



What Does Black History Mean To You?

By Jermell Massey, 8th Grader



We are celebrating Black History Month at Confluence Academy Old North. It is when we celebrate an African American person who has made a difference. These are people who have made a great change in history, like Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Rosa Parks. I asked my classmates. "What does Black History Mean to You" and these are their responses:



"It means freedom." Ashley Harris, 8th grade



"It means to celebrate black people!" DeAngelo Holman, 8th grade



"It is when we bring back the past and celebrate our freedom fighters". Albert Anderson, 7th grade



"People who stand up for what we believe in." TaNekia Bradford, 8th grade



"Black people's accomplishments in life." Larry Rhines, 8th grade

"Looking back at the past so you won't forget important facts in the world." Jayla Massey, 7th grade

"Freedom." Talay Crowley, 7th grade

"Sympathy." Kimberly Glass, 8th grade

"Integrity, power, respect and honor." Quannrico Lorthridge, 8th grade

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Responsibility

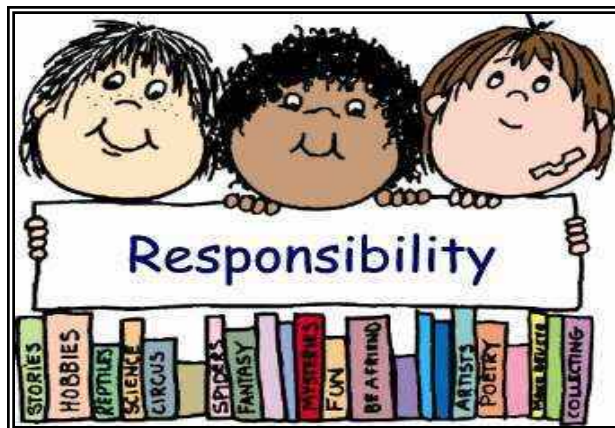
By Larry Rhines



The Essential MICHAEL JACKSON



Hello my name is Larry and today I am going to tell you about the core value responsibility. Well the word responsibility means :the state or fact of being [responsible](#) . Here at Confluence, I have seen a lot of kids using responsibility. One day, I saw this young man and he was the only one that had his home work and to me that shows me responsibility. The place that we all should show responsibility is at home and any place in public. Responsibility is used in our every day lives like we can use it when we are given an assignment and you can keep it up, and another way that you can be responsible is when you find money on the ground you can like go and give it to an adult. Farewell this was Larry and always remember... comets can.



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Miko and LuLu

By DeAngelo Holman



Star Advice

Dear Star Advice,

I have a problem with focusing on the negative things instead of the positive things. I know this because people keep telling me to quit complaining all the time, but I don't have anything good to say. What should I do?

Dear Little Comet,

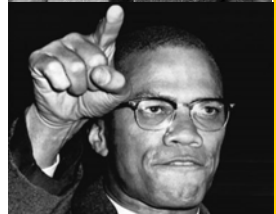
Don't you see how bright you shine? There are so many good things about you! Although sometimes the bad things may seem bigger than the good, there is always something positive to think of to over shadow that bad situation.

If you are a person that is always negative, people may not want to be around you. Do something positive so you can talk to people about what you did to stay positive even in a negative environment. Maybe you could do something to turn negative situations into positive ones. Then, there would be less negative things to complain about.

What if you volunteered to help out around the school? Maybe sometime you could stay after (so you don't miss valuable instruction time) to help make the appearance of the school better.

Another thing you could do is to follow the school rules. If you follow the school rules there would be one less things for the teachers, staff, and parents to complain about. For instance, maybe students in your grade go into the hallway without a pass and they get written up, increasing the referrals for your grade level. All you have to do is ask the teacher/class you are in if you could get a pass with your name, date, time and destination to where you're going so you can avoid those complications and misunderstandings. Little Comet you are still a Star and you can shine your light everywhere you want. You can shine it even more if you take my advice to start focusing on more positive things instead of the negative.

Sincerely,
Star Advice



8th Grade Corner

By Antonia Whiteside

8th Grade College Visit

The 8th grade graduates of 2010-2011 will have a very special end of the year. One thing they will complete is taking a field trip to "Harris Stowe University." This will give the students an idea of a college environment and how they function.

Graduation Day!

The graduation date has been set! The date for the 8th grade graduation will be June 17, 2011. The graduation will not be held in the JA gymnasium. It will be held at Vashon High School. More details are to come. If any questions please see Mrs. McDuffie or Mr. Jefferson for more details.

8th Grade Fundraisers

Some of the 8th grade girls would like to help fund for our graduation and incentives. They will be talking to Mr. Jefferson and Ms. McDuffie to see what they can do to help out. Even though the PTO committee will be helping out for 8th grade graduation the stu-

dents would also like to be involved.

8th Grade Field Trips

The 8th graders will take many field trips before their departure from Confluence Academy Old North. One field trip they are planning is to either go to Incredible Pizza, Mills Mall, Skate King, or Bowling. They want to get 8th graders input on plans this year.

8th Grade Quilts

The 8th graders began a very interesting tradition. We will make quilts to be displayed in the JA building for graduation. This is to show how everybody is different from one another but still can come together as a community. The colors on the quilt are red orange, brown, and yellow. Every student got to design their quilt and the finished product will go in a glass case. We decorated with our names and unique characteristics that we wanted others to know. I love Old North.

And check these out!



Clockwise: Visit from the St. Louis Zoo, MLK essay winners, Kdg waiting to perform, and Yung Ro, Local St. Louis Rapper "Bringing the Message to ZAP the MAP"

Editor's Note

Special thanks to all of the feature writers and contributors to the second issue of our Newsletter! Great job everyone! Keep on shining your light!

-Ms. Richoux

Principals' Corner

Greetings Confluence Academy Old parents, community and key Stakeholders! It is with great pleasure that we share this newsletter with you outlining all of the wonderful events occurring at our school. Your child's education is extremely important to us as we continue to provide a quality education for your child through high levels of academic rigor. You can best support the efforts of the school by ensuring that your child is here everyday and on time. We will begin Missouri Assessment Program testing on Tuesday, April 5-Friday, April 8, 2011. Students will need to have a good breakfast, report to school daily on time and get plenty of rest every night. Please continue to have your children to read every night for at least 20 minutes. As a reminder, book reports are due every month. Ask your to tell you about reports.
Sonya Murray, Old North Principal

Changes of me

My tears get larger
 When I get annoyed
 I find ways to work
 On me while ignoring annoying people

I try hard to do my best
 I have no enemies
 I'm a good person
 I'll fight until you believe me

The joy of love
 Some people hurt my feelings
 Sometimes I get crazy
 And sometimes I act silly

I'm a good person
 I want to change
 By the end of the day
 In a good way, you'll remember my name

By Kimberly Glass-Streeter