

RIS PTO ANTI-RACISM COMMITTEE

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Thank you for your interest in volunteering for the Anti-Racism Committee's (ARC) Black History Month video project. Throughout the month of February, we will be posting short videos featuring RIS students presenting on important people from Black history. These videos will be posted on the Good Morning Terrapins page as well as on Rogers PTO social media pages and website.

We are looking for student volunteers who, with the help of a parent/guardian, will research an important figure from Black history and create a one minute long video based on what they have learned. We've put together a list of potential figures and detailed instructions that you will find on the following pages. For inspiration, be sure to check out last year's videos on the ARC's webpage at www.rispto.org/arc. We are proud that these efforts were featured in a News12 story that you can view [here](#).

We hope that this project will create the opportunity for parents and students to talk about race and the many contributions of Black people in the United States and beyond. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me at arc@rispto.org.

Thank you for your time and participation!

Erica Carryl

RIS PTO Anti-Racism Committee Co-Chair

Black History Month Heroes: Video Project
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INSTRUCTIONS:

1. **CHOOSE** a Black History Month hero. Check out the ARC's list of suggested historical figures and email your top 3 choices to arc@rispto.org. The sooner you email, the more likely you will get your first choice. You are more than welcome to choose a person not on the list. Simply email arc@rispto.org with your idea.
2. **RESEARCH** your Black History Month hero using online resources or books. A great place to start is on the website www.biography.com.
3. **PREPARE** what you'd like to tell people about your Black History Month hero. Use the "Black History Month Heroes Question Guide" to direct your presentation. **Be sure to include in your presentation which IB learner profile you believe best describes your historical figure and WHY.**
4. **RECORD** a video of what you learned. Check out a sample video [here](#). Your presentation should be **no more than 1 minute in length**. All we need from you is the presentation about your Black History Month hero...we'll do the rest!

Tips for recording:

- Be sure to hold your recording device in landscape orientation when making your video:



- Find good light. If possible, record by window light.
 - Speak clearly and not too quickly. Many students found it helpful to use a teleprompter app. There are several free ones available if you'd like to give it a try.
5. **EMAIL** your video to arc@rispto.org. If your video file is too large to email, we suggest sending it via the website www.wetransfer.com. **Videos are due no later than Monday, January 24, 2022.** Be sure to include the name of the Black History Month hero as well as the name and grade of the student presenter in your email.

The Committee will edit your presentation in the format seen in last year's videos. Be on the lookout for your video to be posted during Black History Month in February.

Black History Month Heroes

You may notice that names like Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Rosa Parks are missing from this list. In an effort to push the conversation beyond these already well known figures, we've decided to focus on some perhaps lesser known important historical figures. A list of last year's history heroes have been provided so as not to have any repeat presentations.

Scholars/ Educators

Susie King Taylor (educator of freed slaves)
Booker T. Washington (educator and leader)
Mary McLeod Bethune (educator and activist)
W.E.B. DuBois (scholar and activist)
Carter G. Woodson (scholar and "Father of Black History Month")

Writers:

Gwendolyn Brooks (poet)
Phillis Wheatley (poet)

Barrier Breaking Athletes/Entertainers:

Marian Anderson (opera singer)
Althea Gibson (tennis player)
Muhammad Ali (boxer)
Alvin Ailey (choreographer)

Scientists/Inventors/Traiblazers

Madam C.J. Walker (entrepreneur and first Black female millionaire)
Benjamin Banneker (mathematician, astronomer)
Jane Bolin (attorney and first Black woman judge in US)
Paul R. Williams (architect)
Benjamin O. Davis Sr. (US Army General)
Rebecca Lee Crumpler (first Black woman doctor)
Colin Powell (U.S. Secretary of State)
Mary Jackson (mathematician and aerospace engineer)
Thurgood Marshall (Supreme Court Justice)

2021 History Heroes:

Shirley Chisholm, Langston Hughes, Jackie Robinson, Jesse Owens, Wilma Rudolph, Garrett Morgan, Mae Jemison, George Washington Carver, Katherine Johnson, Matthew Henson, Bessie Coleman, Kareem Abdul-Jabar, Ruby Bridges, Duke Ellington, Faith Ringgold, Earl Lloyd, Kimberly Anyadike

Black History Month Heroes Question Guide

Historical Figure's Name: _____

Birthdate: _____

Place of birth: _____

Date of death (if applicable): _____

What is this Black History Month Hero known for?

List any important details about this person's life:

What struggles did this person face? What did this person have to overcome?

Which IB learner profile do you think best describes this person and **WHY**? Feel free to pick more than one!

Inquirer, Knowledgeable, Thinker, Communicator, Principled,
Open-minded, Caring, Risk-taker, Balanced, Reflective