



Building Blocks Learning Academy's Newsletter

Building Blocks Celebrates Black History

This month, we celebrate 100 years of legacy and history with the 100th anniversary of Black History Month. Our students will share what they've learned, and we come together to celebrate culture, history, and community.

Our students will showcase our legacy, past, present and future. They worked diligently to produce an event that teaches them the impact and positive changes lead by black role models in history.

We look forward to celebrating with everyone again this month at the **Harold Washington Cultural Center!** We will be honoring special guests, providing light refreshments, and have trivia and giveaways.

We look forward to seeing you, our children are working very hard. And we appreciate your support as we celebrate black history.

Date: Friday, February 27th, 2026

Reception: 5 PM

Program: 6:16 PM

Location: Harold Washington Cultural Center

4701 S Martin Luther King Dr.



~ Leading with Love this February ~

February is Black History Month

Black History Month began in 1926 as "Negro History Week," when historian Carter G. Woodson established a special week to recognize the history and accomplishments of Black Americans. Woodson chose February to align with the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass, two figures closely tied to Black history. Over time, this observance grew in importance and was expanded to a month-long celebration in 1976.

Today, Black History Month is observed every February as a time to honor the lasting contributions of Black individuals and communities throughout history. It is celebrated through education, storytelling, cultural events, and reflection on the impact Black leaders, innovators, and everyday heroes have made in shaping our society. Looking ahead, Black History Month continues to serve as a reminder of the importance of preserving history, uplifting diverse voices, and inspiring future generations to learn, lead, and create positive change year-round.



Valentines Day

Observed each year on February 14, Valentine's Day is a celebration of love, connection, and appreciation shared among family, friends, and loved ones.

Each classroom will enjoy their own unique Valentine's Day activities all week long, leading up to a party at the end of the week.

We also encourage everyone to participate and dress up in your favorite shade of Pink on Thursday, and your favorite Valentine's outfit for Friday.



President's Day

Originally established to recognize the birthdays of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln, the holiday has grown to celebrate the contributions and legacy of all U.S. presidents. Presidents' Day offers a moment to reflect on the nation's history, leadership, and the values that have helped shape our country, while encouraging appreciation for the responsibilities and impact of public service.

Building Blocks is scheduled to **close** in observance of President's Day, Monday, February 16th, 2026



SCHOOLHOUSE REMINDERS

- ◆ The colder season is still here! Please bring a sweater and jacket for your child/ren to use on the playground.
- ◆ All students **MUST** be dropped off by **9AM** and **MUST** be picked up by no later than **6PM**. Staying on schedule helps our teachers keep their students on track with their day for maximum productivity.
- ◆ If you are running late for drop off (**anytime after 9AM**), please call the school to let us know your ETA—we want to ensure every child is receiving breakfast.
- ◆ Please ensure that your child/ren have at least three pairs of clothing for accidents, diapers, wipes and formula (if it applies).
- ◆ Please ensure that all phone numbers and addresses are current, so families can be contacted in the case of an emergency.
- ◆ If your child is sick, please ensure you have a doctor's note specifying when they can return to school.

A MONTH OF LOVE, LEARNING & HISTORY

Important Dates

February 1st: Tuition is Due

February 6th: Tuition is Late - \$25 Fee Assessed

February 12th: Parent Meeting Night (5-6PM)

February 12th: PINK Day! Wear your favorite shade of Pink

February 13th: Valentine's Day Eve—Come in your favorite Valentine's Day outfit

February 16th: President's Day—School Closed

February 23rd - February 26th: Report Card Pick Up Week

February 27th: Black History Program

HEADS UP!

Parent Teacher Conferences/
Report Card Pickup is here!

Please plan to meet with your child's teacher the last week of February, starting Monday the 23rd. You may also follow up with our Education Coordinator, Ms. Brittan, for any concerns or questions you may have about their development.

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Showing love to one of our more newly hired teammates this month. **Ms. Takenyah** has effortlessly won the hearts of our children and shows outstanding team effort. Your confidence and kindness truly is compelling. Thank you for being a part of our team, **Ms. Takenyah**.



School Matters!

Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

We want to remind you how important your role is in helping our future leaders succeed. Regular school attendance is one of the most critical factors in a student's academic success and overall development.

When students attend school consistently, they build strong routines, stay engaged with their learning, and form valuable relationships with their peers and teachers. Every day in the classroom is a step toward a brighter future.

Let's work together to make sure our children are present, prepared, and ready to grow.

Your support makes all the difference!

Thank you for being a vital part of our school community.



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