

Dear Parents,

This year in celebration of Black History Month, Rainbow Elementary will be participating in a trivia contest to celebrate the history and culture of African Americans during the month of February.

Attached are response slips and a calendar of questions that showcase the achievements of many African Americans. Each day your child will have an opportunity to have their name placed in a weekly drawing. Selected names from that drawing will then win a prize. There will be one winner per grade level each week.

We strongly encourage you to discuss the Black History facts at night with your child so that they will learn some of the wonderful contributions of African Americans, and will be prepared to submit their answer the following day. Simply have your child fill out the slip with their answer and hand it in to their teacher. Once your child hands in 4 slips, they will be able to get additional slips from their teacher.

Please use this activity as a fun way to educate and celebrate with our students during Black History Month!

The Black History Committee

# Little Known Black History Facts 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>L. P. Ray</b> invented the dustpan in 1897.</p>	<p>George T. Sampson invented a clothes dryer that used heat from a stove in 1892.</p>	<p>Alexander Miles of Duluth, Minnesota patented an electric elevator in 1887 with automatic doors that would close off the shaft way, thus making elevators safer.</p>	<p>In 1823 this man was the 1<sup>st</sup> African American to receive a college degree. Who was he?</p>	<p>On Feb. 2, 1897, who invented the ice cream scooper?</p>	<p>Louis Latimer created a carbon filament used in light bulbs that burned for hours.</p>	<p>W. E. B. Dubois' full name is William Edward Burghardt Dubois.</p>
<p>5 African American mechanical engineer, David Crosthwait, Jr. created the heating systems for the Rockefeller Center and New York Radio City Music Hall.</p>	<p>6 Not only did George Washington Carver research 300 products made from peanuts, but researched uses for these 2 foods as well. What are the 2 foods?</p>	<p>7 In the 1840's, he developed a steam engine for a warship, but was unable to patent his work. He sold it and used the money to buy his freedom. Who was he?</p>	<p>8 In 1821, this person created the patent for a dry cleaning process. Who was he?</p>	<p>9 In 1955, this man created a regulating unit for the heart pacemaker?</p>	<p>10 Blaham Carroll was the 1<sup>st</sup> African American woman to have her own weekly T.V. series called "Julie".</p>	<p>11 Sarah E. Goode invented a bed that folded up into a cabinet in 1885. Contrary to popular belief, she was not the first African American woman to receive a patent, but the second.</p>
<p>12 Levi Coffin was the president of the Underground Railway.</p>	<p>13 Who created an attachment for the arm of the space shuttle used to capture satellites?</p>	<p>14 Who was the 1<sup>st</sup> African American to earn a Ph.D. from Harvard?</p>	<p>15 This man created the door lock. Who was he?</p>	<p>16 In 1777, what was the first U.S. territory to abolish slavery?</p>	<p>17 Sojourner Truth's real name is Isabella Baumfree.</p>	<p>18 Dr. Meulene Kwarang created the African-American holiday, Kwanzaa, in 1966.</p>
<p>19 Joseph Lee invented a bread-making machine that mixed the ingredients and kneaded the dough in 1895.</p>	<p>20 What is the oldest historically Black university? *Hint**** located near West Chester, PA</p>	<p>21 Who was the 1<sup>st</sup> African American psychiatrist who led the intense work on Alzheimer's disease?</p>	<p>22 Who became the 1<sup>st</sup> African American general in the U.S. Air Force in 1954?</p>	<p>23 Who was the first African American to receive a Nobel Peace Prize?</p>	<p>24 In 1959 Dr. William C. Davis invented instant mashed potatoes.</p>	<p>25 John Love invented the pencil sharpener in 1897.</p>
<p>26 Thomas J. Martin patented a fire extinguisher in 1872.</p>	<p>27 Who was the 1<sup>st</sup> person to calculate the speed of the moon?</p>	<p>28 In 1918, who created a heating furnace that could be used to heat an entire living space?</p>	<p>29 Who was the 1<sup>st</sup> person to patent the folding chair, which is now used in schools, churches, and large social gatherings?</p>			

\*The items in bold are fun facts.