



District 97 Celebrations

February 2024





Celebrating Black History Month



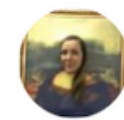
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Black History Month Read-Ins begin today in the Irving Library. Thank you to [@oakparklibrary](#) for sharing African artifacts with us. [#BHM](#) [#WeAreD97](#) [#libraries97](#) [#irving97](#)



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Michaela Ruff
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Students were SO excited to see the unveiling of their incredible [#BlackHistoryMonth](#) art projects. 3rd grade [#HatchTigers](#) worked collaboratively to research about a famous artist & recreated one of their paintings. Our [#oakpark97](#) students are loving learning about these artists.



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The legacy of Black excellence is an integral part of world history and Oak Park history too. Let's take the opportunity February offers to learn about and to celebrate the contributions the Black community has made and continues to make to our world.

*1. **VISIT!** Go to the Oak Park Public Library and visit the Idea Box where this month's exhibit is the Percy Julian Legacy Museum and highlights the life and contributions of the amazing scientist after whom one of our middle schools is named.*

*2. **SNAP!** While you are there, snap a picture of something in the museum that finishes this sentence: "I'm proud to live in Percy Julian's Oak Park because..."*

*3. **SHARE!** Send your picture and your sentence to me on Let's Talk. We will look for ways to broadcast your ideas through our D97 communication channels!*



Black History Month



VISIT



SNAP



SHARE

Celebrating Black Excellence

Hatch Music Department Receives National Recognition

The Hatch Elementary School Steel Band and music department received national recognition this month through an Advocacy in Action award, presented by Music for All. The school's music teacher, Evan Jacobson, received the Elementary Excellence award for the exceptional programming and strategies of the Steel Band and music department.

Advocacy in Action is a signature program of Music for All designed to collect, recognize, and share effective practices and initiatives that support music education.

