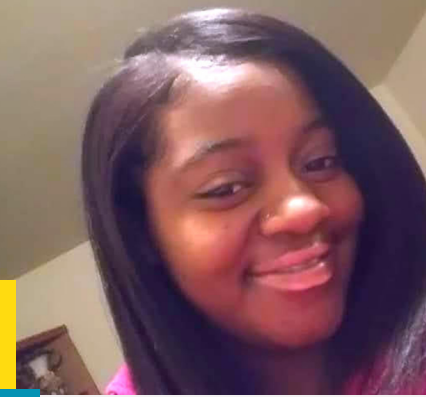


# Monthly Family Newsletter

February 2022



## HAPPY BLACK HISTORY MONTH!

Black History Month, celebrated February of every year, is a fantastic opportunity to teach children about world history, social studies and modern politics. It is the celebration of Black history, contributions, and achievements. Families, this is a great opportunity to educate and honor the traditions of Black culture and history. Celebrate at home by watching a read along by black authors, illustrators, and readers on YouTube as a family, attend a local Black History virtual event, or watch an African American Film Series. We encourage you to engage and learn with us about traditions and black history.



## From Our Executive Director

JA'NEL JAMERSON

We are proud to recognize the many vital contributions Black Americans have made to U.S. history and culture during Black History Month. The continued national reckoning on racial equity and justice makes this year's Black History Month all the more relevant, as the spirit of activism in the face of oppression is central to the story of Black people in America. As we continue our work of preparing Flint's next generation of young and gifted leaders, we are taking time to honor the legacy of a few of our community's Black history-makers who paved the way. Be sure to follow our social media platforms to stay up-to-date on how our students and staff are celebrating Black History Month.

## Meet the Cummings Family!

GIOVANNI BOYCE

Giovanni Boyce serves as classroom support at Cummings Great Expectations and has been with us for 2 years. Giovanni's favorite colors are blue and purple and she loves to color! She enjoys eating her favorite food, which is fried chicken and smothered potatoes... yum! Her favorite hobby is to listen to music. If Giovanni had one superpower it would be to take everyone's problems away. Giovanni doesn't like to see people struggling, sad, or hurting so she would want to take that all away.

*"I love working at Cummings Great Expectations because I get to build relationships with teachers and students and give love, its like a second family to me."*

## From Our Parent Navigator

KATY NUNN

While celebrating Black History Month, it's easy to notice a commonality among many of the amazing people we are celebrating-advocacy! Black History is full of powerhouse individuals who recognized the dire need for change and fought tirelessly for it.

As a parent and member of this community, what would you advocate for?

Consider joining our Parent Ambassador cohort where some of our core topics of learning include advocacy & leadership, racial equity & inclusion, and civics. Come learn the tools that will help you effectively advocate for what's important to you!

**If you're ready to get started, scan the QR code to take you to the application now.**



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# Mark Your Calendars:



ALL IN-PERSON  
EVENTS ARE LOCATED  
AT EDUCARE FLINT



## Important Dates

- February 3 Parent Café 9:30AM - 11:00AM
- February 8 Market Pick up at Educare location
- February 22 Head Start Parent Policy Council Meeting 9:30AM - 11:30AM
- FAME from 930AM to 1030AM on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6PM to 7PM

## From Our Family Engagement Coordinator

MIKE KILDEE

### Hello Cummings Family!

Our country is very fortunate to have people of many different cultures and backgrounds giving us all an opportunity to experience traditions, music, literature, food and much more that has been passed down from generation to generation.

The month of February is designated as a time to celebrate the amazing contributions that Black Americans have made to benefit those of us here in the United States and around the world.

Please take the time to share with your children the stories of so many Black Americans who have made our country a better place for everyone through their hard work and sacrifice.

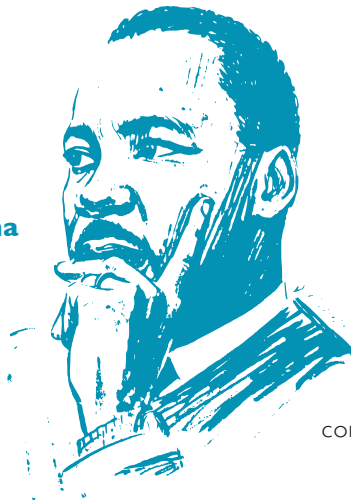
Also, you may have stories within your own family that will teach children how to respect themselves and others through a better understanding of our history.

The internet is a great resource for learning about the contributions Black Americans have made to our country. A fun and meaningful activity for your family during February is to search the internet for an individual who you would like to learn about as a family.

Examples could be:

- Ruby Bridges
- Frederick Douglas
- Rosa Parks
- Maya Angelou
- Martin Luther King
- President Barack Obama

... and many, many more!



## From Our School Director

MICHELLE TOWNSEND

It is hard to believe that the 2021-2022 school year is at the half way point! I could not be prouder of the students, teachers and families as they have tackled the unique challenges of the last few months. I want to thank everyone for their patience, understanding and commitment as we continue to move forward. Our commitment to learning at Cummings remains unwavering. I would like to thank you for your support throughout the year in helping us create a strong, safe and positive learning environment.

***“The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.”***

- Martin Luther King Jr.



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THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING US TO BE A PART OF YOUR FAMILY!