



### History Counts! Who is your historic Hero?



The person that inspires me in black history is Diana Ross. Not only is she a great black female actor but she is a great singer. I love all of her songs. She expresses her feelings through them and tells us how we should be towards one another. Mrs. Ross let me know that as a black female I can do anything. When I grow up, I think I might look like her. Diana Ross is my real role model. I look up to her, she is the best.

Maria Washington, Grade 5



The person that I admire in black history is Thurgood Marshall. He is important to me because he made it right for blacks and whites to be friends. He also made it right for blacks to go to a white only school. When Thurgood Marshall was younger, he was sent to the basement with a copy of the United States Constitution. Mr. Marshall was not allowed to go back to class until he had remembered the constitution which aided him in his fight for equal rights for African Americans.

Keontae Moore  
Grade 4



### Black History Month

*"Freedom is never given; it is won."*  
- L. B. MURKIN



### Community News

#### Washington Village Pigtown

#### Neighborhood Planning Council

(WPNPC) is offering an array of services to community members, these include but are not limited to career counseling, employment readiness training, job skills training and job placement. They also offer adult education classes in Pre- GED and GED programs. Please feel free to contact their office for more details about services and volunteering opportunities at 410-385-8494.

#### South Baltimore Learning Center (SBLC)

Located on the other side of Raven's Stadium from GW. Offers Basic reading classes, pre-GED, GED and computer classes. Classes for the Literacy Program have begun. They still could use more students and there will be additional placement tests for those interested. Students must take a placement test prior to participating. They will be placing students through the first couple of weeks of February. Please call us at 410-625-4215 and ask to sign up for GED testing at George Washington Elementary. Call Today!!!

**Paul's Place** is accepting applications from current 10<sup>th</sup> grade high school students for our High School "3-7 Academy". Program runs every Tues. & Thurs. during the school year. Now

accepting sign-ups for morning and evening Winter GED classes. Classes will start in February. Contact them at 410-625-0775 to for more information.

#### Office of Parent Involvement and School, Family, Community Connections

is hosting their Parent Community Leadership Development and Resource Session for members and representatives from Organized Parent Group leaders, School Improvement Team, Family/Community Engagement team and the School Community. The event will be held at The BCPS Dr. Alice G. Pinderhughes Administration Building located at 200 E. North Ave., 1<sup>st</sup> Fl Boardroom. For more information call 410-545-1871.

**Citizens of Pigtown Community** Mayor Sheila Dixon will be at the next general meeting on Feb 12<sup>th</sup>. Have you heard about the new Pigtown Passport? This passport will feature local businesses, numbers, community events and attractions and much more. Please contact them at 410-982-5519 for further information on membership, volunteering and donation opportunities.

Please refer to the calendar for other important dates and events.

### Our Community

#### Partners

- The Y of Central Maryland
- Paul's Place
- St Jerome's Head Start
- Open Gates
- WPNPC
- UMB
- Enoch Pratt Free Library
- EFNEP
- SWCOS
- SBLC
- SAIC
- New City Developers
- Tri-Churches Housing Inc.
- Sports Legends Museum
- Citizens of Pigtown Community Assoc.
- Ridgely's Delight Community Assoc.

**"The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically... Intelligence plus character - that is the goal of true education."**

**Martin Luther King Jr.**



Please **contact Marc La Veau at 443-388-0292/410-396-1445** or email me at [marclaveau@ymaryland.org](mailto:marclaveau@ymaryland.org) if you are interested in placing an article, AD or event in our Newsletter.



## Spotlight on! SWCOS

The Social Work Community Outreach Service (SWCOS) is an organization affiliated with UMB's Graduate School of Social Work. SWCOS Interns work in schools, neighborhoods and organizations throughout the city providing social work services.

The 2007-2008 school year is the first year that SWCOS Interns are placed at George Washington, and Ms. Sigourney Frazier and Ms. Erin Penniston are the Interns. Ms. Frazier will graduate in May 2008 and Ms. Penniston is a first year student. They are both supervised by Jessica Mott and also work closely with Ms. Braxton the school social worker.

At George Washington Elementary, Ms. Frazier and Ms. Penniston work with children as counselors, helping them to overcome any barriers that they may have to learning and progressing through school. These barriers may stretch from the home to school or from social to mental issues.

Currently, Ms. Frazier and Ms. Penniston meet with students each week on an individual basis and facilitate a weekly girls group with 4<sup>th</sup> graders. They are enjoying their experience at the school. If you have any questions about SWCOS at GW please call (410) 706-0341.

# February Black History Month

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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
				1 P D Day for Teachers (School Closed for students)	2	3
4 Faculty Meeting @ GWES 2:45 PM	5 Awards Assemblies  Coordinating Council Meeting @ GWES 1 PM - 2:30PM	6 Trip to Ben Carson Play  PTA Meeting @ GWES 6-7PM <hr/> EFFORT PROGRAM @ GWES 5-7PM	7	8 Give-a-Kid a Smile day @ UMB Dental School/Museum  Eagles Basketball Game @ GWES 3PM	9	10
11 Leadership Team Meeting @ GWES 2:45 PM	12 Presidential Primary Election Day School Closed	13 EFFORT PROGRAM @ GWES 5-7PM	14 Valentine's Day 	15 Y BOOST Field Trip 2:30 - 5:30 PM  EFFORT PROGRAM @ GWES 5-7PM	16 Money Power Day @ 10 - 3PM Baltimore Polytechnic Ins	17
18 President's Day School Closed	19	20 EFFORT PROGRAM @ GWES 5-7PM	21 Southern District police Community MTG @ 7PM	22 EFFORT PROGRAM @ GWES 5-7PM	23	24
25 SIT MTG 2:45PM-3:45PM	26	27 EFFORT PROGRAM @ GWES 5-7PM	28 Y BOOST Family Night Event 5:30- 7 PM	29 P D Day for Teachers (School Closed for students) EFFORT PROGRAM @ GWES 5-7PM	3/1/08 Parent/Comm Leadership Dev. & Resource Session 9:30 - 1PM	