

Black History Month

This year Orlando Science Elementary School kicked off Black History Month with our event on Thursday, February 2nd, 2017. The event was full of fabulous artifacts made by our students, dance performances, singing, acting and poetry reciting by several students. Ms.

Anderson's 1st grade class performed the "I Have a Dream" speech in addition to an ode to Michael Jackson's 'Thriller'.

Ms. Hurley's class performed a readers theater entitled, "K.C.'s Dream", Ms. Parrella's choir performed "We Shall Overcome", Ms. Kish's Drama club shared their "Cup of Equality" and a



group of students performed a Liturgical Dance along with Ms. Hurley and Ms. Anderson. To top the night off, Commissioner Regina Hill, a loyal advocate and supporter of the residents of the City of Orlando, was our keynote speaker. She shared words of encouragement and wisdom, focusing on how we can change things through peaceful protests.

In preparation, each grade level received a topic and were able to research and learn more information about African Americans that made an impact in that area, in their own unique way. Kindergarteners had entertainment as their topic and created paper bag biographies where they placed items that represented their entertainer inside the bag and decorated the outside. First graders researched famous African American athletes and made trading cards. Second graders researched historical figures and wrote essays, painted portraits and even made bottle replicas of those figures. Third grade researched scientists and created posters and completed book reports. Fourth graders

researched civil rights and wrote protest songs, created timelines, made brochures and completed other research projects. Fifth grade researched famous African American Politicians and created a banner full of information about those that they researched.

Our students worked very hard and their work will be on display throughout the month. As Commissioner Hill stated, our school is the picture perfect example of Dr. King's dream as we are a melting pot of all races, cultures, religions and genders. We show through our support of events such as this, that we can all get along through love.

