

HOWARD Scoop!

Howard is excited to announce that we have 4 students participating in the GMEA All-State Chorus this year! This is a record number for our school!

Congratulations to Aine Mahoney, Miles Willner, Carys Barr, & Camila Belloso-Wilson



National History Day!

5 students represented David T. Howard Middle School in the district wide National History Day fair! We are excited to announce that 3 will continue on to the Regional Competition! Congratulations for a job well done to all of the students below and Mr. Washington for his guidance and support in the projects!

Avery Wueste- 1st Place Exhibit

Jaxon Weeks Chee-Wah- 1st Place Exhibit

Henry Lee- 1st Place Paper

Abbie Alexander- 2nd Place Paper

Thomas Javelona- Media Honorable Mention



STEAM @ HOWARD

Our students are continuing to engage in STEAM activities during enrichment and will be exploring Project Based Learning (PBL) over the next several weeks! As an Enrichment class, students will be exploring "Super Starter" projects in the Renzulli platform over the next 4-6 weeks. Students will be engaged in topics such as "The City of the Future," "COVID-19: A Global Pandemic," and "Cultural Exploration." We look forward to showcasing our student's work at the district-wide project showcase this semester!

In the month of January, students learned more about the role they play in Digital Citizenship. Check out a sampling of our Digital Citizen projects at this link:
tinyurl.com/HowardDigitalCitizens



HOW CAN FAMILIES BE INVOLVED?

- **Volunteer for the Tardy Desk:** tinyurl.com/HowardTardy
- **Check your child's Google Classroom and Parent Portal at least once weekly to know what is happening with their academics and attendance!**
- **Visit donorschoose.org to fund a project for D.T. Howard Middle School**



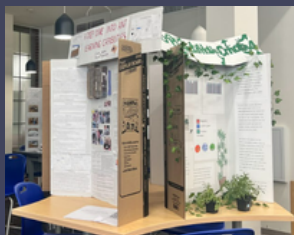
SPOTLIGHT ON 6TH GRADE!



- In ELA this month students are nearing the close of the Mythology Unit in ELA and are reading "The Odyssey." Students have been focusing on argumentative writing in this unit and are learning to use claims, evidence, and supporting details in their writing.
- In math, 6th grade students have just begun learning about integers and rational numbers. They will be exploring the number line and inequalities in the coming unit.
- In science, students will be completing a global wind 3D model project and will be learning about weather and weather forecasting in the next few weeks!
- For the month of February, 6th grade Social Studies is completing our Latin American Studies Unit along with beginning Personal Finance to gear up for the March field trip to JA Biztown!

SPOTLIGHT ON 7TH GRADE!

- We have started reading some Edgar Allan Poe and Poetry in ELA! The students are appropriately horrified and entertained, as we focus on word choice and figurative language. Third Quarter book report is due March 8th.
- 7th grade math classes are currently wrapping up with Scale Drawings Unit. Once we are finished, we will be preparing to start working on Measuring Circles. Accelerated math students will be discovering different methods of determining the surface area or volume of 3-dimensional figures. Later this month we will move into the Probability and Sampling Unit.
- Shout Out to the science Advanced Content classes that participated in a citizen science project to measure global warming induced features in the Greenland ice sheet. They rocked! 7th Grade Science students look forward to some real world ecological challenges in this upcoming unit.
- Students are learning about the cultures and geography of South and Southeast Asia. Advanced content classes are creating world religion board games.



SPOTLIGHT ON 8TH GRADE!



- February finds Howard's 8th graders reading a variety of texts (memoirs, graphic novels, interviews, newspaper articles) about the Holocaust. They will be writing a research paper at the end of this unit in March, and presenting projects based on the readings/research!
- 8th grade math students are beginning to explore the Properties of Exponents and Scientific Notation. Students deepen their knowledge of exponents before exploring how powers of 10 and scientific notation can be used to write and work with numbers as small as the mass of a bacterium or as large as the number of atoms in the Universe.
- 8th grade science students will learn about the parts and structures of compression and transverse waves and how they function and move energy. Our high school Physical Science classes will explore forces and motion. Speed calculations and understanding time/distance graphs will help us tell the stories of real world interactions with our subject.

SPOTLIGHT ON CONNECTIONS!

- Students taking Spanish are excited to explore the variety of influences Afro-Latino/ Black Hispanics have had on United States culture!
- JLC students are working on leadership characteristics. We made a flow map to identify different characteristics that effective leaders should have.
- In Latin, we are complementing our studies with preparation for the National Latin Exam in March. There are also a few students preparing for the National Latin Vocabulary Exam and the Pegasus National Mythology Exam.
- All three HMS choirs will be attending LGPE (Large Group Performance Evaluation) on February 14th & 15th at Banneker HS. This is one of the most important and exciting events of the year for our choral department. LGPE gives our singers the experience of performing two selections that are critiqued by a panel of judges. The choirs must also sight-read a musical example that they have never seen before. We plan to return with glowing reviews and high scores from the judges!





APS Latin Day!

On Saturday, January 28, 6th, 7th, and 8th Grade Latin students attended APS Latin Day at Midtown High School. Students participated in various workshops, played Certamen (Latin quiz bowl, with buzzers!), competed in a discus throw and toga relay in the stadium, and enjoyed a convivial pizza lunch. The 2 person team of Eleanor Shore and Henry Lee (7th Grade) defeated two Midtown HS teams in their Certamen round!



RISING RAMS



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TRANSITION EVENTS

Feeder School Visits

AP & Counselor will visit each Feeder School to provide an overview presentation.

1/18/25 - Morningside
1/20/25 - Springdale Park
1/25/25 - Mary Lin
1/27/25 - Hope Hill

Field Trips To Howard

Feeder Schools will visit on designated dates from 10:00 - 12:00.

2/7/25 - Morningside & Hope Hill
2/9/25 - Springdale Park & Mary Lin

Rising Rams Family Night

March 21st, 5:30 - 7:00
Families are invited to join us!

5:30 - 6:15 - General Information Session in the Auditorium

6:15 - 7:00 - Tour & Information Stations

Athletics & Clubs
Connections Classes
Gifted
504's & IEP's
PTSA
Purchase School Merchandise
Tour Howard

Principal Chats

** Principal Hollis will visit Feeder Elementary Schools

2/8/25 - Springdale Park
2/10/25 - Hope Hill

2/15/25 - Mary Lin
2/15/25 - Morningside

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

2/2: Boys & Girls Basketball playoffs
2/6: BASC-III Screener Opt-out
2/7: Hollis Huddle @ 9:30AM
2/7: Howard GO Team Meeting
2/7 & 2/9: Rising Rams 5th grade field trips
2/8: BASC-III Screener administered to all students
2/8: Boys & Girls Basketball Championship: Douglas HS @ 5:30PM
2/13-2/17: College & Career Motivation Week!
2/17: Hollis Huddle @12PM
2/20-2/24: Winter Break (No School for Students)
2/25: Hollis Huddle @9AM (Virtual)



Shout out to our Boys & Girls Basketball Teams for their win in the APS playoff games! Both teams advance to the Championship Game on February 8th at Douglas High School!



COLLEGE & CAREER MOTIVATION WEEK

FEB 13 COLLEGE APPAREL DAY
BUZZ VISITS CAMPUS!

DRESS FOR SUCCESS DAY FEB 14

FEB 15 GUEST SPEAKERS

GREEK LIFE CELEBRATION FEB 16
WEAR FRATERNITY/SORORITY COLORS!

FEB 17 CAP & GOWN DAY



We had several students participate in the District Science Fair on February 2nd! We are so proud of their hard work!

