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History Comes Alive With Blasts From The Past

by: Bryce Williamson

“I have a dream.” Those words were spoken by Martin Luther King Jr. To honor MLK Jr. and other African Americans, Tampa and St. Petersburg were inspired to have a big celebration on January 21, 2013. Those African Americans that were celebrated have impacted the United States in many important ways.



Jackie Robinson

One such impact has been in the world of sports. One famous sports star was Jackie Robinson. Jackie was the first African American to play professional Baseball. Jackie Robinson was born on January 31, 1919 and died on October 24, 1972. Another famous sports player who specifically plays basketball is a player named Kareem Abdul Jabar. Kareem Abdul Jabar

is famous for playing center for the Los Angeles Lakers from 1975 to 1989. There is another sport that has been affected by African Americans. That sport is tennis. The African Americans that impacted that sport are the power sisters known as Serena and Venus Williams. Serena is known for her 27 Grand Slam Titles. Those titles include 5 Wimbledon and 5 Australia Open championships as well as several Olympic gold medals. Her sister is also a 4 time Olympic gold medalist.

Another big industry that has been impacted by African Americans is the music industry. Some of the music industry would not be what it is today without the help of African Americans. One such African American is Stevie Wonder. He is best known for his beautiful piano playing even though he

is blind. Another famous African American musician is Louis Armstrong. Louis Armstrong was born on August 04, 1901 and died on July 06, 1971. Louis Armstrong was most famous for being a trumpeter, bandleader, singer, a film star and a comedian. A more “modern” artist is Bobby Brown. Bobby Brown was born on February 05, 1969. Brown is best known for his most popular song “Don’t be Cruel”.



Louis Armstrong

To make much of the change possible involved some African American political activists. One such famous icon was Martin Luther King Jr. MLK Jr. was a man who wanted to end racism. MLK was born January 15, 1929 and died by the hand of a gunman on April 04, 1968. A famous woman known for her political activism was Rosa Parks. Rosa was born on February 04, 1913 and died on October 24, 2005. Rosa Parks was famous for standing her ground when a man asked her to move to the back of the bus because she was African American.



MLK speaks at the Civil rights March in Washington DC.

Obviously, African Americans have changed culture in the United States in many ways, breaking records in the world of sports, becoming legends in the music industry, and inspiring young men and women to take a stand in politics. Without the influence of African Americans, the United States would be different in many ways. Black History Month highlights how this ethnic group has helped to shape our country.

FROM LAWYER TO PRESIDENT

By Isaiah Sarria

Like all presidents, Abraham Lincoln had a different career before he was elected. Lincoln was a lawyer who taught himself law and someone who was always a big opponent of slavery of the African American people. He is important to the month of February because he was born in Kentucky in a log cabin on February 12, 1809. When he moved to southern Illinois, Lincoln got a job working on a river flatboat hauling goods and freight down the Mississippi River to ship goods to New Orleans. After he became well settled in the town of New Salem, Illinois, he became a shopkeeper and a postmaster. Then he started a life of politics. He supported the Whig Party and won an election to become a legislator from Illinois in 1834. Like his Whig Party, he greatly opposed slavery and had a great vision for expanding America. When Lincoln passed the bar exam in 1836, he moved to the state capital of Springfield and as a lawyer he earned a title because of his reputation: "Honest Abe".

In response to the conflict over slave ownership, people from the south formed the Confederate States of America. When Lincoln sent a Union fleet of boats to supply South Carolina's Fort Sumter, the Confederates fired on the fort and the boat, thus beginning the Civil War.



The construction of the Lincoln Memorial began February 12, 1914, was finished in 1922, and dedicated May 30, 1922. (photo supplied by Ms. Hazen)

Abraham Lincoln didn't die a natural death. He was murdered in Ford's Theatre while watching a play. The assassin was the rich and famous actor, John Wilkes Booth, who ended up as a man executed by law. Booth was angry at the victory of

Abraham Lincoln and the northern states. He was a Confederate sympathizer in the Civil War. Originally, Booth planned to kidnap Lincoln, but the president failed to show up at the location where John was waiting. So two weeks later Booth planned an assassination for Abraham Lincoln, and he succeeded (although Abe officially died the morning of April 15 1865.)

"A friend is someone who has the same enemies you have."
— Abraham Lincoln

In honor of Abraham Lincoln, a memorial was built known as the Lincoln Memorial in Washington D.C. Ms. Hazen, a

7th grade civics teacher at DSA, said, "I love the Lincoln Memorial! The Thomas Jefferson and Lincoln Memorial are actually my two favorite memorials in Washington D.C. The Gettysburg Address is carved into the south wall and Lincoln's second inaugural speech is carved in the north wall. There is an original stone removed from the center of the top stair step replaced with a stone that has Martin Luther King Jr.'s name carved on it with the words of his famous speech 'I Have a Dream'. Lincoln is important because he made very significant decisions during his time as president that brought the U.S through the Civil War... He was a thoughtful and purposeful leader."

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All DSA students are invited to submit articles, essays, original artwork and letters to the editor.

DSA Welcomes New Teachers

DSA has added two new teachers to the DSA family. Mrs. Alexander teaches 6th and 7th grade math and Mrs. Silva is the new photography/art teacher.

Mrs. Alexander studied at the University of Central Florida and started her teaching career at Auburndale high school. She has been teaching for 14 years. Mrs. Alexander calls Pompano Beach her home town. In her spare time, she loves to take digital photos, play the piano, do origami, and visit the Disney theme parks. When asked, Mrs. Alexander said, "I love teaching!"



Mrs. Silva lives in Haines City with her husband and two children. She has taught elementary school but this is her first opportunity to teach the subject she loves: photography! Mrs. Silva holds a degree in photography from the University of Oklahoma, and finished her education degree at Warner University.



Mrs. Alexander and Mrs. Silva are both excited to be a part of the DSA team.

Welcome to the Hall

By: Dylan Falevitch

Where do baseball players go when they retire? The best go to the Baseball Hall of Fame. The Baseball Hall of Fame is where great baseball players, managers, and umpires go after they retire. However, the only way to get in is by election. The electors are members of the Baseball Writers Association of America (BBWAA). There are several notable members in the Baseball Hall of Fame.

The Baseball Hall of Fame was opened on June 12th 1939 in Cooperstown, New York, despite the first election taking place in 1936. The idea to create it came from Stephen C. Clark when Mr. Clark asked baseball president Ford C. Frick if he would support his idea. Frick approved the idea and inducted the first class in 1936. The Hall of Fame was created to celebrate and remember the legends that have been involved in the game.



The entrance to the Baseball Hall of Fame as pictured above is located in Cooperstown, New York.

A player has to get voted into the Hall of Fame. There is a certain method for players to get inducted. First a player must have played for at least 10 years and have been retired for 5 years, or deceased for at least 6 months to get on the ballot. Next, voting is based on the player's career records, sportsmanship, personality, and contributions to the team or teams he played for. Last, a player must receive at least 75 percent of votes from the BBWAA.

There are several notable members in the Baseball Hall of Fame. For example, Babe Ruth hit 714 home runs and had a lifetime .342 batting average. Another notable member is Lou

Gehrig who had a .340 batting average with 493 home runs for his career.

There are several notable African-American members such as Hank Aaron and Willie Mays. Both achieved 3,000 hits and 500 home runs. Rickey Henderson played for 10 different teams and holds the record for most stolen bases (1,406) and runs scored (2,295). The most notable African-American member is Jackie Robinson. Jackie Robinson was the first African-American baseball player. He played 10 seasons in Major League Baseball, all with the Brooklyn Dodgers. Robinson had a career .311 batting average. January 31st of every year is known as Jackie Robinson day. Jackie died of a heart attack in 1972 at the age of 53. Eighth grade teacher Ms. Frier said "I know Jackie Robinson for being the first African-American baseball player. I don't think baseball would be the same if he had not played."



Hall of Famer Rickey Henderson is shown holding the base he stole to become the all-time stolen base leader.

Many athletes would like to be elected to the Hall of Fame, but very few get elected. In the year 2013 no players were elected to the Hall of Fame because no one received the minimum amount of votes. The last time this happened was 1996.

Here are some fun facts: former baseball player Pete Rose has been banned from the Hall of Fame for gambling on his own games; Every team in Major League Baseball has had at least 1 player inducted into the Hall of Fame; The San Francisco Giants have had the most players inducted into the Hall of Fame with 23 players.

One Hundred Days of School Fly By!

By Caleb Taylor

One hundred days of School have already passed at DSA! All DSA classes have had a busy 100 days and have made it halfway through the year. Classes school-wide have had fun activities to celebrate this halfway mark. The question is: How do Davenport students celebrate?

The answer was solved by asking a kindergarten teacher, Ms. Kaiser, how her class celebrated the 100th day of school. She said her class drew what they would look like when they were 100 years old, and she said they counted to 100 with their fingers, and then wrote a 100 word essay. The class also had a 100 snack countdown. Pictures were taken of



A kindergartner, Anissa, pretends to be 100 years old.

every kindergarten student in his/her best 100 year old pose.

What kind of important events happened in the last 100 days? The school had a Christmas card contest, with Winter Gillipse, a middle school student, winning the contest, a Rock-a-Walk, which raised money for the school, and on January 25th there was the middle school winter dance. In November, the school had a fake presidential election, (Obama won). Those were some of the highlights that happened in the first 100 days of this school year.

Students now focus on FCAT testing, concerts, and the spring musical to fill the coming days at DSA.

Inside look on World Wide Nutella Day

By:Jennie Coral

Many people have not heard of this holiday but it is celebrated worldwide. World Nutella Day is celebrated on February 5th every year. People worldwide celebrate this “holiday”, but it has just recently started to become more popular in the United States.

National Nutella day was started in 2007 by Sara Russo. She noticed how there were many special days throughout the year and that there wasn't a day set aside to appreciate Nutella and world Nutella day was born. Sara Rosso tried Nutella the first time in Italy in the year of 2002. It is said that she enjoys having Nutella on a nice piece of fresh bread.

There are many that have not even heard of, or tried Nutella. Nutella is a chocolate, hazelnut spread. The



ingredients in the world famous spread are palmoil, hazelnuts, cocoa, sugar, milk and different vegetable oils. Nutella is commonly advertised as a delicious breakfast item, but many have started using it in different ways. When interviewed, Danielle, a 7th grader, shared her ideas on how she uses Nutella. She commented “Nutella is very good and can be used almost with everything. I like to enjoy it on crackers.” Another 7th grader, Solimar, also was interviewed. She said “I didn't know that there was a World-wide Nutella day, that's very cool.”

World Nutella day is just becoming more popular in the USA. This year on the 5th of February many celebrated this world wide holiday eating the enjoyable chocolate, hazelnut spread of Nutella in several different ways. Have a happy World Wide Nutella Day!