

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Thank you for your interest in volunteering for the RIS PTO 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.

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 1 minute long video based on what they have learned. We've put together a list of potential figures and detailed instructions which you will find on the following pages. Please also take a moment to watch the example video that shows how the final version of each video will appear.

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 Chair

Link to sample video:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/45qct7foqtg0ojv/Ruby%20Bridges-%20ARC%20Black%20History%20Month.mp4?dl=0>

Black History Month Heroes: Video Project
RIS PTO Anti-Racism Committee

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. **CHOOSE** a Black History Month hero. Check out the list of suggested people from the list below and email your top 3 choices to arc@rispto.org. The sooner you email, the more likely you will get your first choice. (If you have a person in mind that's not on the list, 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. Please see the example video. 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 while recording:



- Find good light. If possible, record by window light.
 - Speak clearly and not too quickly. In making the example video, we 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. **Videos are due no later than Friday, January 22, 2021.** 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 video in the format seen in the example video. 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 in history, we've decided to focus on some perhaps lesser known important historical figures. (Names with a line through them have already been taken.)

Scholars/ Educators

Booker T. Washington (educator and leader)

Mary McLeod Bethune (educator and activist)

Shirley Chisholm (educator and politician)

W.E.B. DuBois (scholar and activist)

Writers:

Langston Hughes (writer)

Phillis Wheatley (poet)

Barrier Breaking Athletes:

Althea Gibson (tennis player)

~~Jackie Robinson (MLB player)~~

~~Jesse Owens (track & field Olympian)~~

Wilma Rudolph (track & field Olympian)

Scientists/Inventors/Trailblazers

Madam C.J. Walker (entrepreneur and first Black female millionaire)

~~Garrett Morgan (inventor)~~

Mae Jemison (astronaut)

George Washington Carver (scientist and educator)

~~Katherine Johnson (mathematician of Hidden Figures fame)~~

Benjamin Banneker (mathematician, astronomer)

Matthew Henson (explorer)

Bessie Coleman (pilot)

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