



BLACK HISTORY IS

● Celebrating
● Freedom,
● Equality, Equity,
● Diversity, and
● Pride

Black History Month is a time to honor the accomplishments, legacies, and impact of Black people throughout history. It is also a time to cherish today's Black culture and leaders.

In honor of Black History Month, the students and staff of Natchitoches Junior High School held a door decorating contest. All door decorations were viewed, and winners were selected based on creativity, student participation, and storytelling. A total of 28 doors were illustrated as judges transitioned throughout the building.



The door decoration was a huge success! Students from all over the school worked with their WIN homerooms to brainstorm and reflect on leadership, history, and progress as they worked with their peers to design doors with famous figures such as Nat Turner, Rudy Bridges, Malcolm X, Maya Angelou, and more! "Our class worked very hard on our door decorations. We are excited to display our work!", 7th-grade English teacher Mrs. Theus shared.

The inspirations for the doors must fit into three categories: creativity, storytelling, and student participation. Our guest judges included Mayor Williams, Superintendent Eloi, Principal Bernard, Deputy Woodard, School Board President Phelps, and school board members Beverly Broadway and Rhonda Guidroz. Dr. Eloi shared, "Representation is important. Students have to see themselves in the men and women who have helped make America what it is today. NJH's celebration was a beautiful example of celebrating diversity and showing students who they can be."

"It is beautiful seeing the display of historical Black excellence and heritage throughout the building," Principal Bernard said. The goal was to highlight Black historical figures and showcase the power in both narrating histories and to celebrate cultures that inspire the next generation of makers. Natchitoches Junior High School teachers have pulled out all the stops to ensure their classes are observing the month-long holiday from the moment their students approach the door!



