



# Eagle Eye News

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## United We Soar!

**“IF YOU  
KNOW WHENCE  
YOU CAME,  
THERE IS REALLY  
NO LIMIT TO  
WHERE  
YOU CAN GO.”**

— JAMES BALDWIN

### A Message From The Principal:

*Psalm 78:4 - “We will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, his power, and the wonders he has done.”*

As we observe Black History Month, we do so during an especially meaningful season—our 100th year. This moment calls us to reflect on a rich legacy shaped by faith, perseverance, and vision. For generations, Black leaders, educators, and families have carried hope forward, often in the face of challenge, trusting God to guide each step. Their stories remind us that progress is built through courage, sacrifice, and unwavering faith.

This centennial year is more than a celebration of time passed; it is a testimony to God’s faithfulness across generations. Those who came before us laid strong foundations rooted in faith, education, and service. As we honor their legacy, we are reminded that history is not only something we remember—it is something we continue to write through our choices, values, and commitment to excellence.

As we celebrate Black History Month, may we do so with gratitude for the past and hope for the future. Let us continue to tell the story, pass on the lessons, and build a legacy worthy of the next generation—confident that God, who has sustained us for a century, will continue to lead us forward.

Blessings,  
Ms. Ellis 

### CALENDAR

#### February



**6 Fashion Friday - rep an HBCU  
(or any college/university)**

6 Friday pizza

**13 Noon dismissal - no pizza/after school**

**16 President’s Day - SCHOOL CLOSED**

19 Open House

**20 Noon dismissal - no pizza/after school**

**26 Excel’s BHM Living Museum, 6pm**

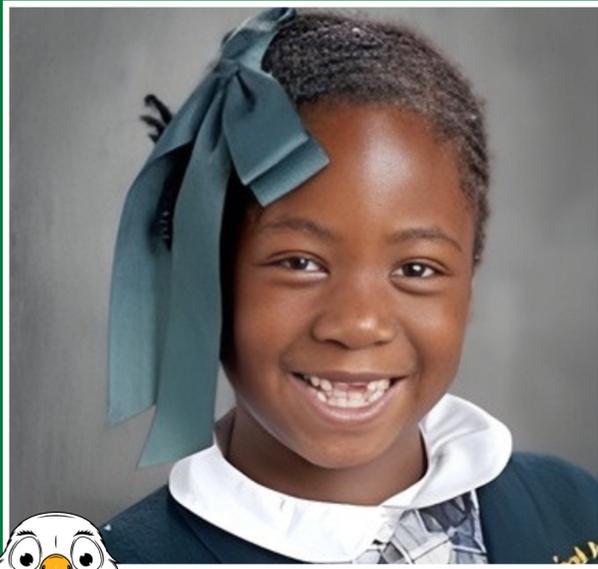
## BLACK HISTORY MONTH

# 100



*A Century of Black History Month Commemorations*

# Meet our **EXCEL**lent Eagles!



**Zari**  
1<sup>st</sup> grade



**Q: What's your favorite Bible story?**

**A: The story with Abraham and Sarah.**



**Q: What about school excites you the most?**

**A: I don't know...I am excited about everything!**

**Q: If you had to travel somewhere far away, would you rather drive there in a car or fly in an airplane?**

**A: Fly. I love flying!**



**Q: Do you have a favorite Bible text?**

**A: Yes, John 3:16.**



**Q: Would you rather talk on the phone or watch TV?**

**A: I'd rather talk on the phone.**

**Q: Where is your dream vacation destination?**

**A: Paris!**



**Jahnell**  
7<sup>th</sup> grade





## The Joy of Work

"I'm outta here!" Micah dunked an old cleaning rag in the trash can and ran into the house.

Calvin looked around at his half of the garage, then at the other half that had been Micah's responsibility to clean. What a difference! He knew Micah had worked a lot harder than he had. Now Micah was finished and could go to the ball game. Calvin scowled. He hated cleaning the garage!

By the time Calvin finished, the game had been going for an hour. "I'm done!" he called to his mother as he entered the house. "Will you take me to school so I can see the rest of the game?"

"No, Calvin. You should have been ready when I took Micah. I'm cooking dinner now."

Calvin sighed. "What are you making?"

"Chicken tacos and lemon-garlic potatoes," Mom replied.

"Yum!" Calvin's mouth watered as he thought about biting into a taco. "You make the best food. You must love to cook."

Mom shrugged. "Not always—it can be hard, messy work sometimes. But I do it because I want to provide you and Micah and Dad with healthy food that you enjoy."

Calvin was surprised. "I sure wouldn't do all that work if I didn't have to!"

"Calvin," Mom said, "did you know that work is part of God's loving plan for us?"

"No," Calvin muttered. "I kind of figured work was more like God's way of punishing us."

Mom shook her head. "Work is a good thing. The first thing God did after He created Adam and Eve was give them work to do. It was the curse of sin that made work difficult, but that doesn't mean we can't find joy and satisfaction in our work."

"How do we do that?" asked Calvin.

"By remembering that God has done the most important work of all. Jesus saved us by dying for our sins, and God is working in our lives to make us more like Him—and that means the work we do is important. He uses it to help us learn and grow and show others who He is."

"He does?" Calvin smiled. "I guess work isn't so bad after all."

"I'm glad to hear you say that." Mom handed him a bowl. "Because I could really use some help peeling potatoes!"  
—Agnes Livezey

### **How about you?**

Do you hate work? Do you complain about it or avoid doing it? God created work to be a good thing, but when sin entered the world, work became difficult. The good news is that because Jesus did the most difficult work of all—dying for our sins—we can find joy in our work. Even when you have to do things that seem boring or unimportant, do them for Jesus, knowing He'll use your efforts for good.

Whatever you do, do it from the heart, as something done for the Lord and not for people.  
Colossians 3:23

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Samuel - 1/30

Elijah - 1/30

Deborah - 1/30

Jewels - 2/1

Paris - 2/24



## RIDDLE OF THE WEEK

What has words  
but never speaks?

Answer: A book!

