OUR MONTHLY RECAP

We kicked off the month, with our February meeting on Thursday, the 3rd, where we planned various activities to celebrate this month’s theme, Black History. We created a competitive trivia Kahoot, which we pushed out to the student body, the week of the 21st. On Thursday the 24th, we had our crossword lunch activity which got a great amount of participation from the student body. Then, after school, we showed Disney’s Hair Love and Soul in the Kiva. Finally, that week, we played music by Black artists during lunches.

THE IMPORTANCE OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Black History Month originated in 1915. Specifically, within the month, there is a Black History week that is the second week of February; which coincides with Fredrick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln’s Birthdays. While the United States was one of the first nations to dedicate a month to Black history, other countries like the United Kingdom and Canada have also followed suit.

Every year, since the 1970s, the President has helped announce a specific theme that goes along with that year’s month. This year, the theme was Black Health and Wellness.
LET'S HEAR FROM SOME DRAGONS!

Freshman, Kennidee Barnes

What does Black History Month mean to you?
"During February, I just try to educate myself on some not commonly known Black creators."

What do you wish more people knew about in relation to Black History Month?
"Some times I wish people knew more about how life was and the personal experiences during the Jim Crow and segregated times. Such as the lynchings and the harmfulness of some nicknames that were used for Black people."

Senior, Elise Joshua

What does Black History Month mean to you?
"To me, Black History Month is the chance for me to learn about my family and my culture. I am biracial with a White mom and a Black father, but for a long time, I thought I had to choose to be one or the other. I never took the chance to learn about the beauty of my Blackness. Black History Month is the chance for me to embrace my complete self, tell my story, and learn about the history that has shaped the life I live today."

What do you wish more people knew about in relation to Black History Month?
"I wish more people knew that Black History Month is not only about the challenges and adversity that the Black community has had to face. Black History Month is the complete story of Black culture. It is about the inspiring figures who invented items that we see in our every day life, the music created by Black artists that we play constantly on our playlists, the Black athletes we cheer for and support on our televisions. Black History Month goes beyond the hardships; it is a celebration of Black culture."