

Greetings to all Meerkats & families!

I noted last week that February is Black History Month, and I shared with you information about the origins of this observation, as well as a presentation on a remarkable Marylander, Frederick Douglass. If you didn't have the chance to check out the presentation, here is the link ([Frederick Douglass](#)) in case you want to check it out.

This week I highlight yet another incredible Marylander who, against all odds, contributed mightily to the betterment of many people. Her name is Harriet Tubman, and I hope you enjoy learning about her as much as I enjoyed revisiting her epic life journey. Please enjoy my week 2 presentation, [Harriet Tubman](#).

As a reminder, here are some items to consider as you plan your week:

- Hybrid Update: As of now hybrid learning is scheduled to begin Tuesday, February 16th. Dr. Alban will make the final determination, so please be sure to keep an eye on your email for FCPS-communicated Find-Out-First messages.
- To provide teachers time for getting ready for this shift, February 10 will be an asynchronous learning day for all students. Any changes to this timeline will be communicated as soon as possible. All students, regardless of whether they come into the building or remain virtual, will receive a new schedule upon the transition to hybrid learning.
- Orientation: Families with students who are returning to in-person learning can plan to attend virtual Orientation with Amanda Bodden on Wednesday, February 10. She will host 2 sessions, one at 10:00 a.m. and one at 6:00 p.m. Additionally, a link to the orientation presentation will be shared for families who are unable to attend the "live" session. We hope to see you there.
- Second quarter report cards will be distributed this week. We look forward to the start of a new quarter and a host of new and different learning opportunities.

As always, thank you for your steadfast support. Take care, and have a great week!

Sincerely,

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