

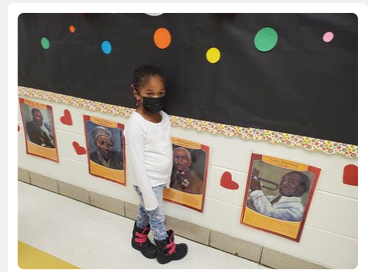
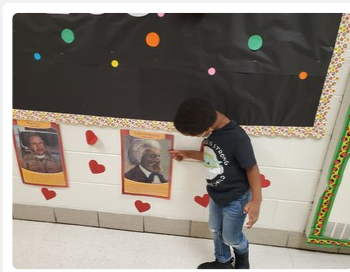
# Algonquin Parent Newsletter

February, 2022

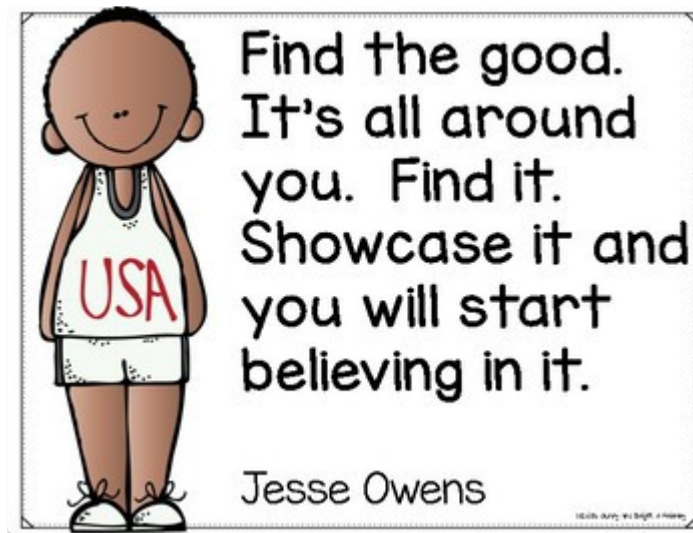
## The Algonquin Way

*The educators at Algonquin will actively commit to creating a stimulating, language-rich classroom environment that is developmentally appropriate, implements best practices, and is differentiated to meet the needs of every student. The classroom will capture the individuality of the whole child, encourage students' curiosity and creativity, and prepare them for future success.*

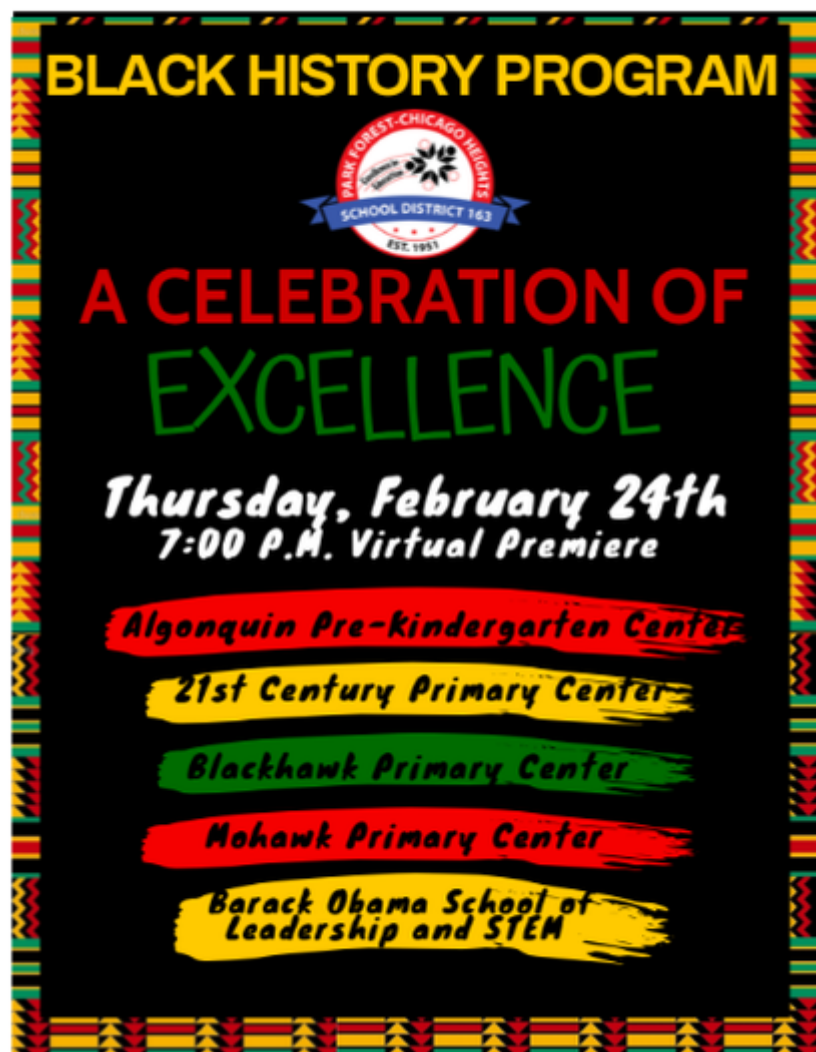
## Inquiring minds are questioning!!!



Black History Month begins Tuesday and gives educators a salient opportunity to celebrate the contributions of African Americans to our nation's past, present, and future. From the arts to the sciences, to the progress our country has made toward building an equitable society, African Americans have overcome tremendous obstacles to chart some of our country's most significant advancements.



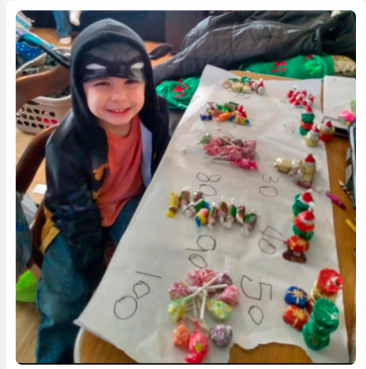
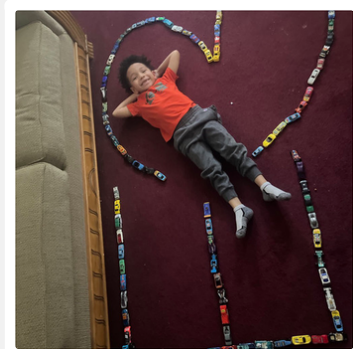
**Save the Date!!!!**



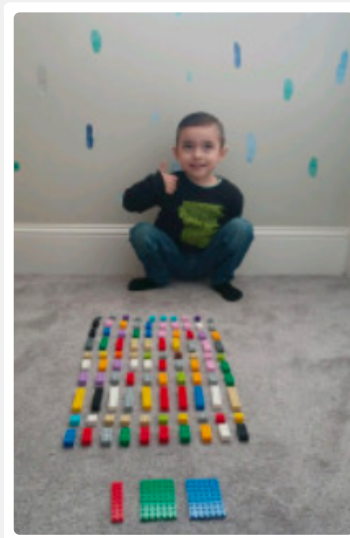
**February 15th All students please wear All black to school for our program recording.**



**Celebrating Learning: It's the 100th Day of School!!!!**







## 5 Essentials Survey

### WHAT IS THE 5 ESSENTIALS SURVEY?

The 5Essentials Survey identifies five indicators that lead to improved outcomes for all students, including improved attendance and larger test score gains.

The five indicators that positively affect school success are:

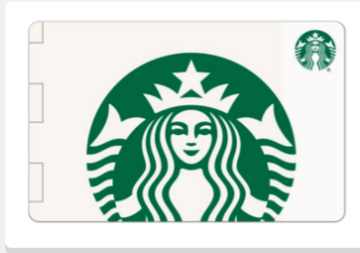
1. Effective Leaders
2. Collaborative Teachers
3. Involved Families
4. Supportive Environments
5. Ambitious Instruction

The 5Essentials Survey usually requires no more than 20-30 minutes to complete. The information collected through the survey is rigorously reviewed and analyzed to generate a 5Essentials Report for each school. The 5Essentials Report provides a comprehensive picture of the school environment based on five essential areas critical for school improvement in a meaningful context of similar and successful schools.

Parents we need your help!!!! We need our Algonquin parents to take the survey. In fact, after you take the survey, at the end of the survey, the final screen will say, "Thank you for taking the survey". Please take a picture of that screen and send it to your child's homeroom teacher. We will begin weekly raffles for parents who complete the survey. We have gift cards to Walmart, Starbucks, and Olive Garden chains. We will give away one gift card a week for the next 6 weeks. Only one gift card winner per

family. Once your child's teacher receives that picture, your child's teacher will put your name in our raffle box. Check class dojo weekly for our weekly winners.

We would like the survey completed by February 25th To take the survey please visit <https://survey.5-essentials.org/Illinois/> and select the appropriate survey to begin.



## Important Dates

- 2/1 Early Release--Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 2/8 Virtual Early Childhood Network (6:30 p.m.)
- 2/14 Happy Valentine's Day (feel free to send candy and cards for children to share)
- 2/18 Preschool Screenings
- 2/21 No School
- 2/25 Family Playgroup



## Parent Lending Library

Exciting news!!!! Our Parent Educators; Ms. Jordan & Ms. White will be hosting lending library checkouts twice a week from 2:00 p.m.-2:45 p.m. The lending library serve as a place for families to borrow books, games, and activities to support families in extending learning beyond the school day. Algonquin's lending library also has essentials that are free for the taking, such as baby pampers and other essentials (while supplies last). Please watch class dojo for more specific days.

## Community Connections

January's Early Childhood Network featured at home learning opportunities for students and our guest speaker was from Prairie State College. If you were not able to attend the meeting but are interested in the activities, please follow the google link below and check class dojo for Ms. Jordan's flyers for the free courses offered at Prairie State College.

[https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1LRsNGigZq9PBFGfnx8ceq5SA2gQRBLDgwsh0lwirbVs/edit#slide=id.gc6f90357f\\_0\\_0](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1LRsNGigZq9PBFGfnx8ceq5SA2gQRBLDgwsh0lwirbVs/edit#slide=id.gc6f90357f_0_0)

# At-Home Interactive & Learning Activities for Preschoolers



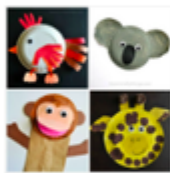
Algonquin Parent Educators:  
Brittany Jordan & Mariah White

## Arts & Crafts

Monday:



Tuesday:



Wednesday:



- Monday: **DIY Binoculars**
  - Click on link for further instructions:  
<https://www.artbarblog.com/bird-finder-binoculars/?m>
- Tuesday: **Paper Plate Animals**
  - Click on link for further instructions:  
[https://iheartcraftythings.com/20-paper-plate-animal-crafts-for-kids.html#a5y\\_p=4330203](https://iheartcraftythings.com/20-paper-plate-animal-crafts-for-kids.html#a5y_p=4330203)
- Wednesday: **Letter of the Week**
  - Click on link for further instructions:  
<https://crystalandcomp.com/letter-of-the-week-crafts-for-preschoolers/>

# Music & Movement

- **Monday: Shake Your Sillies Out**  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NwT5oX\\_mqS0&list=RbQMOfhjMkrvJOg&sta](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NwT5oX_mqS0&list=RbQMOfhjMkrvJOg&sta)
- **Tuesday: Freeze Dance**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2UcZWXvgMZE>
- **Wednesday: Yoga Time**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YKmrB2Z3g2s>
- **Thursday: I Can Move My Body Like Anything**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oLaJ4jyKBUY>
- **Friday: Get Up To Get Down**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GMNShla7jqM>

