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BLACK HISTORY MONTH ON THE AIKEN PREP CAMPUS

The month of February at the Middle and Upper school on the Aiken Prep Campus was chock-full of activities and events that celebrated Black History Month, the first of which was sent to all staff and faculty. Dr. Pontoo delighted our faculty with a collection of **Heart Healthy Recipes**, the **NASA Modern Figures Toolkit** and events to attend virtually, locally and in Atlanta. The toolkit provided a host of resources and educational activities for teachers to use with their students in grades K-12.

The Diversity Club, started by one of our seniors, Esther Marks, celebrated Black History by decorating bulletin boards honoring famous African Americans and inventors. Not only did the current president, Zalyric Singleton provide much of the information that was shared on the morning slides, but she was also in charge of a chapel service in which she delivered an encouraging message to her fellow peers on being nice to others. On another day, the secretary of the Diversity Club, Destini Trowell educated students about her involvement in the NAACP Youth Council, which is "composed of hundreds of state and county-wide operations in which youth (usually teens) volunteer to share their voices or opinions with their fellow council members, and then strive to address the issues raised on a local or national level."

Mead Hall students were also educated about the significance of soul food to the African American community. In conjunction with the school menu, a brief summary and recipes were provided on the table tops in the cafeteria throughout the month including the following food items: **corn bread, field peas, macaroni and cheese, Bar-B-Q** and butter beans. Several students from the sophomore class took it a step further and enjoyed a soul food lunch which was provided by one of Aiken's finest soul food restaurants, **Unique Catering located at 1624 Hampton Avenue NW**. Some of the popular foods enjoyed by students included salmon patties, fried fish, Bar-B-Q ribs, cabbage, corn bread, macaroni and cheese and homemade peach cobbler.

Of course our very own Mr. Hawthorne played a role in this month's festivities as well. Introduced by Gabby Davis, last Wednesday, students were exposed to Mr. Hawthorne's powerful message "**It Doesn't Matter What You Look Like**" that not only kept students focused but also inspired them to think differently about the words **PASSION, PURPOSE and CALLING**.

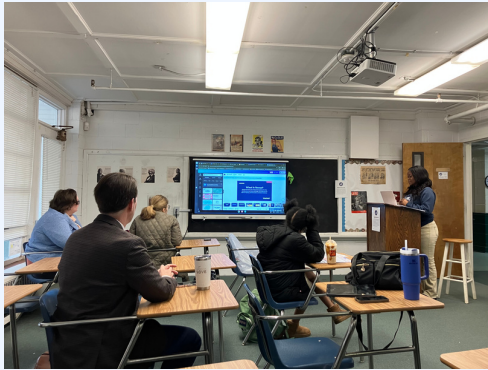
As Mead Hall does every year this time, students attended the Black History Program performed by the students at **Second Baptist Christian Prep School**. It was very exciting to see elementary aged students deliver a memorized speech about influential African Americans. Held at the church's new location, 1151 York Ave, NE, senior Pastor Raymonda R. Speller was in attendance along with friends and families and Mead Hall students were welcomed by Principal, Tabitha Daniels. Also in attendance and featured in one of the student presentations was Aiken City Council woman, Ms. Gail Diggs.

Winding down the month was a student diversity conference held at Ashley Hall in Charleston, SC. **"The Belonging Summit"** was attended by several independent school students in South Carolina who came together to learn about belonging, inclusion and diversity. Although this was Mead Hall's first time attending, students were engaged, well fed and as one student remarked "I met a lot of new friends!" This conference will no doubt be an annual event for students in 8th - 12th grade.

Finally, students were invited to partake in one more activity which was a field trip to **Inspire Christian Worship**, church home of Mr. Hawthorne. Located at 809 Shartom Drive, Augusta, service is held every Sunday at 9:30 am.

But, if you missed any of what happened during the month of February and you'd like to still participate, there's still time! **The Annual Augusta Black History Exhibition** at the City Gallery, located at 535 Telfair St, in Downtown Augusta, GA will be on display until Thursday, March 7, 2024. Here in Aiken, **The Center for African American History, Arts and Culture** located at 120 York St NE is always available for anyone yearning to learn more about Black History in Aiken County.

Felicia Pontoo, Ed.D.
Director of Admissions and College Guidance



NAACP YOUTH COUNCIL PRESENTATION DELIVERED BY DESTINI TROWELL



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In celebration of Black History Month

Did you know that **BARBECUE (BBQ)** is considered a "soul food" dish and popular in the African American community?



Black History Foods: The Roles of BBQ and Soul Food

Both soul food and BBQ are what can be considered "Black history foods" because they are closely tied with Black American culture. This is largely because Black Americans **created and shaped it into what it is today**. These food traditions were started by enslaved people, which is why they combine African tribal foods with European and American ingredients and techniques.



Want to make Crock Pot BBQ Beef?

Ingredients

- Roast
- Beef Broth
- Salt
- Worcestershire sauce
- Black Pepper
- Minced Garlic
- BBQ Sauce

Directions

- **Add Roast to Crock Pot** – Place the roast in the slow cooker.
- **Season Roast** – Season with salt, pepper, garlic, and Worcestershire sauce.



BULLETIN BOARD



MR. HAWTHORNE PREACHING AT HIS CHURCH

AN EXAMPLE OF TABLE TOP INFO SHEET DISPLAYED DURING LUNCH



MEAD HALL ATTENDS INSPIRE CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

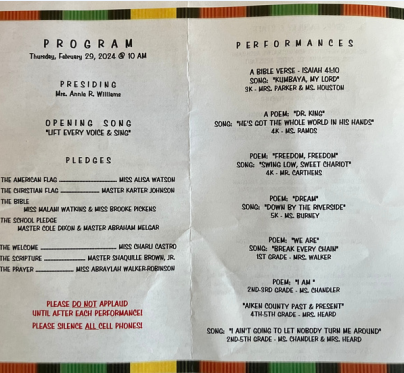


ZALYRIC SINGLETON DELIVERING CHAPEL MESSAGE

President Barack Obama
44th President of the United States



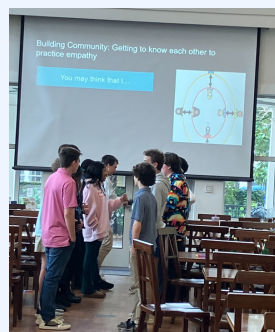
KAI HUSKEY RESEARCHED AND FOUND FOR US A BLACK HISTORY COLORING SHEET. THIS WAS MADE AVAILABLE TO STUDENTS ON BOTH CAMPUSES FOLLOWING LYRIC'S CHAPEL SERVICE!



BROCHURE FROM PROGRAM



MEAD HALL STUDENTS ATTEND DIVERSITY CONFERENCE



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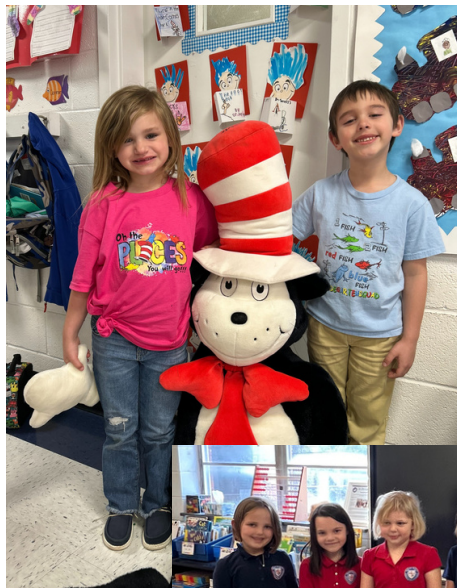
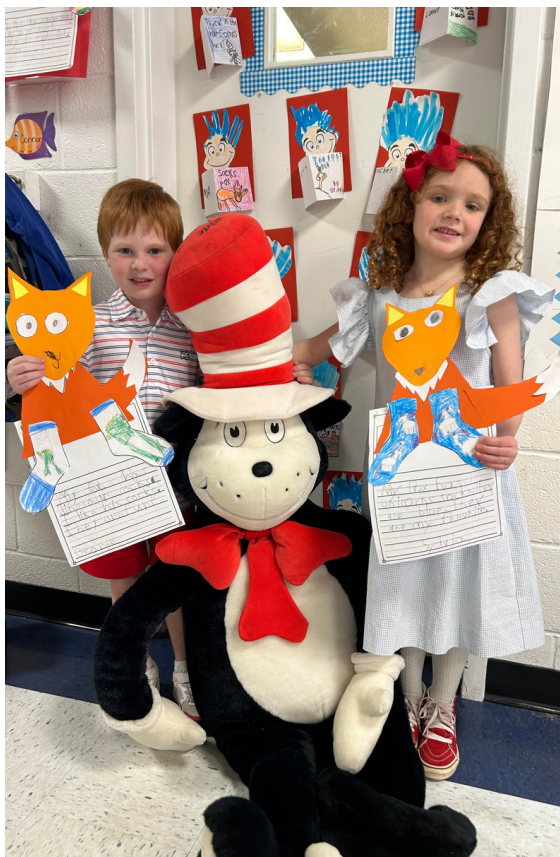
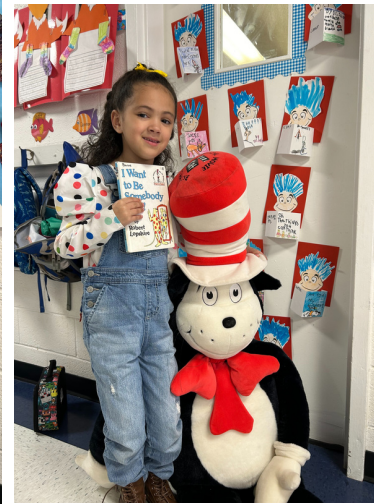
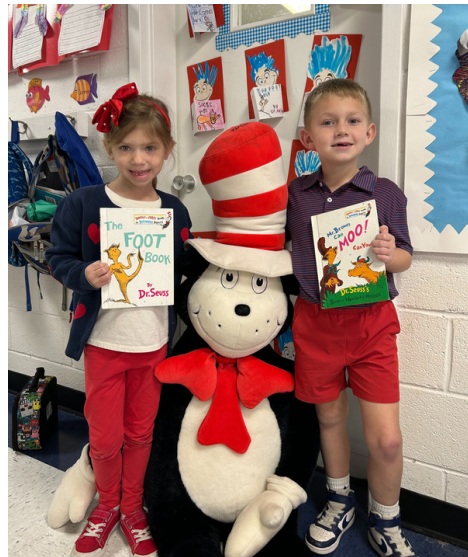
LOWER SCHOOL NEWS

Read Across America

We celebrated Read Across America this week with students all across our country. Each year we have fun wearing crazy hats and socks while we emphasize the importance of reading. Reading is the foundation of learning, and we want all of our Mead Hall students to be strong readers so that they can be lifelong learners.

See you at School!

Joanne



First Grade Field Trip



Teddy Bear Tea With Book Buddies



LOWER SCHOOL UPCOMING DATES

MARCH

- 15 Dress Down for St. Patrick's Day WEAR GREEN
- 15 Q3 Report Cards available in FACTS
- 22 Global Focus Day (rescheduled from February)
- 26 Field Trip 2nd Grade to SC State Museum
- 28 STC Easter Parties & Dress Down Day
- 28 Field Trip - fourth grade to Ecologist for a Day at SREL 9:00 - 2:00
- 29 Good Friday Holiday (No School)





MIDDLE & UPPER SCHOOL NEWS

WHY DECLAMATION?

Our wonderful students have been participating in a longstanding tradition of delivering their Declamations in front of teachers and peers. You can be extremely proud of how they have met the challenges of memorizing material and facing the fear of public speaking. I have heard several students and a few adults asking “why do we have to do Declamations?” Employers from virtually every business or industry rank good communications skills near the top of characteristics they are looking for in potential employees. The ability to synthesize material and communicate it coherently and confidently, sets job candidates apart from the field. We are striving to prepare our students for life beyond high school. Based upon what I have seen and heard, Mead Hall students will be well prepared for whatever future path God has for them!

Go Panthers!

Mike

FINALISTS FOR DECLAMATION COMPETITION MARCH 14TH AT 6PM

Middle School

Evan Collum
Avery Cooper
Tamieus Davenport
Ella Heath
Adora Jackson
Meredith Langford
Emma McMurtrie
Zella Meldrum
Maycie Moore
Maggie Palmer
Ayden Siegfried
Carson Smith
Loren Wilkins
Emma Williams
Grice Wyatt

High School

Brooks Abrams
Piper Barth
Carly Brown
Katie Brown
Mari-Claire Corley
Peter Garrison
Ben Herron
Taylor Houck
Caroline Johnston
Anika Spaeth
Destini Trowell
Walker Wiedenman
Witt Wilkins

MIDDLE & UPPER SCHOOL UPCOMING DATES

March

- 12 School Day SAT
- 14 APC Declamation (MS and US) 6:00 PM
- 15 Q3 Report Cards available in FACTS
- 15 Golf Tournament at Aiken Golf Club
- 15-17 Alumni Weekend and Soccer Game
- 16 Opening Art Show Reception at the Museum - 6 pm
- 19-22 7th/8th Trip to DC
- 20-22 5th/6th Trip to Gravatt
- 20 SCISA Math Competition
- 23 Spring Steeplechase - MH hospitality tent
- 26 Spring Band Concert, 6pm
- 29 Good Friday Holiday (No School)

CDC-C VID-19 Guidance

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has updated its guidance to state that people testing positive for COVID-19 no longer need to isolate for a five-day period. Faculty, staff and students should return to school when fever free for at least 24 hrs without the aid of medication and symptoms are mild and improving.

PTO Corner



Strawberry Festival details and ONLINE auction coming soon.

*We are looking for sponsors for this event. If you are interested in a corporate or individual sponsorship please use the form below.

*We are excited to welcome Mead Hall family affiliated booths this year! Click the link below to register online.



Name of Business: _____
Contact Person: _____
Address: _____
Phone Number: _____
Email Address: _____

Sponsorship Levels

- The Berry Best** (\$1,000.00 & above)
 - Name on promotional display during Strawberry Festival
 - Name on Social Media advertising
 - Name on newspaper thank you advertisement
 - 30 Tickets
- Patch Sponsorship** (\$500.00)
 - Name on Social Media advertising
 - Name on newspaper thank you advertisement
 - 20 Tickets
- Seedling Sponsorship** (\$300.00)
 - Name on newspaper thank you advertisement
 - 10 Tickets
- Strawberry Festival Friends** (Any Amount)
 - Support the Strawberry Festival
 - Perfect way to show support, even if unable to attend event
 - Name on newspaper thank you advertisement
 - Please specify "SF FRIENDS" on your payment

*****Tickets to be used for food and entertainment*****

Thank you for your support!

Please return this form to Mead Hall Episcopal School no later than **March 29, 2024**
Attn: Mari MacMillan 619 Barnwell Ave., NW Aiken, SC 29801



MEAD HALL AFFILIATE BOOTH INFORMATION FOR STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL 2024

WHO: Students, Faculty, Coaches and Parents

WHAT: Your creative talents or items to support a local charity, community organization or our school. (some examples: hand made dog toys to support ASPCA with a class, student handmade jewelry/accessories, school club plant sale, parent made baked goods).

WHEN: Set up by 10:30, Festival to begin at 11

COST: None. Please provide the table and tent if desired. Spaces will be designated on the basketball court.

WHY: We want to celebrate our artisans, talents and service organizations within our Mead Hall community. We encourage all proceeds to go to the charitable organizations represented or a voluntary donation to our school.

Please submit this form to MEAD HALL EPISCOPAL SCHOOL no later than **MARCH 29, 2024** ATTN: Mari MacMillan
Or via email at pto@meadhallschool.org

Name: _____
Email/Phone: _____ / _____
Product/Service/Organization: _____

[REGISTER NOW](#)



This year PTO will host an **ONLINE** silent auction as part of the Strawberry Festival. The auction will run for two weeks: Monday, April 15th - Monday, April 29th. We hope this will allow for support from grandparents, extended families, friends, and the greater Aiken community! Please fill out the auction form [LINK HERE](#) if you are interested in donating an item or an experience to the auction. We appreciate your support!

SCHOOL STORE



March School Store Hours 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			28th CLOSED	Open 8am	1 Open 8am	2
3	4 CLOSED	5 CLOSED	6 Open 8am	7 Open 8am	8 Open 8am	9
10	11 Open 8am	12 CLOSED	13 Open 8am	14 Open 8am	15 CLOSED	16
17	18 Open 8am	19 CLOSED	20 CLOSED	21 CLOSED	22 CLOSED	
24 31	25 Open 8am	26 Open 8am	27 Open 8am	28 Open 8am	29 CLOSED	

Afternoons by appointment -
MHStore@meadhallschool.org

"Night Of The Arts"

Mead Hall Episcopal School cordially invites you to attend the opening of the

Fifth - Twelfth Grade Art Performance and Exhibition

Saturday, March 16, 2024 • 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Branksia - The Aiken County Historical Museum

Silent Auction - 50/50 Raffle

Competition judged by Morris Museum of Art

Musical Performance by
The Mead Hall Band

Director, Mr. Kevin Grogan

Meet the Visual Artists

Art Available for Purchase

Champagne and Hors-d'oeuvres

~A suggested donation of \$20 per family is appreciated -
All funds raised directly benefit the Mead Hall Arts Programs ~

APC families should watch their mailboxes! Invitations are being mailed this week.



Track

Middle school's first Track Meet that was scheduled for Friday March 1st was canceled due to rain. Their next Track Meet is on Friday March 15th at Augusta Prep at 4:00pm. Varsity's first Track Meet is on Wednesday March 6th at Augusta Prep at 4:00pm. Their next event is on Wednesday March 20th at Augusta Prep at 4:00pm.



Soccer

The middle school boys soccer team's first game was on Thursday February 29th at Westminster. The team played hard but unfortunately they fell short. They competed versus Tall Pine on Monday March 5th. They play St. Mary's of Augusta in their first home game this Friday March 8th at 4:00pm.

The Varsity Soccer team's first game was on Thursday February 29th at Westminster. The team didn't come out with a victory but played very competitively versus last year's defending Georgia champion. Their game that was supposed to be played on Monday March 4th versus Thomas Sumter Academy will be rescheduled. Their first home game versus Spartanburg Christian Academy will be this Friday March 8th at 5:00pm



Tennis

Varsity Tennis will have their first match at home versus Westminster on Tuesday March 6th at 4:00PM at Odell Weeks. Their next match will be on Tuesday March 12 at Faith Christian Academy at 4:00pm.

Softball



The softball team had their first game of the season on Thursday February 29th although it didn't turn out how we would have liked it to, the girls played hard against Heathwood Hall. Their game that was scheduled for Friday March 1st versus South Aiken Baptist was rescheduled due to the rain. Their next game is at Wardlaw Academy on Tuesday March 5th at 4:00pm and also on Thursday March 7th at home versus McCormick High School at 5:00pm. **Admission to our home games are \$5.00 for adults and \$2.00 for kids..**



Golf

Varsity Golf practices are on Mondays and Wednesdays at the Aiken Golf Club at 4:00pm.



WE WILL HAVE MIDDLE SCHOOL 7v7 FLAG FOOTBALL THIS UPCOMING FALL. WE ARE LOOKING FOR A COUPLE EXPERIENCED COACHES!!!!!!

Please contact Athletic Director Daryl Hawthorne if you are interested

"The mind is the limit. As long as the mind can envision the fact that you can do something, you can do it, as long as you really believe 100 percent."

SAVE THE DATE



03

MONTH

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DAY

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YEAR

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& Pay Online



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& Pay by Check



Panther Club Golf Tournament
Registration is now open!



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EUCHARIST SERVICES

Rite I Eucharist no music 7:45 AM
Rite II Eucharist with Contemporary Music 9:00 AM
Rite II Eucharist with Traditional Music 11:15 AM

Please join us for Sunday services. You may also attend virtually at the VIMEO link above. For those watching at home, the bulletin can be found by clicking here [SERVICE BULLETIN](#).

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND BIBLE STUDY OPTIONS

Rector's Forum 10:15 - 11am meets in the Chapel,
discussing the Gospel of Mark
Drop In Class starts at 10:15am - 11am and meets in the Small parlor
in the Stevenson-McClelland Bldg. We are currently reading
"Inspired" by Rachel Held Evans
Led by Kathie Fowler
Adult Sunday School Class starts at 10:15am - 11am and meets in the Large
parlor (cafeteria) in the Stevenson-McClelland Bldg.
Led by Gibert Kennedy

ST. THADDEUS CAMPUS 803.644.1122

AIKEN PREP CAMPUS 803.648.3223

