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GLEN SPRINGS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Principal's Newsletter

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Volunteer of the Year

Congratulations! Derek Bentley, Glen Springs Volunteer of the Year, will be honored this week as at the Alachua County Public School Annual Volunteer of the Year Luncheon. The Annual Luncheon honors Volunteers of the Year from all Alachua County Public Schools. Derek volunteers his time with students in Project Friends, with students participating in the Morning Mile, and serves on the School Advisory Council (SAC), plus the school's Wellness Committee.

Parent Surveys

Parent Surveys will be sent home this week. The surveys are being sent home with the oldest child in a family. Please fill them out and return them to your child's teacher. The surveys are important to the school because they measure satisfaction and provide means of giving specific feedback regarding programs and changes to the curriculum.

Frederick Douglas

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia-
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Frederick_Douglass

Family Activity: For February, promise your family that you will take better care of your heart and their hearts. Go for a family walk. Since it's February, take care of your heart and go for a family walk. While you are walking, talk about what each family member can do each day to take care of his/her heart. A few ways to do this include exercising at least 6 days per week and eating more fruits and vegetables. To find out more ways to take care of your heart, visit the American Heart Association website at:

www.americanheart.org

(February 1818 – February 20, 1895) Frederick Douglas was the first African American to receive a nomination for Vice President of the United States, having been nominated to be Victoria Woodhull's running mate on the Equal Rights Party ticket without his knowledge(1872). Douglas neither campaigned for the ticket nor even acknowledged that he had been nominated for the ticket. Instead, he served as a presidential elector in the United States Electoral College for the State of New York.

Presidents' Day

Presidents' Day is the common name for the federal holiday originally designated as Washington's Birthday. Today, most people celebrate the birthdays of other presidents including Abraham Lincoln, on this holiday. Because of this, we chose to use the plural possessive spelling of the holiday.

Douglas, born into slavery during a time when it was against the law to teach slaves to read, was an American abolitionist, editor, orator, author, statesman and reformer. Called "The Sage of Anacostia" and "The Lion of Anacostia", Douglas is one of the most prominent figures in African American history and a formidable public presence. He was a firm believer in the equality of all people, whether black, female, Native American, or recent immigrant. He was fond of saying, "I would unite with anybody to do right and with nobody to do wrong." Douglas died in 1895 following either a heart attack or stroke.



Calendar of Events

February is Black History Month	February
February is Heart Month	February
SAC Meeting, 2:30 p.m.	Thurs., Feb. 28
PTA Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m.	Mon., Mar. 3
FCAT Begins	Tues., Mar. 11