

"The fight is won or lost far away from witnesses - behind the lines, in the gym, and out there on the road, long before I dance under those lights." - Muhammad Ali

FRCS Students Celebrate Black History Month with Special Events and Activities

As you know, February is Black History Month. Although our curriculum integrates diversity and cultural awareness throughout the year, we also have specific lessons during this month which support this nationally-recognized designation. This year is especially significant in recognizing African Americans in history, given the recent election of our country's first black President.

Currently, students in 4th grade are studying non-fictional works and African American Heroes. The following comes from one of the lessons:

Imagine that you have just discovered a photo album that belongs to a famous African American hero. What would it look like? What exciting pictures would you see?

Using photo strips, create a photo album. Find internet pictures, books, or draw important moments in this person's life.

Finally, design a postage stamp and explain why this person deserves a United States stamp. Dress as your favorite African American Hero and present at our Annual Wax Museum to celebrate Back History Month.

We have several students who showcased their research and projects at the February meeting of the Board of Trustees. Thank you to the following fourth graders for their creativity and exceptional presentations:

Tatiana Ozone on *Marian Anderson*

Nora Kingman on *Maya Angelou*

Fabrice Mercier on *Muhammad Ali*

Cameron Trudeau on *Booker T. Washington*

FRCS Summer Enrichment Camp Provides a Variety of Fun Activities and Interesting Offerings

Although spring is still more than a month away, it's time to think about summer activities. This year, we will continue to offer a summer enrichment camp, consisting of various offerings. From "International Expeditions", "Summertime Safari" and a language course in French to Band Camp, Sport's Week, and creative writing, the school summer camp has something for everyone!

Please see more information in this week's Friday Folders.

Aid Uganda Club Provides Awareness and Support to Help Those in Need

Mrs. Jamie Droste, our Student Life and Community Service guru, updates us on an important FRCS project:

Aid Uganda Club Update

The middle school Party for Peace occurred on Friday the 16th. The Party (P4P) was held to raise money to help build schools in Uganda. This event included music, dancing, guitar hero, making a hand print banner, face painting, and an information session was conducted by the Aid Uganda Club members about the terrible political and humanitarian situation in Northern Uganda.

The students had a great time, and got a chance to learn about kids their own age—who are living in a war zone and trying to go to school. It is Aid Uganda's mission to inform, update and fundraise to help raise awareness.

This is the Club's second year of existence here at FRCS and we are hoping to bring more activities like the P4P to FRCS students. All money raised is sent to the Schools for Schools agency.

New Phone System Testing Scheduled Over February Vacation

In a recent *Digest*, I mentioned that we are upgrading our phone system, including more efficient direct dialing options. During the February break, we will be implementing and testing the system in preparation for a full roll-out at the end of the month. The main menu will consist of the following:

- 1—Dial by Name Directory
- 2—Report Absence
- 3—Lower School Office and Staff
- 4—Upper School Office and Staff
- 5—Central Office
- 6—Learn More About FRCS

Other departments and personnel can be accessed through expanded options within each of the main categories. The full menu of options will be provided on the website, once we have tested and finalized the program.

Have a Happy and Safe School Vacation

I wish you all a very happy and safe February break!

- Mark Logan