This month, we will commemorate the birthday of Booker Taliaferro Washington, an educator, author & orator. Born into slavery on April 5, 1856, he was educated at Wayland Seminary & Hampton Normal & Agricultural Institute (now Hampton University). Washington is most noted for the “Self-Improvement” philosophy as well as building one of the greatest Black institutions in the world, Tuskegee Normal & Industrial Institute in Tuskegee, Alabama. In 1881, Tuskegee Institute (now a University) became famous as a model of Vocational Education. At the age of 59, Washington died November 14, 1915 in his home at Tuskegee Institute.

On April 4th we will commemorate the birthday of a recent ancestor & role model Dr. Maya Angelou. She was a great author, poet, historian, actress, educator Civil Rights activist, screenplay writer, producer, and director. She died May 8, 2014 at the age of 87. At the time of her death, Dr. Angelou was a Reynolds Professor of American Studies at Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.
We will celebrate the birthday of our present day Shero Cathy Hughes who was born April 22, 1947 in Omaha, Neb. She is a Media Mogul, radio & TV personality, and business executive. The first African-American woman to head a publicly traded company, her Washington, DC-based Radio One has 53 radio stations in 16 urban markets. In January 2004, Radio One launched TV One, a national cable and satellite television network for African American adults.

OUR ROOTS BIRTHDAYS:


Our Birthday party will be held on Friday, April 26th at 2:30pm.

HEAR YE! HEAR YE!

* Please Post on Personal Bulletin Board

* Friday, April 5th - Grades K-5 will participate in an Interactive Science Program in the Multi-Purpose Room.

* Friday, April 12th – K-1 - PUMP IT UP!

* Reminder: Box Tops: Please turn in your Box Tops before the deadline - April 15th.

* Pre-Primary- PUMP IT UP! Thursday, April 25th

* The PAC Meeting will be Thursday, April 25th at 6:30pm. Remember, all committee Chairpersons or designees should be present and prepared to make a report. **Dinner Will Be Provided**

PARCC TESTING Will Take Place: Monday, May 6th – May 24th.

3rd-5th grade students should arrive promptly at 8:30am!
UPCOMING EVENTS

■ SPIRIT WEEK - April 8-12:
  Monday - Pajamas Day
  Tuesday - Twin Day
  Wednesday - Black Panther/ Africa Forever! Day
  Thursday - Inside Out Day
  Friday - Crazy Sock/Hat Day

■ Picture Day: May 15th (Pre-Primary) & (K-5th) May 22nd & Make-up Date

■ Malcolm X Oratorical Contest - Friday, May 17th

Monday, April 15th
SCHOOL is CLOSED!
for
SPRING VACATION
School Re-opens: Tuesday, April 23, 2019

Sex Education Month!

During the month of April, students participate in the annual spring Instructional Sex Education Program. We will help the children: (1) Learn the correct names for parts of the body, (2) the elimination processes and reproduction terms, (3) Learn effective ways to handle people who approach them with sexual advances/actions or offer incorrect information and (4) Learn responsible attitudes & behavior regarding Human Sexuality. Parents are encouraged to review our curriculum and sit-in or volunteer with the classes.
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“Excellence is to do a common thing in an uncommon way”.

Booker T. Washington

“If you don’t like something, change it. If you can’t change it, change your attitude”.

Maya Angelou

“Behind every beautiful thing, there is some kind of pain.”

Cathy Hughes