

March Events

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Student of the Month

In collaboration with Poughkeepsie- Arlington Rotary and TEG Federal Credit Union, **The Student of the Month** receives a Lunch for two valued at \$25.00 (donated by The Rotary) and a Savings Account with an opening deposit of \$25.00 (donated by the TEGFCU), a signed Certificate of Honor (presented by the Arlington Rotary and BOCES Liaison). Enjoy a delicious luncheon and recognition by becoming our Student-of-the-Month!

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ANNOUNCEMENT

March 2-6

Spirit Week!

MONDAY– *Super Hero Day*
TUESDAY– *Twin Day*
WEDNESDAY– *Sports Day*
THURSDAY– *Crazy Hat/Hair Day*
FRIDAY– *Decades Day*

BE SURE THAT ALL OUTFITS ARE APPROPRIATE AND FOLLOW THE SCHOOL DRESS CODE!!!

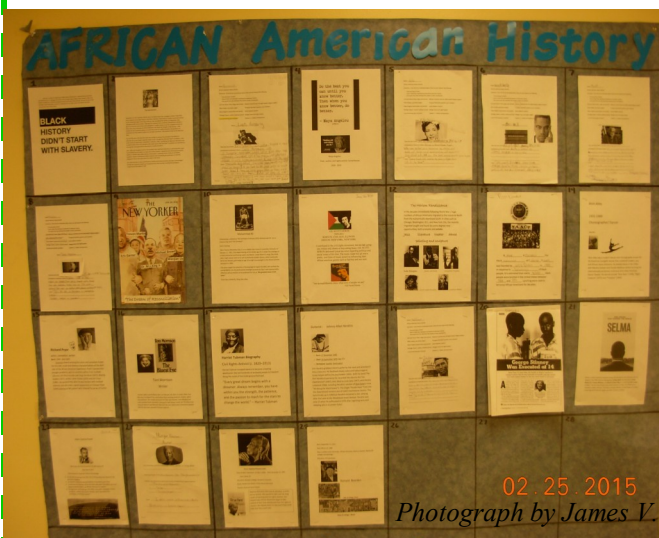


Black History is Everyone's History!

By Matt K.

February 1st marks the beginning of Black History Month 2015. Mr. Blair's class is celebrating the African American contributions to U.S. heritage and culture. From its beginning as Negro History Week in 1926 to its federal recognition in 1976 by President Gerald Ford as a Black History Month, the past 39 years of the heritage month have been a cause for the celebration for the civil rights within and without the black community of the United States. Every student researched at least one person who has positively impacted American culture and heritage for each day of the month. The different areas in which the people have contributed are...

Activism and Civil Rights
The Arts and Entertainment
The Law, Politics and Religion



Anti-Bully Campaign

A Student's Viewpoint

Bullying happens every day but its effects seem to be increased on holidays such as Valentine's day. Many suicides happen as a result of loneliness, broken hearts, or as a result of bullying. If you or someone you know wants to harm themselves in any way please speak up before it's too late.

Bullying can be verbal, physical, and social bullying. Social bullying is when someone spreads rumors intended to hurt someone's reputation or relationships. No one likes to be bullied and people truly don't like being around bullies.

Anyone can help to stop bullying by being more than just a bystander. You can speak up and tell the bully to stop. Sometimes people are afraid to confront the bully. Those people can still help by telling someone to confront the bully, or by helping the victim to leave the scene. Remember that the victim gets hurt by the bully.

"We're all in the same game, just different levels, dealing with the same hell just different devils." Samantha

"Do not give up, the beginning is always the hardest." Samantha

E. Roosevelt



Anime Club

Club watches Anime every Friday during 4C. Nicole H., president of Anime, engages members with thrilling episodes. The last episode was *Baccano*. Previously, members watched *Durarara*, and *Baka and Test*. Nicole welcomes new members to join the Anime club.

Quotes from various Anime! By Alana
I can't whistle so I just say the words wheet-who.

-Fay D. Flourite (*Tsubasa Chronicles*)

I'm not a nerd, I'm a specialist.

-Sousuke Sagara (*Full Metal Panic*)

Arlington-Poughkeepsie Rotary sponsors our Interact members (*pays their admission and transportation*) for participating in Literacy Connection's annual spelling bee. This year they agreed to sponsor BETA students!

Mrs. Babb will prepare and accompany students to this community event, in which they will represent our school.

Many students enjoyed a privilege of viewing Guardians of the Galaxy on February 12, sponsored by the Incentive Committee.



Technology

By Connor

The Famous Tragedy of E.T. for the Atari 2600

Everyone knows E.T. the extraterrestrial, the original 80's blockbuster film about an alien and a boy. Not many know the unfortunate story of its' video game, a tale filled with disappointment, stubbornness, and the crash of an industry. The initial problem was the \$20-\$25 million cost Atari needed to pay to buy the rights for it! Atari's game designer developed it in 1982 in less than 3 months. The developer envisioned a game in a 3 dimensional cube world with the objective to be E.T. phoning home as the winning condition. Atari was so convinced that it would be a hit that they manufactured 4 million cartridges. When everyone found out that the game was the worse than a ham sandwich left out in the sun too long, sales dropped dramatically. Out of the 4 million cartridges made, 3.5 million came back unsold or returned, and all ended buried in a big hole in New Mexico! Sadly, that statement is not a joke. The only thing that prevented the final nail in the coffin of video game consoles was the appearance of the Nintendo 64, which Nintendo labeled as an "entertainment system" instead of using the words "video games console". The lesson to learn is that you should never be so sure of something's success that you completely ignore the possibility of failure. Imagine what culture would be like if video games were never as popular as they are now. Maybe we wouldn't have a generation that automatically attributes the name "Mario" to a bad Italian stereotype that defeats his enemies by jumping on them.

Green Team



Batteries, glasses, printer cartridges, newspaper, cardboard, paper, plastic bottles, soda cans... a few things collected by the Green Team

Tip: Use sand on ice instead of salt.



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Coding students are being challenged to create Scratch games similar to the old Space Invader game.