLACK HISTORY MONTH PRESENTATIONS

Dear PVA Families,

I am so excited to inform you that the Polaris Village Early Learning Center (PVELC) Renovation Project, located on 209 Port Street, is progressing well. The final drywall has gone up and the project is on schedule to open in the Spring. Our new construction, the BAAM Academic Center, is coming along well. When you are in the area, please drive by to see how this wonderful building is taking shape. We are looking forward to future tours and opening celebrations for both projects in our community.

Secondly, I would like to inform our parents, as well as the community, regarding our upcoming project. Just a reminder that our new Polaris Village Early Learning Center will be fee-based. This program will provide academic, gross motor, fine motor, and social-emotional learning for our three and four year olds. We have a limited amount of slots; therefore, we are taking names of potential children who will be placed on our wait-list. Applications will be given on a first come, first served basis. There will be a cost to attend. Please contact Dr. Lois W. McCoy, Chief Operating Officer & Program Director, for more information and requests to have your child added to the waitlist. Dr. McCoy can be emailed at lmccoy@polarisvillage.org.

Finally, I will continue to keep you informed of upcoming projects. Polaris Village Ministries will welcome any donations to support our vision for our children, families, and community.

Thanks and many Blessings,
Derick Daly, CEO



From the Desk of
Dr. McCoy



I would like to wish our PVA Families a very Happy New Year! I hope that you took some time to create some wonderful memories with your families and friends during the holidays. It's with great excitement and extreme anticipation that Polaris Village Ministries would like to announce the upcoming opening of the early learning center located at 209 Port Street, in Easton, Maryland. Polaris Village Early Learning Center will be opening in the spring of 2024.

Polaris Village Ministries will be taking applications and developing a "waitlist" for those families who are looking for early learning opportunities for their three and four year olds. There will be a tuition cost. If you are interested in additional information, please contact Dr. Lois McCoy at a **NEW PHONE number 410-253-9668** or email me at lmccoy@polarisvillage.org