



# HILLIARD STATION SIXTH GRADE

## FEBRUARY SCHOOL NEWS!

**The History of Black History:** Americans have recognized black history, annually, since 1926. Black history was first recognized as "Negro History Week" and later as "Black History Month." What you might not know is that black history had barely begun to be studied, or even documented, when the tradition originated. Although blacks have been in America at least as far back as colonial times, it was not until the 20th century that they gained a respectable presence in the history books.

We owe the celebration of Black History Month, and more importantly, the study of black history, to Dr. Carter G. Woodson who was the premier Black historian to put forward the idea of African history as a form of Black cultural empowerment and emancipation. Born to parents who were former slaves, he spent his childhood working in the Kentucky coal mines and enrolled in high school at age twenty. He graduated within two years and later went on to earn a Ph.D. from Harvard. In his studies, the scholar was disturbed to find that history books largely ignored the black American population—and when blacks did figure into the picture, it was generally in ways that reflected the inferior social position they were assigned at the time.

Throughout February, Hilliard Station will celebrate Black History month in classrooms and throughout the school. Our goal is to provide students with information about the struggles and successes of Black Americans and to explore ideas and ways to support and participate in our country's continued efforts in this ongoing movement. We encourage you to initiate discussions with your child concerning the importance of this month. Sharing your stories and experiences provides an at-home opportunity to share in our celebration!

**Parent-Teacher Conferences:** Conference week at Hilliard Station is scheduled for February 8-11, 2010, with conference night slated for Wednesday, February 10, 2010. Please make sure you have returned the conference intention form to your child's teacher. We strongly believe that the team concept of student, family, and school is what truly makes a successful experience here at Hilliard Station.

**State Ohio Achievement Testing Information:** Hilliard Station students will take the Ohio Achievement Tests for Grade 6 on the following dates: Reading: Monday, April 19; Mathematics: Wednesday, April 21. The Ohio Department of Education website may be helpful in learning more about the OAT: [www.ode.state.oh.us/](http://www.ode.state.oh.us/). Excellent attendance is encouraged on the above dates. Please contact Scott Foster, Guidance Counselor, if you have any questions or concerns: [scott\\_foster@hboe.org](mailto:scott_foster@hboe.org) or 777-2426.

**Astrotrek:** Station's Astrotrek Program is completely full. While we would love to take each and every student who is eligible, due to limited accommodations, we cannot, so we have initiated the first-come, first-serve acceptance. Those students, who were selected for the program, need to send in the final deposit of \$175.00, to Mr. Kaufman, by Tuesday, February 16, 2010. Checks are payable to "Hilliard Station PTO". The trip dates are May 17-19.

**Nurse Notes: Ohio Immunization Requirements.** Effective with the 2010-2011 school year, the Ohio Department of Health will require all students entering 7<sup>th</sup> grade to show written proof of a booster dose of tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (Tdap), or tetanus and diphtheria (Td). This shot is intended to be a booster dose for students who completed the initial series of DTaP/DT/Td vaccine which was required for entry into Kindergarten. Please review your student's immunization records and/or call your physician to determine if your student has had this additional booster vaccine. Written proof of the booster vaccine includes a xeroxed copy of your student's immunization record or a signed statement from your health care provider listing the Tdap or Td immunization and the date it was administered. Records can be brought or faxed to Hilliard Station, fax # 614-529-7402, attention school nurse. **Students must have the Tdap or Td booster in order to attend 7<sup>th</sup> grade.**

## Upcoming Events in February

Tuesday, February 2	February PTO Meeting	Station Media Center, 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, February 4	Interim Reports Sent Home	
Friday, February 5	Activity & Club Pictures	8:20 a.m.
Monday, February 8	Conference Week	
Wednesday, February 10	Conference Night	2:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Friday, February 12	No School-Conference Comp. Day	
Monday, February 15	No School-President's Day	
Wednesday, February 17	Orchestra Concert	Memorial Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.
Monday, February 22	Book Fair Week	Station Media Center
Tuesday, February 23	Station Art Show	Station, 6:15 p.m.
Friday, February 26	Second Trimester Ends	



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