



Educare Flint Honors BLACK HISTORY MONTH

February 2021



Happy Black History Month!

Black History Month, celebrated February of every year, is a fantastic opportunity to teach children about world history, social studies, and modern politics.

Specifically, we look this month to highlight African American achievements and recognize the central role African Americans have played in U.S. history. Today, this month and everyday we observe, commemorate, and champion Black culture: past, present, and future. The roots of Black History Month can be traced way back to the early 1900s. From musical exploration of Rhythm and Blues, to Martin Luther King's "I have a dream...", there are many important Black History lessons for kids to learn. Let's celebrate, keep learning, and making history!



Meet The Educare Family!

Asha Ingalls is a Lead Teacher working with preschoolers. She has been working at Educare for 2 and a half years. She loves the color pink, cats, Chinese food, Harry Potter books, listening to music and watching Netflix. If she had a superpower, it would be teleportation so she could quickly go anywhere she wanted to.

"The best thing about working at Educare is how the staff, students, and families have become a school family. Everyone is so welcoming and I feel like this is where I belong."

From Our Executive Director

JA'NEL JAMERSON

We are proud to recognize the many vital contributions Black Americans have made to U.S. history and culture. The recent national reckoning on racial equity and justice makes this year's Black History Month all the more relevant, as the spirit of activism in the face of oppression is central to the story of Black people in America. As we continue our work of preparing Flint's next generation of young and gifted leaders, we are taking time to honor the legacy of a few of our community's Black history-makers who paved the way. Be sure to follow our social media platforms to stay up-to-date on how our students and staff are celebrating Black History Month.



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Mark Your Calendars:



Important Dates

- **February 15: President's Day NO SCHOOL**
- **February 25: Parent Café 9:30am-10:30am**
- **February 26: Black History Month Celebration: Family, Food and Music**

From Our School Director

JODI RAMOS

Parents, it's a new year! Consider these *New Year Conscious*

Parenting Commitments:

- Say "yes" more when my child asks me to play
- Offer more eye contact
- Use a calm voice more
- Tell my child what's possible more than what's not
- Welcome and give space for my child's emotions before speaking
- Ask my child to teach me something
- When my child asks me to look, I pause and really look
- Have more dance parties
- Join my child before shifting to a new activity
- Smile at my child more
- Belly laugh more
- Set limits with calm assertiveness
- Stay near and say "I'm here" more
- Give my child at least 15 sec. to respond to my questions
- Ask "How can I help my child vs. How can I make them?"
- Sing more

From our Family Engagement Coordinator

JENNY HALL

As we move into colder weather, please make sure you dress your kiddos appropriately for the weather. Our kiddos still go outside during the winter weather. If you should need assistance with any weather appropriate clothing such as coats, hats, gloves, scarves and boots please reach out to your family engagement advocate for assistance in getting those items for your child/children.

Our next program wide virtual parent cafe is February 25th at 930 am. If you have not had an opportunity to join us, please save the date and plan to attend. We are offering great information, resources and have a raffle and give aways. Hope to see you there !!!!

Stay warm and stay safe!!



Scan this QR code to complete the health check survey each morning.



THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING US TO BE A PART OF YOUR FAMILY!