



Recognition of Black History Month

WCPSS Board of Education

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Black History Month 2021

The History of Black History Month

- The story of Black History Month began 105 years ago (1915) with the founding of the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History (ASNLH)
- Brainchild of noted historian and educator Carter G. Woodson
- 2021 Theme: The Black Family: Representation, Identity, and Diversity (<https://asalh.org/festival>)



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WCPSS Commitment to Racial Equity

- **Past:** Video History of WCPSS: Desegregation and Integration - how and why we became the school system we are today. (<https://youtu.be/fxgkPYUPsCc>)
- **Present:** Racial Equity Resources (<https://bit.ly/37iK5Fp>)
- **Future:** WCPSS Racial Equity Statement (<http://bit.ly/3qUym8y>)



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The Work and Commitment Continues

- The Academics Department and OEA provide culturally responsive resources to WCPSS educators year round.
- Recently established a cross-departmental team to coordinate and deepen our celebration, recognition, and study of diversity, equity, and inclusion in schools.
- Students will highlight Black History Month at the Board's February 16th Meeting.