

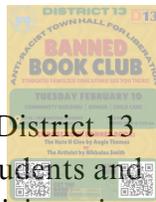
## Bridging Home to School Restoration Academy Monthly Magnet Newsletter

**Dear Restoration Academy Community,**

February has been full of celebration! This month offered us many opportunities to recognize the cultural diversity, traditions, and beliefs that are woven together to create our beautifully unique community. As we honor Black History Month, recognize the start of Ramadan, and usher in the Lunar New Year, we also have a lot to celebrate within our own school community. Read some of our February highlights below:

### District 13 Anti-Racist Town Hall

Restoration Academy and PS 93 hosted the District 13 Anti-Racist Town Hall on February 10<sup>th</sup>. Students and families from across the district came to participate in a discussion with Angie Thomas, author of now banned book, *The Hate You Give*.



### 100% Attendance

On February 2nd, Restoration Academy celebrated 100% attendance! This a a great accomplishment and an indication that our efforts to improve student engagement are working. Keep up the good work!

During **Counselor Appreciation Week**, students were eager to recognize our Guidance Counselor, Ms. Rapley, for her continued support.



This month, the district office recognized impactful educators who are new to the community. Congratulations to Mr. Weiss for being **Seen in District 13!**

Our **Valentine's Day Dance** was a sweet success!

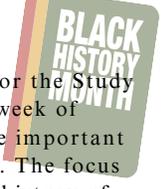


### Magnet Minute

One of the key pillars of Magnet School programs is recognizing and honoring **diversity**. We aim to create a space where all students and families feel seen and recognized through our instructional programming and school-wide activities. Please read below to learn about some of the celebrations that February brings.

#### **Black History Month**

In 1926, Carter G. Woodson and the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History announced the second week of February as "Negro History Week" recognizing the important contributions of black people to American society. The focus of this week was to encourage the teaching of the history of black Americans in the nation's school systems. In 1969, educators and students at Kent State University introduced the idea of celebrating for the entire month of February. The following year, the first Black History Month was celebrated. Six years later, in 1976, then President Gerald Ford recognized Black History Month.



#### **Ramadan**

Ramadan began on February 18th of this year. Ramadan is the ninth month of the Islamic calendar, observed by Muslims worldwide as a holy month of fasting, prayer, reflection, and community. Ramadan culminates with the joyous celebration, Eid al-Fitr on (or around) March 18<sup>th</sup>. Ramadan Mubarak to all who celebrate!!



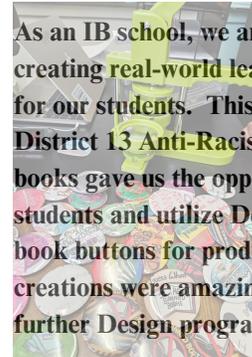
#### **Lunar New Year**

The new moon on Feb. 17 marked the start of the Lunar New Year, a celebration originating in China that today is celebrated around the world. Lunar New Year is the arrival of the new year based on the Chinese lunar calendar. 2026 is the year of the Fire Horse, symbolizing energy and passion.



#### **International Baccalaureate (IB) News**

As an IB school, we are intentional about creating **real-world learning opportunities** for our students. This is key to the mission of IB. Hosting the **District 13 Anti-Racist Town Hall** centered around banned books gave us the opportunity to discuss banned books with our students and utilize Design class for students to design banned book buttons for production and sale at the event. Their creations were amazing and all proceeds will be used to support further Design programming.



# CURRICULUM CORNER

## Student Engagement Across Classrooms

As a Magnet and IB school, student engagement and voice are core components of our vision. We empower students to take ownership of their learning through leading discussions, designing solutions to real-world problems, and reflecting on their own progress. Increasing student engagement requires creating meaningful learning opportunities that inspire inquiry.



At Restoration Academy, teachers continually explore new strategies and best practices that increase engagement. This work is ongoing. Across classrooms this month, we have seen an increase in student engagement as scholars take a more active role in leading their learning. Students are asking deeper questions, facilitating discussions, collaborating with peers, and exploring ideas through hands-on inquiry.



This month, 8<sup>th</sup> grade scholars participated in Socratic Seminars in Language and Literature class and 6<sup>th</sup> graders explored ratios through hands-on experimentation in Math.



## PARENT TOOLKIT

Parenting is hard. It's a full-time job and as parents we often prioritize our family's well-being before our own, understandably. However, when we are able to meet our own mental, emotional, and physical needs, it not only benefits our well-being, but our children's as well.

Although we know the benefits of self-care, it can be challenging to incorporate into your everyday. Maybe you find yourself wondering: How do you make it happen? Where do you find the time?

Below are a few suggestions of simple ways to create space for self-care:

- 5-20 minute breaks for deep breathing
- enjoy a hot beverage
- take a walk outside to reset
- listening to music, journaling, drawing
- connecting with friends
- The 3-Breath Rule: Take three deep, conscious breaths when overwhelmed
- Daily "Done" List: Focus on what you accomplished, not just what is left on the to-do list
- Set boundaries and start saying "no" to extra responsibilities



## Our SEL Snapshot

Respect for All Week is about honoring our identities, differences, and promoting inclusion. We organized Spirit Week to promote these ideas among staff and students.



### RESTORING CONNECTIONS NEWSLETTER

is our way of creating a bridge between the school and your home. Look out for monthly issues for updated school information, events, and celebrations!

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## Notes from the Main Office

- School starts at 8 am. Please make sure your child arrives on time.
- Please support us by making sure your child is in full uniform. Dress down day is on Friday!!
- Join the PTA! Contact Ms. Perrin, PTA President or Ms. Tucker, Parent Coordinator for more information.
- Area 53 Field trip has been rescheduled for March 16<sup>th</sup>. Please ensure that trip slips are submitted and that your child is in "good standing" to meet criteria for attendance.
- Please remember to check Jupiter for up-to-date information on student progress and grades.