

EDUCATION

Historic Black Leader

By Ja'nean Williams STAFF WRITER



Frederick Douglass was born into slavery in February 1818 and was named Frederick Augustus Washington Bailey. He changed his last name to Douglass, after he escaped from slavery. I chose him as

my historic role model for many reasons.

Frederick Douglass was a social reformer, abolitionist, orator, statesman, and a writer. He became one of the most important leaders of the African-American civil rights movement in the 19th century.

Frederick Douglass was once a slave who had inspired others slaves just like him to fight for freedom. He was married twice. He married his first wife Anna Murray Douglass in 1838. She was a member of the Underground Railroad. She died in 1882. He married his second wife Helen Pitts Douglass in 1884. He had five children Rosetta Douglass, Charles Remond

Douglass, Lewis Henry Douglass, Annie Douglass, and Frederick Douglass Jr. He also had three sisters named Harriet Bailey, kitty Bailey, and Arianna Bailey.

Fredrick Douglass escaped slavery in his twenties and made it to New York City in 1838. He was disguised as a sailor. Ever since he escaped, he did many great things for other slaves. He founded an anti-slavery newspaper called "The North Star." Its slogan was "Right is of no Sex— Truth is of no Color-God is the Father of us all, and all we are Brethren." From 1845 to 1855, he published three autobiographies - "The Life Of Frederick Douglass, an American Slave," "My Bondage and My Freedom" and the "Life and Times of Frederick Douglass."

He was the first African American to run for vice president of the United States in 1872 as Victoria Claflin Woodhull's running mate under the Equal Rights party.

Frederick Douglass died on February 20,1895 at 77 years old.

I admire his courage, leadership, and his ability to stand up for what was right.

History of a Teacher

By Bailey Flaherty and Jordyn Tubbs STAFF WRITERS



We recently interviewed the 8th grade social studies teacher Mr. Johnston. We

asked him a total of 17 questions. We asked him things like, "Where did you go to school?" and "What time period was your favorite?" With that being said, this is how the interview went.

We learned that he had grown up in Farmington, MI. He earned his Bachelor's degree at Central Michigan University. He then went to

Wayne State University for his Master's degree. Both his degrees are in education.

He stated that his reason for teaching social studies is, "because I enjoy history and teaching others about it."

Now throughout his 24 years of teaching social studies, he has found out that he has no favorite historian.

He said, "Historians are only people that retell history, meaning I can't really have a favorite or least favorite."

But if he had to choose, he would chose himself.

Over time, he has figured out that he truly does not have a least favorite lesson that he teaches. He personally believes that they are all great. Although he does say that his favorite is the Lewis and Clark lesson.

We also learned that he has only taught in Hazel park due to feeling like

he only belongs in Hazel Park. He enjoys music such as

Limp Bizkit, Green Day, and Nirvana.

We also found that his favorite time period of the world is the American revolution era. His least favorite era is the ancient time period. He feels the biggest mistake America has ever made was slavery. He then followed it up by saying that, "the greatest achievement America has made was helping other countries in times of crisis."

He feels that we (the U.S)

has the best economy.

"The Civil war was the worst," he said. In conclusion we learned about how Mr. Johnston sees things and his opinions. With that being said, this was the History Of A Teacher.

Follow the Leader - Crunch time!

By Isis Akinseye Johnson PATRIOT STAFF WRITER



I interviewed Mr. Smith, the gym teach-

As a child, he liked to play sports such as running cross country track, and playing baseball, basketball and soccer. This led to him choosing a career

as a gym teacher.

"Everybody needs a body to do things, so it should at least be a healthy one," Mr. Smith said. "When I was younger, I did not really like school. I want kids to enjoy going to school."

After learning that Hazel Park was hiring, he decided to apply. He has now worked for the district seven years and has been teaching for 10 years.

His favorite day of the week is Satur-

He would like to travel the world and visit Australia.

One of his hidden talents is juggling.

"He is a very chill guy and gets angry little to none. He never yells at anyone and is always very lenient," Bailey Flaherty

Mr. Smith plans to keep teaching five years from now.

I think he's a good teacher. Thank you for everything you do at this school and keeping us physically fit.



Rosa Parks

By Paris Green-Johnson STAFF WRITER



Rosa Parks was born February 4,1913. At the time, Parks led the youth division at the Montgomery branch of NAACP. She said her anger over the lynching of 14-yearold Emmett Till and failure to bring his

killers to justice inspired her to make her historic stand.

On Thursday, December 1, 1955, the

42-year-old Rosa Parks was commuting home from a long day of work at the Montgomery Fair department store by bus. Black residents of Montgomery often avoided municipal buses



if possible because they found the Negroes-in-back policy so demeaning. Nonetheless, 70 percent or more riders on a typical day were Black. On this day, Rosa Parks was one of them.

"People always say that I didn't give up my seat because I was tired," Parks wrote in her autobiography, "But that isn't true. I was not tired physically... No, the only tired I was, was tired of giving in."

Eventually the Police stopped bus, assessed the situation and placed Parks in

Rosa Parks helped initiate the Civil Rights Movement in the United States when she refused to give up her seat to a white man on a Montgomery, Alabama bus in 1955. Her actions inspired the leaders of the local Black community to organize the Montgomery Bus Boycott. Led by a young Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., the boy-

cott lasted more than a year during which Parks not coincidentally lost her job. It ended only when the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that bus segregation was unconstitutional.

Over the next half-century, Parks

became a nationally recognized symbol of dignity and strength in the struggle to end entrenched racial segregation.

Rosa Parks died on October 24, 2005 at 92 years old.

My historic role model

By Jordyn Tubbs PATRIOT STAFF WRITER



A historic model I admire is Ruby Bridges. I look up to her eternal dedication for education and her desire to learn with the same privilege as people who used to be viewed

as "superior" to her.

She has many great quotes, but one that I admire is when she said, "We may not all be equally guilty. But we are all equally responsible for building a decent and just society."

I personally find this quote very inspiring and relatable. I do think that she is right in this statement because despite all the problems we face, we should come together and create a better future for us as

Amongst her many quotes another one that I express admiration for is when she

said, "A lot of my strength comes from my upbringing."

Knowing that she was only 6-years-old when walked into an all white-school, she was extremely brave at that age to do what she did. That would also mean that she must be remarkably strong now, if she went through all of that in her past.

Throughout all her numerous quotes I saw one that I resonate with is, "We all have a common enemy, and it is evil."

Her explanation of the evil I'm our world makes a lot of sense to me. I feel like of all human society our true enemy is pure evil. I hope that we can move forward and past the burden that this brings this country down.

The last quote that I found was, "Kids come into the world with clean hearts, fresh starts."

I resonate with this quote because it is true that these cruel and unfair beliefs that bring our society down in a hateful way are taught to kids. Children come into the world not knowing about things that separate us as a whole, they have to learn things like this as they grow up.

Courageous Inspiration

By Bailey Flaherty PATRIOT STAFF WRITER



A historical person I admire is Ruby Bridges. On November 14.

1960, she was 6 years old and was the only African American girl enrolled in William Franz Elementary School, an all-white school, in New

Ruby was yelled at, got things thrown at her, got called racial slurs, and was told not to play with white children, because they were racists. There was only one white teacher, Barbara Henry, was willing to teach her. U.S. Marshals escorted her to and from the school.

Despite of all the hate and racism, she stayed strong and got her education. She persevered through all the hate and rac-

Orleans during a very racist time.

William Shakespeare

By Kave Oliveira **STAFF WRITER**



One historical person I admire is William Shakespeare.

He was an English playwright, poet and actor. He wrote some

39 plays, 3 poems, and 154 sonnets. I believe that I think like him. We're both analytical.

Today, most people don't talk about him. I admire everything he contributed to

I understand him a lot. Most people don't understand him.



ENTERTAINMENT

BRAIN TEASER RIDDLES



Q: What fruit is always sad?

A: Blueberry.

Q: I am the sweetest and most romantic fruit. What am I?

A: Sweetheart.

Q: What kind of food do mummies like to eat?

A: Wrap.

Q: What has hands but cannot clap?

A: A clock.

Q: You're in a race and you pass the person in second place. What place are you in now?

A: Second place.

Q: Which weighs more, a pound of feathers or a pound of bricks?

A: Neither, they both weigh one pound!

Q: What is so delicate that saying its name breaks it?

A: Silence.

Q: I have keys, but no locks and space, and no rooms. You can enter, but you can't go outside. What am I?

A: A keyboard.

Q: What goes up and never comes down?

A: Your age.

Q: What has no beginning, end, or middle?

A: A doughnut.

Q: A man shaves many times during the day, but at the end of the day, he still has a beard. How is this possible?

A: The man is a barber.

Q: You can drop me from the tallest building, and I'll be fine. But if you drop me in the water, I die. What am I?

A: Paper.

A: Which letter of the alphabet has the most water?

Q: C

By Sincere Lockhart Patriot News Guest Writer



recommend all kids to go and see the movie Sonic 3. I enjoyed watching this mov-

ie, because it was interesting from the beginning to end.

It was filled with action. There was a big fight scene with Sonic and Shadow teaming up to stop Dr. Egg Man.

The movie introduced Dr. Egg Man's grandfather. He was more evil than Dr. Egg Man. who only wanted to rule the world. His grandfather wanted to destroy the world, even if it meant losing his life.

There were sad parts in the movie when Egg Man sacrificed his life. Shadow had flashbacks about Maria, who was his best friend. Someone shot an explosive in the building, causing Maria to die.

Sonic 3 Movie Review Tom, Sonic's friend, got punched by Shadow and had to go to the hospital. To

ter Shadow and had to go to the hospital. They I would thought Tom was going to die. Sonic got mad and wanted to take revenge on Shadend all ow.

Just like Shadow lost his best friend and wanted to get revenge, Sonic did the same. In his final speech, Egg Man said his friend, Stone, was a sicker friend. The moral of the story is that revenge will never win.

I am giving this move five stars.



FUNNY BONE



Why was the math book bummed? It had a lot of problems.

Why are basketball players messy eaters? They dribble all the time!

Why did the golfer wear two pairs of pants? In case he got a hole in one!





WE'RE OPINIONATED

Changes at School

By Zachary Anderson **STAFF WRITER**



I would like for the school to change the rules regarding cell phones.

We are told to put our cell phones in our lockers. If I refuse. teachers have a mental breakdown.

The school is always telling us to put into practice what we learn in drills.

What if I have to call 911? What if my mom is calling me for something very important?

If I'm on my phone in class, it's a distraction. If it's in my pocket, it's not a distraction.

What's the point of this rule? It's also very stupid that I can't use the bathroom during success.

I'm not trying to be rude, but I think the whole rule book needs to be changed.

Elementary School Sports

By Sincere Lockhart **PATRIOT GUEST WRITER**



I think it's unfair that school sports like football, basketball and soccer is not offered to elementary school students.

I attend United Oaks Elementary School. I know that all schools receive money from the government and state. Why isn't money being used to support sports?

Playing sports will allow students to get rid of stress, and it promotes healthy competition. We need to be

Playing sports is good for boosting energy and getting into shape.

"Sports teach you character, it teaches you to play by the rules, it teaches you to know what it feels like to win and lose – it teaches you about life," Billie Jean King said.

I play football at the Boys and Girls Club and N Zone. My mom has to pay a lot of money for me to play.

If the school offered sports, it would save my mom a lot of money.

Middle school and high schools have sports. Why not elementary schools?

We are students too and deserve the same treatment and opportunities.

Fighting in School

By Braylen Newman **STAFF WRITER**



In the Hazel Park Junior High School, there's been a lot of fighting in the past year. It could be because of pointless drama, or unnecessary conflict. It can even be friends fighting

because of drama.

According to the youth risk surveillance system, over 11% of middle school students have been reported in physical violence with each other on school grounds which is not okay.

"This is very expected that most of those students are getting suspended over fighting," Isis Akinseye said.

I think there should be better actions taken about school fight. A security guard or maybe even a teacher should take the fighters down to the office. Someone would handle it by either suspending or expelling them,

depending on the situation. The fine for fighting is \$300-\$500. I don't agree with the fine.

You see most parents don't have the money or might be in financial trouble

"It should be \$200 -4 00\$ instead," Jordyn Tubbs said.

But there could be another solution instead. There could be a room called an "assist room." If students are fighting, they will be taken there and an assistant could try and resolve the conflict between the two individuals.

Bailey Flaherty thinks it could be a good idea because "it can give students time to talk and cool off."

Even if people are stressed or are having a bad day, they can go there anytime like in the morning, at lunch, or at the end of the day.

Overall, this could be a good way to resolve fights or to calm down. Therapists do the same thing, but they cost money. I was thinking of an idea to have like a therapist inside of the school helping others to resolve con-

more competitive.

Things in the school that Frustrate Me

By Ja'nean Williams **STAFF WRITER**



One of the many things that makes me and many other people mad is how the school workers don't take things seriously.

If you report someone is bullying

you, they act like nothing is happening. They threaten you because they don't believe you or the many other people who are reporting the bully.

Another thing that makes me mad is how the bathrooms are always dirty.

There's trash in the toilets. One day I saw an apple inside the toilet.

One of the other things that makes me mad is how some of the students act. For example, some of the 6th graders are normal, but the other ones act as if they own the school. Some of them will even get mad at you if you ask them to be a little quiet.

But the biggest thing that makes me mad is how some of the students act like they have zero home training - running around the halls or talking about other's appearances to make their friends laugh just so they can fit in.

These things need to stop.

School Dress Code

By Ja'nean Williams STAFF WRITER



In my opinion, the school's dress code is annoying.

I understand not wanting kids to wear super short shorts and not letting your pants drag around on the

floor, but not being able to wear crops tops doesn't make any sense to me.

What if it's a super hot day? For example, last year when it got to spring, it started getting hotter and hotter outside. Girls can't wear crops tops, so it was way hotter for them.

This dress code makes little to no sense because nobody is going to follow the dress code anyway. I feel like we should be able to wear certain

That's my opinion, and many people have there own opinions. I respect

Tik Tok

By Aniyah Akinseye **STAFF WRITER**



I think it's a bad thing that Tik Tok is getting banned.

world has Tik Tok. It has gotten very famous throughout the years. People enjoy

watching it and love to make videos.

Tik Tok is another way for people to make money. They earn money from the number of people viewing their videos. If the government bans it,

some people will need to find other jobs. Finding a job is not easy some-

"Under the legislation, companies could be fined \$5,000 per user they At least 90% of the help access TikTok... if reportedly 170 million Americans use TikTok and companies could be charged \$5,000 per user, that amounts to about \$850 billion in fines spread across different types of tech companies," Jim Johnston, partner at law firm Davis+Gilbert

> I think the government shouldn't ban Tik Tok.

Why we should change the 75/25 grading scale

By Bailey Flaherty PATRIOT STAFF WRITER



The 75/25 grading rule is very unfair for some kids. I believe we should change it.

The 75/25 grading scale is 75% of your grade is your

score on tests, quizzes, and assessments. The other 25% is your class

I feel we should change this because some kids aren't good at taking tests. They will fail even if they know what they are doing. Some kids will have A's on all of their class work but will still receive a C because of a bad test. Kids can almost always retake it, but what if a kid wants to retake a test and are not allowed to or gets a bad grade on that too?

There are lots of other good grading scales like 50/50 or 45/55 (55 being the class work) because at this point the class work is barely helping people pass.

I feel this is a stupid way of grading. I understand it's a district thing, but we should try to change it because it's unfair. About 25-60% of kids across America are bad test takers. If that were the kids in this school, more than

half would most likely get a C-E. If those kids were in algebra, they would be switched out because of poor grades. An A or C grade is the most you can get in that class. As much as 30% starting from 6th grade perform poorly math in the US. I'm not saying that every person who's bad at test taking are bad at math. I know someone who is good with math but when it's on paper they forget it. I know people who are failing Social Studies and Math because of a test taken recently or from the start of this quarter. How ever, they understand the basics of these subjects. About 61% of teenagers that are aged 13-17 are stressed and struggling with school. This grading scale will bring kids more stress and harm them greatly mentally and emotionally. I've seen students break down after receiving a bad grade on a test, stressing if they did bad or not. Their parents are on their back about the grades their child is receiving.

Nearly 75% of kids are unhappy or upset with school. This grading scale can leave students frustrated or sleep deprived even studying for test or quizzes. Around 20% of kids stay awake studying for tests. This could lead to kids sleeping in other classrooms and getting in trouble. This is why I feel we should change our grading scale to something more practical and fair for all students.



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