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February Upcoming Events

February 17 - President's Day *No School*

February 25 - African American Read-In Day

February 27 - Black History Month Performance *5:30 p.m.*

February 29 - Leap Day

Black History Interesting Facts: Who Was Harriet Tubman?

by Hamilton Redd and Eve Lowe



Harriet Tubman drawing by Bruce Carlson

Harriet Tubman was born in about 1820 in Dorchester County, Maryland. She was one of 11 children in a slave family. She served the Union in the American Civil War. Her name at first was Araminta Ross. She changed her name to Harriet a little later because that was her mother's name. She married a free African American named John Tubman in 1844. In 1849 she heard that she was going to be sold so she ran away without her husband to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Once she was free she went back to free other slaves. When the owners saw that their slaves were gone they all agreed to kill her in the most cruel ways, they tried to hunt her down but they couldn't. Then she got the name Moses. She later became the conductor of the Underground Railroad. The Underground Railroad wasn't actually a railroad or underground. That was its name because it was a secret way for slaves to escape with the help of sympathetic northerners.

Valentine's Day Riddles

1. What flowers can you kiss?
2. What do you call two birds in love?

1. Tulips 2. Tweet Hearts

Interview with Mr. Manning: Toomer's Step Team

by Carmen Lopez



Q: Is the step team doing anything for the black history month performance?

A: Yes, They are doing a tribute to HBCUs (Historically Black College or University)

Q: What are the cheerleaders doing?

A: They are doing a dance to "Oh Freedom"

Q: Do you like coaching?

A: Yes, I love coaching kids and teachers.

I believe that I have a positive impact on teachers, and I bring out talents that the kids can't use in the classroom.

Q: Are there any other events that you have planned for the black history program?

A: I am going to work with the second graders to do a skit on African American athletes.

Valentine's Super Hero

by Cyris Mann



Book Review

by Avi Sonnenberg

I would suggest *Bug Boys* by Laura Knetzger because it is very encouraging and humorous. It is very inspiring and the drawings never leave anything out. It's a book for all grades and the drawings are very eye-catching and detailed. The book is very interesting and creative. It is a lovely book!!!

