

# Baldwin Hills Elementary Gifted & High Ability Magnet Center 2021-2022 February Newsletter



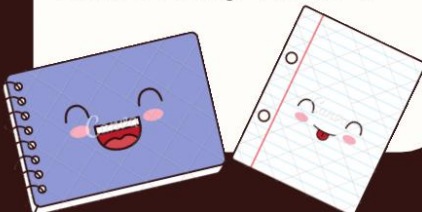
## Word From Your Coordinator ...

Greetings Baldwin Family & HAPPY BLACK HISTORY MONTH!! I pray that you and your families are well as we embrace the second semester 2021-2022 of learning and growing here at Baldwin. The staff at Baldwin work diligently to provide the highest quality of education so that our scholars continue to make reasonable, academic strides despite the pandemic.



## Upcoming Events

- School Site Council Meeting (SSC)  
- February 17
- Governing School Council Meeting  
(GSC) - February 17
- Soaring Scholars' Assembly -  
February 25
- OLSAT-8 Testing - March 9-11



## Reminder

Stay on top of your scholar's education by ensuring that your scholar is on the waiting list of their middle school of choice by visiting EChoices @ <https://echoices.lausd.net>.



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## Baldwin's February Hot Topics

This month (and all school year long at Baldwin) we celebrate the outstanding achievements of African-Americans.

The OLSAT-8 will be given to all 2nd graders and selected 3rd graders.

### Black History Month

#### *HOW IT STARTED*

In 1915, in response to the lack of information on the accomplishments of Black people available to the public, historian Carter G. Woodson co-founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History. In 1926, the group declared the second week of February as “Negro History Week” to recognize the contributions of African Americans to U.S. history. Few people studied Black history and it wasn’t included in textbooks prior to the creation of Negro History Week.

This week was chosen because it includes the birthdays of both Frederick Douglass, an abolitionist (someone who wanted to end the practice of enslaving people), and former U.S. president Abraham Lincoln. President Lincoln led the United States during the Civil War, which was primarily fought over the enslavement of Black people in the country. Many schools and leaders began recognizing the week after its creation.

The week-long event officially became Black History Month in 1976 when U.S. president Gerald Ford extended the recognition to “honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of Black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history.” Black History Month has been celebrated in the United States every February since.

All month long, scholars have presented excerpts of extraordinary African-Americans and their contributions. It has been a joy listening to them articulate on the PA system the milestones of African-Americans. Way to go Baldwin scholars!!

### OLSAT-8

This school year, 2021-2022, 2nd grade scholars and selected 3rd grade scholars will take the OLSAT-8 Version: Level C on March 9-10, 2022, with a make-up test offered on March 11, 2022. The OLSAT-8, a universal screening test for gifted identification, supports the district goal to address the disproportionate number of underrepresented student populations who are identified as gifted/talented, i.e., African Americans, Latinos, students with disabilities, English Learners. Once students are identified, it is the district’s expectation that teachers will enrich or accelerate the learning of gifted students through differentiation which includes modifications to the curriculum, instruction, resources, learning activities and student products. Gifted students should have ongoing opportunities to engage in learning activities that require more depth, complexity, novelty, and acceleration.