



## EVENTS THIS MONTH

- 2/2 Happy Groundhog Day!
- 2/10 Spirit Day
- 2/12 Valentine's Class Party
- 2/12 Lunar New Year/Chinese New Year (Spring Festival)
- 2/14 Happy Valentine's Day!
- 2/15 SCHOOL CLOSED  
President's Day

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

This month is full of celebrations (Valentine's Day, Lunar New Year) and we are also celebrating Black History Month & National Children's Dental Health Month!

This month we will also be debuting our very own

### Fountain Day School



Stay tuned for details.

Videos will be posted weekly

and will include readings, activities, etc...

## OVERHEARD IN THE CLASSROOM

Teacher: "What number do you call for help?"

Child: "911!"

Other child: "Why did you call ninety one-one?"



## LOOK WHO'S TURNING

3! Beckett S.

5! Zachary D., Veeda K.,  
Nate A.

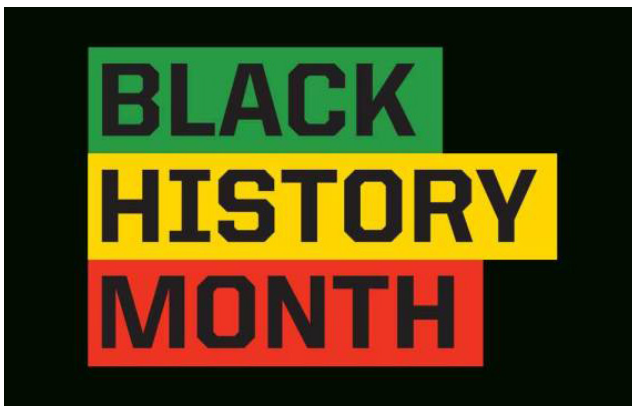
## Happy Chinese NEW YEAR (Spring Festival) Lunar New Year!

This is the year of the Metal Ox! It begins on Feb. 12th and celebrations lasts up to 16 days. The Ox is the second of the zodiac animals. According to one myth, the Jade Emperor said the order would be decided by the order

in which they arrived at his party. The Ox was about to be the first to arrive, but Rat tricked Ox into giving him a ride. Then, just as they arrived, Rat jumped down and landed ahead of Ox. Thus, Ox became the second animal. In Chinese culture, the Ox is a valued animal. Because of its role in agriculture, positive characteristics, such as being hardworking and honest, are attributed to it.

Birth years of the Ox: 1913, 1925, 1937, 1949, 1961, 1973, 1985, 1997, 2009, 2021





## Origins of Black History Month

The story of Black History Month begins in 1915, half a century after the Thirteenth Amendment abolished slavery in the United States. The story of Black History Month begins in 1915, half a century after the Thirteenth Amendment abolished slavery in the United States. That September, the Harvard-trained historian Carter G. Woodson and the prominent minister Jesse E. Moorland founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History (ASNLH), an organization dedicated to researching and promoting achievements by Black Americans and other peoples of African descent. Known today as the Association for the Study of African American Life and

History (ASALH), the group sponsored a national Negro History week in 1926, choosing the second week of February to coincide with the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass. The event inspired schools and communities nationwide to organize local celebrations, establish history clubs and host performances and lectures. (Source: <https://www.history.com/topics/black-history/black-history-month>)

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### Black History Month 2021 Theme

Since 1928, the Association for the Study of African American Life and History has provided a theme for Black History Month.

The Black History Month 2021 theme, “Black Family: Representation, Identity and Diversity” explores the African diaspora, and the spread of Black families across the United States.

#BLACKHISTORYISAMERICANHISTORY

### Resources:

[kids.nationalgeographic.com/explore/history/black-history-month/](https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/explore/history/black-history-month/)

[www.pbs.org/parents/thrive/teaching-your-child-about-black-history-month](https://www.pbs.org/parents/thrive/teaching-your-child-about-black-history-month)

[www.africanamericanhistorymonth.gov](https://www.africanamericanhistorymonth.gov)

<https://www.scholastic.com/teachers/teaching-tools/book-lists/29-books-for-black-history-month-.html>

<https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smithsonian-institution/national-museum-african-american-history-and-culture-interactive-museum-tour/>

<https://www.poetryfoundation.org/collections/101640/celebrating-black-history-month>

[www.stepafrika.org/about/](https://www.stepafrika.org/about/)



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