February is Black History Month!
Below are some interesting facts about black history...

The media made the Black Panthers notorious for their Afros, dark apparel, and willingness for armed self-defense, but their manifesto for change launched programs that benefited Black communities nationwide, like free dental care, breakfast for low-income children, even drama classes.

In 1967, Robert H. Lawrence, Jr. became the first African-American to be trained as an astronaut. He unfortunately died in a plane crash during flight training before he could be sent on his first space mission. Sixteen years later, Guion "Guy" Bluford carried on Lawrence’s legacy by becoming the first Black man in space.

Langston Hughes’ daddy discouraged him from being a writer and only agreed to pay for his college education if he studied engineering.

Barack Obama is a lot of firsts, but he’s also a Grammy award winner. His audio books, Dreams from My Father and The Audacity of Hope, won Best Spoken Word Album in 2008.

After retiring from baseball, Jackie Robinson helped establish the African-American owned and controlled Freedom Bank.

Athletes John Carlos and Tommie Smith made history — and headlines — when they raised their black-gloved fists on the awards stand at the 1968 Olympics. Both also wore Black socks and no shoes on the podium, representing Black poverty in America.

Dayton’s Bluff School Mission Statement

AT DAYTON’S BLUFF ACHIEVEMENT PLUS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, STUDENTS, STAFF, PARENTS AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS WORK TOGETHER TO CREATE A CARING COMMUNITY OF LEARNERS THAT CALL DIVERSITY, PRODUCE HIGH STANDARDS OF ACHIEVEMENT FOR ALL STUDENTS, PRACTICE ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP, AND PREPARE A FOUNDATION FOR FUTURE SUCCESS.

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News from Our School Librarian, Ms. Salt

Students come to the library center with their class once a week for 50 minutes. Because Dayton's Bluff now has a licensed library media specialist, that time includes standards-based instruction, book selection and checkout. The learning targets fall under one of four categories: library skills, reading, creative inquiry and research. We aim to make learning as relevant and personal as possible and to develop a lifelong love of reading and learning.

One of the special features of the St. Paul library media program is our connection to the public library. Each student has been issued a “Library Go” card and can use it for finding books, researching topics and getting free homework help. Encourage them to go to the virtual library, https://www.spps.org/virtuallibrary, to begin using the tools. And, if you can, take a trip to the public library where they can find a huge selection of books we may not have at Dayton’s Bluff.

Our physical space is becoming a place where students can get the resources and learning areas they need. One of the special additions to our easy fiction book area is stools made by Ms. Salt’s father. Students may use one of the 10 stools made by Mr. Burdick to explore books on each shelf.

School Contact Information

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Office Hours
7:00-3:00

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State of the School Update

State of the School Update - Are you wondering how Dayton’s Bluff is doing? Do you know what our goals are? Have you ever heard of our School Continuous Improvement Plan (SCIP)? Please come and learn more about how the school is doing. We all need to work together to be the best school we can be and parents are an important part of our journey. Please consider coming to one of the following meetings: January 30th at 12:30 pm or February 27 at 8:00 am. Please call Cindy at 651-774-6096 with questions.

Partner Information

Need dental care for your child? Children’s Dental Services visits Dayton’s Bluff frequently. For more information contact Cindy at 651-744-6096 or email at cindy.torguson@spps.org

Did you know the Family Center can help with food, clothing, rent, heat assistance and more? You can stop by the Family Center to discuss any assistance that you need, whether it is help with your monthly expenses like rent or utilities, or assistance with clothing, diapers, or food. Feel free to also just stop by to say hello.

Office hours are: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 7:30 AM – 4:00 PM.

To reach Greta at the Eastside Family Center, please call 651-290-7071.