



# NEWS RELEASE

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## **Gwinnett schools celebrate Black History Month**

February is Black History Month and Gwinnett County Public Schools (GCPS) is marking the occasion in schools around the county. School-to-school plans vary but you are sure to see decorated classrooms and hallways, a variety of events and celebrations, and students engaged in Black History Month-related activities that are in line with the school district's Academic Knowledge and Skills (AKS) curriculum.

Below you will find Black History Month activities submitted by schools. The list is organized by school. For more information about an event or activity listed below or at any school, contact the school directly.

### Alcova ES

**Event: Black History Poetry Contest breakfast**

**When:** Tuesday, February 27, 8:00 a.m.

**About:** Black History Poetry Contest breakfast for students that wrote an original poem relative to the following theme: What African American person or group inspires you to make history yourself and how? Two additional performances will commence our Black History Celebration during the breakfast inclusive of a short performance by our Step Team and a song tribute by a quintet.

### Pinckneyville Middle School

**Event: Black History Month Program**

**When:** Tuesday, February 27, 6:30 p.m.

**About:** The event will feature more than 50 students participating in a spoken-word, music and dance, and lessons from historical figures production. It will focus on the idea that Black History calls each of us to be our brother's keeper and to celebrate the influence and impact our own Black History has had in crafting our modern-day culture and society.

### Brookwood HS

**Event: Mock Museum**

**When:** Tuesday, February 20th

**About:** School will have a mock museum that focuses on how African Americans have shaped American history in the 20th century. Each exhibit will focus on the

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following 20th century historic periods: WWI, 1920s, WWII, and the Civil Rights Movement. Rho Kappa (Social Studies Honor Society) members are creating the exhibits and they are also using materials from 'trunks' that were acquired from the Atlanta History Center. Also, Rho Kappa members will act as curators and/or docents for the exhibits guiding students who are visiting during their class period. Students who visit with their classes will have a class activity that they will complete related to the exhibits which will either be completed at the end of the tour, or once they return to their class.

### **Discovery HS**

#### **Event: Art Show**

**When:** Tuesday, February 6, to March 6

**About:** Art students will feature a collection of art pieces from the past 2 years' related to Black History Month at the Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center all month long

#### **Event: 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual BE BOLD Living Museum and Program**

**When:** Saturday, February 24,

**About:** Students will bring "BOLD" characters to life through monologue, art, poetry, song, acting, and dance in a one of a kind LIVING MUSEUM. The event will include community partners such as: Kennesaw State University Traveling Trunk Exhibits, Jennifer Griffin & Dr. Karen Hutchinson of Gwinnett Medical Hospital, Xavier Lewis, The Divine 9 (Greek Letter Organizations), [Creative Soul Photography](#), [Gwinnett Public Library Systems](#), Gwinnett County Public Schools Book Mobile, Gwinnett County Government TV and Community Outreach, and food vending by BigDreamz Enterprise, Michael Wooten and a Piece of Heaven. The program will be held at Discovery HS with a red carpet event beginning at 6:45 p.m. and program beginning at 7:15 p.m. Students in various academies will work with community partners throughout the month on projects and PBL learning activities to put on a successful event.