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BLACK HISTORY MONTH



Trivia Contest

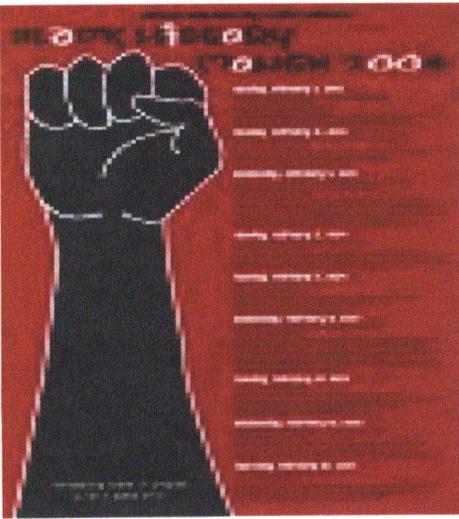
This year the reigning champs Grace Cottage met their match. The boys at Snowden Cottage were suppose to be the underdogs in this competition, also doubted by some, mainly Ms. Banks. She swore up and down that the boys at Snows didn't study. What Ms. Banks didn't know was that the boys studied night and day and gave each other quizzes on the packets they had to study. Snowden had Gene M., Jerimy T., Kyle B., Eric M., and Domingo R. representing the Cottage with Jerimy T. as the team captain. Grace had Ruth S., W., and Amanda their cottage with team captain try-ladies to a major victory over the boys. However, Gene M. saved the day by answering the tie breaker before Mrs. Katz had the chance to read the whole question. Thanks to Gene M & company, Snowden put a stop to the girls and prevented them from winning the competition for the third year in a row. But, other than that it was all fun and games and we enjoyed ourselves. We thank the staff for giving us the privilege to compete in the trivia contest this year.



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New Things Happening Here

There's plenty of new things happening here at Snowden. First off, Our cottage is getting repainted to bring some color to our eyes as well as bring some youthfulness to the building. We also have a new program coming to our cottage called, "Each One Teach One". This program is designed to teach our residents about sexual education, mainly safe sex, the different types of STDS and how to identify when you have one. We also have a program called Media Matters. This program helps students give back to the community by letting students make videos of PSA (Public Service Announcements).

Domingo

Negro League Baseball

By: Tevan P

On February 12, 2009 RON WHITTINGTON came to Snowden Cottage to tell about some people from the Negro Baseball League. He also brought jerseys from the following teams the Baltimore Black Sox, Dodgers, Yankees, the Grays and the Elite Giants. He also brought pictures of some of the people that used to play in the Negro baseball league. We also got information that Jackie Robinson was not the first black person to enter the baseball league it was Moses and Welday Walker. Ron Whittington also gave information about Judy Johnson. Judy Johnson was born on October 26, 1899 in Snow Hill, MD and he died on June 15 1989 in Wilmington DE. From 1918 to 1937, he was a third baseman. He weighed 150lbs and his height was 5' 11". Judy Johnson played for many teams like the Bacharach Giants, Hilldale, Homestead Grays and the Pittsburgh Crawfords. In 1935, Judy Johnson became the captain of the Crawfords and joined the Hall of Famer Satchel Paige, Josh Gibson, Cool Papa Bell and Oscar Charleston on the most powerful club in the Negro League history. In his fifth season with the Crawfords, he consistently turned in a .300+ batting average while contributing his legendary defensive skills. Rudy Johnson was elected to the national baseball hall of fame in 1975. Me and the residents at Snowden Cottage would like to thank RON WHITTINGTON for coming in and teaching us about what baseball was like in the Negro League.

Cherish

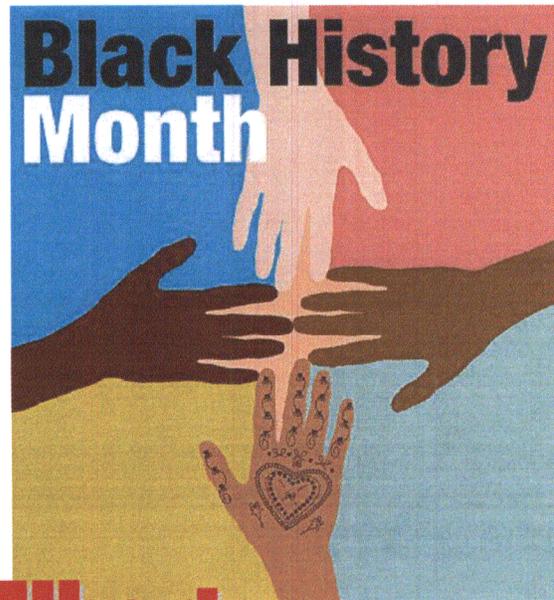
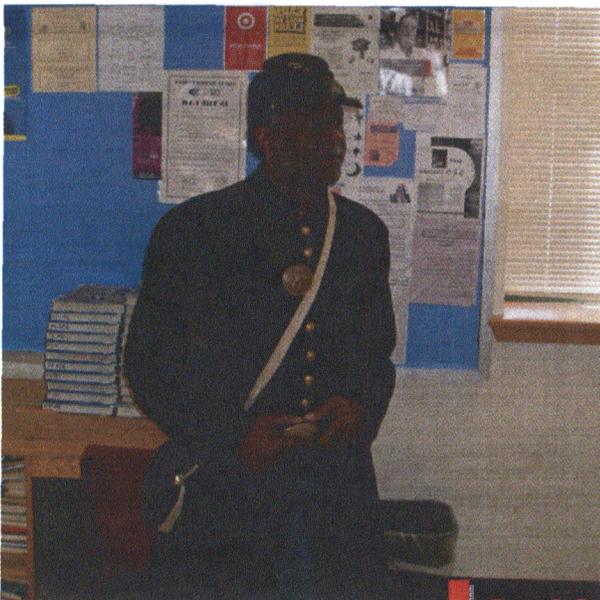
The reason why we should cherish Black History Month is because there are many privileges that we would not have in this world today without these great historic people. One main person that we all should know changed a lot in this world. That special person is Martin Luther King Jr. Dr. King is known for his famous speech "I Have a Dream". It all started January 15, 1929 when he was born in Atlanta, Georgia. In the year 1948 he graduated from Morehouse College. Five years later, he married a woman named Coretta Scott. In 1955, he earned a doctoral degree. In 1956, a tragic incident happened when his house was bombed. In 1958, Dr. King had published his first book called "Stride Toward Freedom". In this special year 1963, Dr. King gave his famous "I Have a Dream" speech at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C. One year later, he was awarded a Noble Peace Prize. In 1968, our soul survivor was assassinated in Memphis, Tennessee. Twenty two years later, Martin Luther King Jr. Day is declared a national holiday in the U.S. So I am saying that without him to lead the way, blacks and whites would not be able to get along with each other as they do now. Another thing without Dr. King and others taking on a battle and fighting for our rights we would not have a **BLACK** person for our 44th president.

By: Agmere

Life Without It!!!!

By: Domingo

Wow! Could you imagine how much harder life would be if we didn't have our black inventors. Let's see, first it would take more time to do things and it would be more hazardous. But thanks to Ms. Sarah Boone, who invented the ironing board, we don't have those problems. Thanks to Jan E. Matzlinger a black man, our shoes have better quality because he invented the shoe lasting machine. Our hair would be left ungroomed because Walter Sammons invented the comb. Lydia O. Newman invented the brush and Madam C. Walker invented the perm and other hair care products. Not only that, who knows how dirty our homes would be without Lloyd P. Ray because he invented the dust pan, or Thomas W. Stewart who invented the mop. We wouldn't be able to wear our clothes instantly if it wasn't for the clothes dryer, invented by George T. Samon. The way we write wouldn't be possible without John Love who invented the pencil sharpener or William Purvis the inventor of the fountain Pen. Lee Burrige invented the typewriting machine and W.A. Lovette invented the advanced printing press. How would we ever be able to have a nice looking lawn without the lawn mower invented by John Burr. Our cars wouldn't be so awesome without the automatic gearshift invented by Richard Spikes, and the supercharged system for internal combustion engines invented by Joseph Gammel. We would have more cars smashed up and people dead if Garret A. Morgan didn't invent the traffic light. So next time you use one of these objects think about what your life would be like without its inventor, and be thankful.



James Elbert

On February 23, 2009, Willis Phelps, a chairman of the friends of the African Union Church Cemetery, came in and talked to the boys at Snowden Cottage about James Elbert a U.S. Colored Troop. On September 26, 1863 at the age of 24 James Elbert joined the U.S. Colored Troops. Dr. David Orr. Regional Archaeologist Reported ones in the newspaper that Elbert joined as a substitute for a white man. The highest amount of money they might make is a \$ 100 for going to war. Willis Phelps brought with him a lot of stuff like a Musket, a uniform like they wore in the war back in the day, and pictures. The pictures he brought were pictures of him at James Elbert's grave and pictures of him in live action at his other shows. During his show he used people from Snowden Cottage to play some of the people roles from back in the day. Jeremy played a judge, Kyle played a lieutenant, and Mrs. Katz played the angel of mercy. We would like to thank Mr. Willis Phelps for taking his time out of the day to come to Snowden Cottage and telling us about James Elbert. **By:Tevan**

Snowden Art Gallery

Work by Jaquan

