

BLACK LIVES MATTER AT SCHOOL

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FEBRUARY 6-10, 2023

HIGHLIGHTS FROM OUR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

BELLE SHERMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Friday, February 10 @ 1:10 p.m. All-school assembly to celebrate Black culture and center students and families of color
Daily announcements affirming Black joy, trivia about Black leaders, and reflections on the [BLM @ School 13 guiding principles](#)
Staff reflection on Culturally and Linguistically Responsive framework (CLR) for teaching and learning

BEVERLY J. MARTIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Posters created featuring "Matters is the Minimum" and a selection of the diversity of Black experiences and qualities
Classes share units of study including changemaker curriculum and social justice activism. Features posted of artwork and speeches that weave Human Rights and anti-racist work with celebrations of Black achievements

CAROLINE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Books selected at each grade level for a guided reading with overarching questions: *Who is the author affirming?*
Who does the author give voice to?

Each grade level (K-5) investigates a different facet of BLM @ School including lessons on identity, culture, Black joy, racism, and what it means to be an activist

CAYUGA HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Wednesday, Feb. 8 at 8:10 a.m. School-wide assembly for BLM @ School. Open to the public!

4th grade ELA students will learn about influential Black Americans, while math, science and social studies teachers will highlight famous Black mathematicians, scientists, and influential thinkers of the past and present

ENFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Building-wide essential question: *How does the Enfield community tie into the Greater Ithaca Community?*

Classes will conduct research, interviews, and engage with community members to learn about the diversity and history of the Black community. Each class will read "[I Am Every Good Thing](#)," by Derrick Barnes and reflect together

FALL CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Each grade level reflects on the question: *What does it mean to matter?* Students collaborate to add alternative endings to the phrase "Black lives are..." throughout the year

4th graders will create [Paper Plate Portraits](#) meant to help students begin to unpack prejudice and identity

NORTHEAST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Schoolwide BLM @ School display in February and March of each classroom's learning around the 13 principles of BLM @ School in the form of [art, music, writing, performance, video and more in multiple languages](#)

Schoolwide reflection on the 13 principles through viewing, discussing (oracy), responding (mood meters) and noting growth (zone of comfort)

SOUTH HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Each month of the year, classes will align with one of the 13 principles of BLM @ School and utilize resources to celebrate often-marginalized holidays and celebrations of heritage

3rd graders discuss "[Young Gifted and Black, 52 Black Heroes from Past and Present](#)," by Jamia Wilson and will contemplate the question: *What makes up a family?*

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BOYNTON MIDDLE SCHOOL

Monday, Feb. 6: Kalynn Bayron, author of "The Vanquishers" will conduct grade-level book talks

Tuesday, Feb. 7: Grade-level assemblies focused on Black joy including a performance by Sing Trece, local musician

Friday, Feb. 10: Dr. Nia Nunn, Asst. Professor at Ithaca College presents at an all-school assembly on BLM @ School

BLM @ School homebase lessons every week prepared by the Boynton Equity Team

Each Boynton teacher will present their own lesson related to Black joy, civil rights, Black history, and more.

DEWITT MIDDLE SCHOOL

Monday, Feb. 6 - Thursday, Feb. 9: T-Shirt Screen Printing in the cafe with three different BLM @ School options

Wednesday, Feb. 15: "DeWednesday" will include social justice theatre, a poetry slam, a panel on student success, and representation from The Village @ Ithaca, Southside Pride and GIAC

BLM @ School Door Decorating Contest: Students will create posters or door decor to encompass a BLM theme

LEHMAN ALTERNATIVE COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Tuesday, February 7: Screening of "On the Come Up"

Thursday, February 9: Screening of "The Rebellious Life of Mrs. Rosa Parks"

Featured Speakers: Mac Knight, Terrance Van, Dr. Sean Eversley Bradwell, Dr. Russell Rickford

All academic classes will highlight the 13 guiding principles of BLM @ School. This will continue all month and be showcased at the end of February

The Blue Ox Zine is devoted to BLM at School and 13 Guiding Principles and will be used as a guide for discussion

Trips to the Harriet Tubman House and Field House

ITHACA SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Wednesday, February 8: Virtual, schoolwide town hall to discuss the importance of inclusivity, of BIPOC voices, contributions, Black joy and excellence intentionally woven into the IHS student experience

Caucus (affinity) groups for self-identified BIPOC students and staff to facilitate conversation and develop actional steps towards equity

Meeting to brainstorm a plan for bi-annual Students of Color United Summit 2023

"An expression of Black Joy" - Photos and videos on display in Kulp Auditorium with an interactive chalk wall

13 Principles of BLM @ School visual display in Kulp Lounge

Open Music Jam with DJ Ramsey during UL every Thursday in the Dance Studio

National BLM @ School Creative Challenge: "How can a school community support you in being unapologetically Black?" Draw, write, sing, perform, and speak about it