

COBBLES COMMENT

News and Updates from  PTA

Presidents' Notes

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Important Dates

February 11, **6:00 pm**
Virtual PTA Meeting

February 11, 7:00 pm
Virtual Career Night

February 17, 7:00 pm
*Penfield AntiRacist Alliance
Panel Book Discussion*

February 18, 6:00 pm
Family Yoga Night

February 15-19
February Recess
NO SCHOOL



Greetings Cobbles Families,

One month of 2021 down already! We hope that everyone is staying healthy. Despite all the challenges they have been faced with, our children continue to rise to the occasion and show their true resilience.

It is February and that means it is Black History Month! The Cobbles Equity Committee is hosting several upcoming events in celebration, starting next week with a Career Night in partnership with Indian Landing. There will also be a Family Yoga Night, led by Cloria Sutton-Dowdell from Yoga 4 A Good Hood, and Science Night at the end of the month, featuring influential Black scientists. See the Equity Corner below for more!

We are excited that the kids will be able to celebrate Valentine's Day and exchange their valentines in school!

Our PTA is sponsoring a food truck for the Cobbles teachers and staff to show them our appreciation for their hard work and dedication to our students. Chef's Catering will bring their truck to Cobbles on Wednesday, February 24th.

We would love to hear *your* ideas on ways to engage our students virtually. Please join us at our next PTA Meeting on Thursday, February 11 at 6:00pm via Zoom. Here is the Zoom link: [Zoom](#), password is Cobbles.

Stay safe and healthy!

Patience & Gina
co-presidents



Celebrating Black History Month



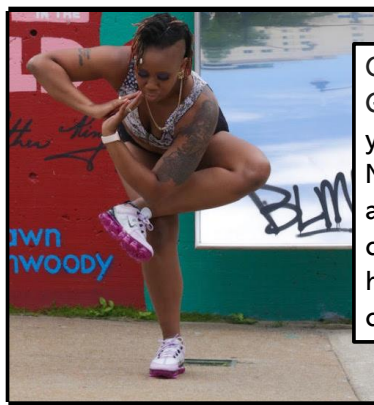
Cobbles and District Events:

* Thursday, February 11, 7:00 pm – Black History Month Career Night

Organized by Indian Landing PTO and Project LEAD for all elementary students.

* Thursday, February 18, 6:00 pm – Family Yoga Night

Led by instructor Cloria Sutton-Dowdell of Yoga 4 A Good Hood. Look for more information on Facebook and in your child's folder!



Cloria Sutton-Dowdell from Yoga 4 A Good Hood will lead a kid friendly yoga lesson highlighting Black History Month, yoga exercises, mindfulness and will close with ways that families can continue yoga practices and highlight additional resources in the community.

* February 22-26 – Cobbles Science Night

Hands-on projects highlighting influential Black scientists. Sign up by February 12!

Community Events:

* Wednesday, February 17, 7:00 pm – Virtual panel discussion of the book "Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria?"

Featuring high school students, staff, and alumni in conversation around racial identity development, race, and education.

* Wednesday, February 24, 7:00 pm – University of Rochester 2021 Martin Luther King Jr.

Commemorative Address with Ibram X. Kendi

Ibram X. Kendi is the Founding Director of the Boston University Center for Antiracist Research, best-selling author, antiracist activist, and historian of race and discriminatory policy in America.



* **Wednesday, February 10, 5:00 pm – A Tale of Two Cities: Redlining and Racist Policies in Rochester, NY**

Explore the history of segregation in Rochester and the persistent impact of racist policies of our past, as well as solutions toward a brighter future. Presented as a collaboration of the Levine Center to End Hate at the Jewish Federation fo Greater Rochester and TEDxRochester.



* **Friday, February 19, 3:00 pm – Take-It-Make-It Crafts: Black History Month Magnets at the Penfield Public Library**

For students in grades 6-12 only; register and pick up kits beginning February 12 and join an optional Zoom on February 19.

Resources for Home:

* **Reading Activity – Grow your mind during Black History Month with this alphabetical reading guide.**

Can you and your family read about 26 different topics to increase your knowledge of Black history in the USA? Suggestions are included to get started!

* **Black Lives Matter at School – Visit their website and Google Drive for amazing resources and curricula for all age levels.**

* **Black History in STEM**

Read about 14 Black Inventors You Probably Didn't Know About and The A-Z List of Black Inventors to learn more about the incredible legacy of Black scientists and inventors in our country.



Please send any news to share, upcoming events, and questions you have to cobblescomment@cobblespta.org.



MINI PEPPER NACHOS

yield: 8 SERVINGS

prep time: 15 MINUTES

cook time: 20 MINUTES

***recipe from homemadeinterest.com ***



INGREDIENTS

- 20 Mini Sweet Peppers, *halved and seeded*
- 1 pound Ground Beef, steak, chicken, or pork, *cooked*
- 1 tablespoon [Cumin](#)
- 2 tablespoons [Chili Powder](#)
- 1/2 teaspoon Salt
- 8 oz Cheddar Cheese, *shredded*
- 1 jalapeño, *sliced*
- Toppings such as avocado, tomatoes, sour cream

INSTRUCTIONS

1. In a skillet cook your preferred meat adding cumin, chili powder, and salt as it cooks.
2. Place mini sweet pepper halves on a sheet pan.
3. Sprinkle cooked meat over mini peppers trying to keep it in the peppers so it doesn't fall through to the pan.
4. Cover mini peppers with shredded cheese and jalapeño slices.
5. Place in oven set to BROIL for 5-6 minutes or until cheese is fully melted.
6. Add any nacho toppings you like.
7. Enjoy!

Penfield Public Library Programs

Sponsored by the Friends of the Penfield Public Library. Register at www.penfieldlibrary.org, or call 340-8720.

STORY & CRAFTY FUN DAYS (VIRTUAL)

February 24; March 31. For children in grades K-4

A story and a demonstration of a theme-related craft for children in kindergarten through fourth grade will be presented virtually by our Children's Librarian, Mrs. Carpenter. A link to the virtual event will be emailed on each date. Craft pick up for February class 2/24-2/27.

☒ **REGISTER** for each date separately.



MANDARIN-ENGLISH BILINGUAL STORYTIME

Sundays, February 7, and February 21 at 10 AM



This bilingual storytime presented by *ChildRoc*, a non-profit group who promotes early childhood learning, is approximately 30 minutes in length and will be posted twice a month to Penfield Public Library's Facebook page.

☒ **NO REGISTRATION** required.

AFTER SCHOOL BOOK BITES & SNACK TIME SERIES

For grades K-2 (Zoom Wednesdays, February 10, March 10)

For grades 3-5 (Zoom Wednesdays, February 17, March 24)

4:00-4:30 PM

Grab your favorite after school snack and enjoy some time talking about what you are **eating & reading!** Join our Children's Librarians monthly for some fun and hear some great book suggestions.

☒ **REGISTRATION** required to receive your monthly Zoom invitation.

VALENTINE FOOD AND FUN! (VIRTUAL)

Saturday, February 13, grades K-5

Join Mrs. Carpenter for a virtual valentine's story, then decorate a delicious valentine cookie and create a fun valentine project.

All supplies are included. Registrants may pick up cookie and craft kit in the library's children's room from February 11-13 during open hours. Link to story video and craft demo will be emailed Friday morning.

☒ **REGISTRATION** begins Friday, January 29.



~ February Break Fun! ~



SUSAN B. ANTHONY'S BIRTHDAY (VIRTUAL)

Monday, February 15

For children in grades K-5 (registration required for materials)

Celebrate Rochester native Susan B. Anthony's 200th birthday with us! In honor of the suffragette, we will be creating paper flowers, decorating pots to "plant" them in, and learning a few fun facts about her along the way. A link to the virtual event will be emailed the morning of 2/15. All supplies are included. Registrants may pick up craft kits in the children's room from 2/13- 2/16.

☑ **REGISTRATION** begins Monday, February 1.

CAPTAIN AMERICA STORYTIME AND CRAFT (Via Facebook)

Wednesday, February 17

For children ages 3-7 (registration required for craft kit)

Registration begins Wednesday, February 3

Check the Penfield Public Library Facebook page for a special story read by Captain America. Stop by the library to pick up a craft kit to make Captain America gear with your family at home. Registrants may pick up craft kits 2/15-2/20.

☑ **REGISTRATION** begins Wednesday, February 3.



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