

Deer Park Elementary
Celebrates
Black History Month

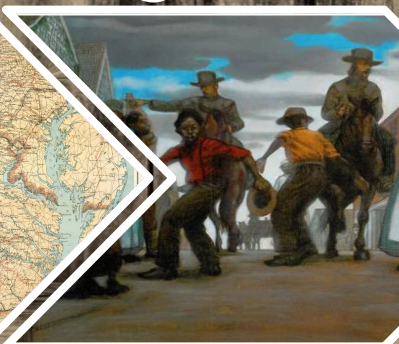
Henry Brown was enslaved in Virginia.

For 33 years, Henry suffered many hardships, like losing his wife and children due to the cruelty of slavery.

As Henry grew angrier with the situation he was facing, he decided to escape slavery by taking a daring action. He mailed himself to freedom.

Henry mailed himself from Richmond, Virginia to an area where slavery was illegal, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. When Henry arrived in Philadelphia, there were kind people there to help him called abolitionists.

Henry 'Box' Brown



THE RECEPTION OF HENRY BOX BROWN AT PHILADELPHIA. She escaped from Richmond Va. in a box - 1 foot long 2 1/2 feet wide 2 feet high.

Ruby Bridges

Ruby Bridges has always been a civil rights advocate, with her experience as the first Black child to enter an all-white school in the South making her a household name. Though her experience in school was harrowing due to blatant racism and the targeting of her family, Bridges never missed a day of school.



Early Life

Ruby Bridges was born on September 8, 1954, in Tylertown, Mississippi, to Lucille and Abon Bridges. She was the firstborn of eight children. Her parents worked as sharecroppers. As a child, Ruby spent much time taking care of her younger siblings. But she also enjoyed playing softball, jumping rope and climbing trees. When she was four years old, the family moved from Tylertown, Mississippi, to New Orleans, Louisiana.



Lebron James is a basketball player who plays for the Lakers. People know him very well. He is very famous. He has influenced people to play basketball and he has been playing basketball for the Lakers, Cleveland Cavaliers and the Miami Heat. He is very good at basketball and he has 4 championships.

“James Lafayette, a former slave who served as a double agent during the American Revolution.

His bravery and information led to the end of the American Revolution and the Americans winning the war!

The former spy petitioned the General Assembly for his freedom, which was eventually granted in 1787.



Maya Angelou

Maya Angelou was a famous poet and movie star. Her work is still admired today. Here are some facts about her!

- ★ She was born on April 4, 1928- and died May 28, 2014
- ★ She was an American poet, playwright, and performer. Maya Angelou also produced several autobiographies.
- ★ She won the presidential medal of freedom in 2011.
- ★ She stands up for African American woman.



Maya Angelou slide

- She was born on April 4th 1928 in St. Louis Missouri

- She was assaulted by her mothers boyfriend at the age of 8 and went through a long patch of muteness.

- She was a poet and actor for a long period of life and succeeded in both writing the poem “ Caged Bird” and acting in the movie “Roots”.

- She won the presidential medal of freedom in 2011.

- Maya passed away May 28th 2014 at 86 years old.



Maya Angelou

- Maya Angelou was a black woman, she was born in April 4 1928 and died on May 28th 2014
- Maya Angelou was awarded with the Presidential Medal of Freedom.
- Maya Angelou lived in a lot of different places including NYC, Missouri, Egypt, Ghana, California, North Carolina
- Maya Angelou was a lot of different things like a poet, an author, an actor and an actress
Maya Angelou was and still is remembered today for her books, poems and movies
- Maya Angelou's work was biographical
Wrote "Caged Bird"



Martin Luther King Jr.

Born in January 15, 1929

Leader of the American Civil Rights Movement

Fought for racial equality and justice in the United States

Believed in nonviolent protest, inspired by Mahatma Gandhi

Helped end segregation and unfair laws

Led the 1963 March on Washington and gave the famous "*I Have a Dream*" speech

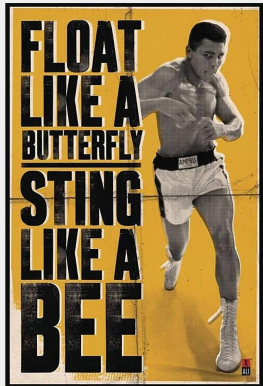
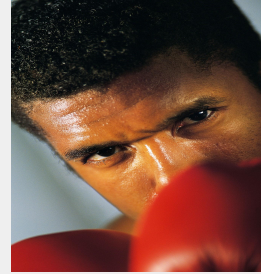
Won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964

Martin Luther King Jr. died on April 4, 1968



Muhammad Ali "The Greatest"

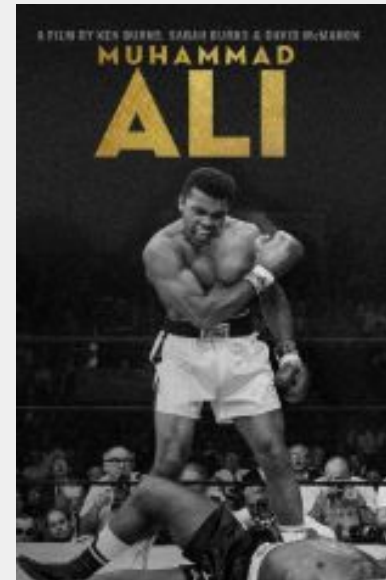
Muhammad Ali was an excellent boxer and Olympic gold medalist. He was born in 1942 and died in 2016.



He converted to Islam later in his career. He spent most of his life spreading words of peace around the world and fighting against racism.

"Don't count the days; make the days count"- Muhammed Ali

During Muhamed Ali's career he lost 5 matches. He won 56 matches. He had a saying "Float like a butterfly, sting like a bee,"



He created the boxer shuffle to confuse his competitors

Louis Armstrong

- First black man on a radio show
- Born in New Orleans
- Played the trumpet and was famous for playing Jazz
- Lived August 4th 1901- July 6th 1971
- Invented Scat singing
- Died of a heart attack
- Was in jail
- Nickname Pops
- Had a kid at 14
- Played about 300 concerts





Lonnie Johnson

- First African American to be inducted into the State of Alabama Engineering Hall of Fame
- Has more than 200 patents
- Persistent- got rejected by many toy makers before being accepted by Hasbro (Super Soaker and Nerf)
- Very creative- had lots of ideas for inventions
- Worked with NASA to design the back up power for the orbiter Galileo (which photographed Jupiter)
- 76 years old (born October 6, 1949), has 4 kids
- Has BS degree in Machine Engineering and MS degree in Nuclear Engineering
- Made around \$73M for Super Soaker
- Worked for Air Force & NASA
- Founded Johnson Research & Development
- Created better solar energy conversion





Bessie Coleman

- First African American, and woman to be a licensed pilot
- She never gave up even though flight schools declined to teach her
 - Quote- “I don’t take no as an answer.” “Nobody owns the sky.”
 - Went to France for flight school
 - She was a stunt pilot

