

# Monthly Family Newsletter



**FEBRUARY 2023**

## Happy February Cummings Families!

This is a month of celebration! It is a time to celebrate our uniqueness and diversity. Each of our families has their own culture, their own histories and their own way of celebrating. As we look to strengthen our school community through more in person activities, we want to know more about how you celebrate and bring forth what is important to your family. Our teachers can incorporate your stories and traditions in the classroom to enhance our school community.

As we get ready for our Black History Family Art event on Friday, February 3rd, we have highlighted 15 local African Americans and their important contributions to Flint on the windows facing our courtyard. When you are walking through, take a minute to read one and learn a little more about these amazing people, like Dr. Jesse Leonidas Leach. Dr. Leach promoted and built the old Flint Community Building on Dewey St. in the 1920's where he and other Black professionals had offices. He was also the first Black man to invoke the civil rights law in Flint in 1937. Dr. Leach's work, and the accomplishments of the others spotlighted, are great topics to discuss at home.

We hope to see all of you at our family event on February 3rd! You will have fun opportunities to create artwork based on the work of notable Black artists. It's a great way to kick off a month for celebration!



From Your Site Coordinator,  
**KATIE CLARK**



“ If I cannot do **great things,** I can do **small things in A GREAT WAY.** ”

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.



## Meet the Cummings Staff!

**KAMORA HARDEN**

Kamora Harden has been an Early Head Start Teacher for 4 years. When Kamora isn't at Cummings, she enjoys reading a good book and family game nights where she makes sure no one is breaking the rules. Her favorite book is, *I Am Perfectly Designed* by *Karamo Brown*. Kamora's favorite color is gold and she enjoys a classic Mid-Western dish with rice on the side for her perfect meal. Her favorite season Fall because it's always perfect weather. If she could have any superpower, it would be the unique power of problem-solving. What a great superpower!

**“I love working at Cummings Great Expectations because I get to work with the families & creating a forever village. So when they go on to high school, those families won't forget about us.”**

KAMORA HARDEN



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# Mark Your Calendars:

## Important Dates

- **February 1:** W.O.W. Meeting in Resource Room | 9am
- **February 1:** F.A.M.E. Meeting in Auditorium | 9am
- **February 3:** Black History Month Family Art Day | 8am-1pm
- **February 7:** Great Expectations Market Orders Due
- **February 9:** Parent Meeting in Auditorium | 8:30am
- **February 14:** Great Expectations Market Pick Up
- **February 15:** W.O.W. Meeting in Resource Room | 9am
- **February 15:** F.A.M.E. Meeting in Auditorium | 9am
- **February 27:** 100th Day: Dress Like an Old Person



## Hello Cummings Families!

### THE FAMILY ENGAGEMENT TEAM

Our country is very fortunate to have people of different cultures and backgrounds giving us an opportunity to experience a wide range of 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 our country and around the world. It is important that we share with our children the stories of Black Americans in our history who have made the world around us.

You may have stories within your own family that can be shared with your children and inspire them, as well as others. Take some time this month to learn and have conversations about contributions Black Americans have made in our country.



# LET'S GET COOKING!

## CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH

by baking a recipe with Black-owned business, Little Sugars LLC!

Check out the recipe for this quick and easy homemade dessert that the whole family will love! Taking time to bake with family is a great way to bond and spend time together!



**Serves:** 12 cupcakes

**Prep Time:** About 15 minutes

**Cook Time:** 20-25 minutes

**Difficulty:** Easy!

Scan or click the QR Code to see the FULL recipe



**Food Tastes Better  
When You Eat With Family**



**Jacob Lawrence** was one of the most important artists of the 20th century, widely renowned for his modernist depictions of everyday life as well as epic narratives of African American history and historical figures.



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

