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# The Titan Times

## Will APA be the Same with Lower Grades?

*By Karblee Sapee*

Next year APA will be adding lower grades, kindergarden, first, second, and third grades. The question some APA scholars are asking is, "Will APA be the same?" Many scholars think the younger ones will not be able to handle all the homework and strict rules. Others think it's a great idea and that things could be arranged to help younger scholars be successful. I ask, is there enough space? We already can't fit the whole school in the auditorium or the lunch room.

There are many hopes for this school, but what is going to happen only time will tell. Next year is when this change will take effect. I hope the new younger scholars will be happy at Achievement Prep. But for now, current APA scholars should keep working hard and not worry about debating these changes.



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# APA News

## 7th Grade Poets

The entire class of 2022 recently learned about the structure of movement of poetry. They tried their own hand at this form of written creative expression. Below are some of the stand outs!

### Ode to the Pencil

*By Anonymous*

Hey, you pencil  
you know you're amazing  
you make me smile,  
you make me want to use you all up.  
I just love your sensational smell,  
your amazing feel  
your beautiful shine,  
you're smooth texture.  
But,  
when I use you,  
I feel bad.  
Because when I put you into the sharpener  
I feel as though I'm killing you.  
But even though when you die and you are no  
more,  
I want you to know  
I love you,  
however.  
I shall  
find...another...pencil.

### Ode to My Hair

*By Ahmaiyah Herndon.*

I unwrap you every morning at 6:06 am  
and brush you down to my shoulders.  
I haven't seen you all night.  
Your glistening split ends that sweep  
across my white button down shirt.  
My burying fingertips in grease  
I part you down the middle  
of my head and brush your tiny arms  
back down. I walk outside  
and you puff up like a porcupine.  
Later on, we meet again. You're  
scattered across my back.  
Flowing from left to right.  
I brush you to one side  
and push you up and over and brush you again.  
Tomorrow my friend,  
we shall meet again.

# APA News

## Jealousy

*By Brianna Green*

*I let you slip through*

*My fingertips.*

*Now there's no way to  
get*

*You back.*

*I hate to fall in love*

*because I might get  
hurt.*

*I guess it's not meant  
to be.*

*I hold back the tears*

*and walk on egg shells*

*to avoid bringing out  
the truth.*

*I'm that unknown girl*

*in this beautiful world.*

*You're my mystery guy*

*in my broken heart.*

## Ode to Cheese Doodles

*By Duchon President*

I search the grocery  
store

in haste

to find that sweet

lip-samcking taste.

There it is

in aisle nine.

It's just a dollar

and thirty-nine!

A bag of doodles

most delicious.

Check out the label,

they're nutritious!

And do you

feel satisfied

while munching

on doodles fried?

I savor each,

I just might hurl.

Their praises

I will always sing.

Cheese doodles

are my everything.

## Ode to Bacon

*By Kevon Barnhart*

I can see the  
golden brown

pancakes, the eggs,

and the one and  
only

Bacon.

I can already

taste it.

I can see it flirting

with me with it's

smile.

I think I just

broke up

with the pancakes.

## Why Dream?

*By Jordan Wood*

Why should I dream?

I could be out in the  
open.

I could be quiet but  
not

unspoken. If I'm  
dreaming all

locked down and  
broken,

it's my choice to  
choose what my future

is holding.

Tell me why should I  
dream?

I'm not any kid.

I'm talented, cool, and  
courageous,

ready to take on that  
big round

world someday. I'm  
ready to get

out in the open to  
carry three jobs

in a day.

I know it sounds like a  
lot

for a kid to do in a day

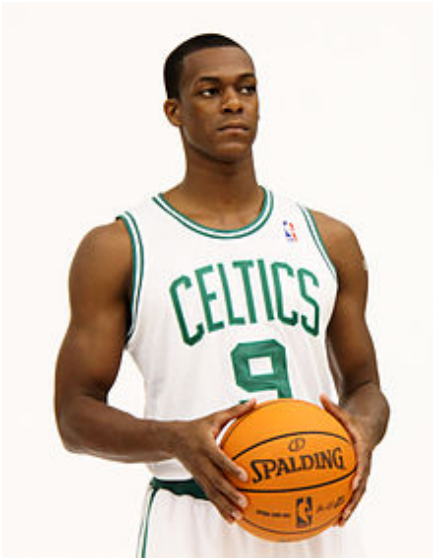
but all I can do is sit  
and dream till college  
comes

my way!

# Sports and Entertainment

## Loss of a Crucial Celtic

*By Kenny Wright.*



*Rajon Rondo*

The Celtics have been struggling this NBA season. In my opinion, they need new and young players because they have too many veterans. Paul Pierce, Kevin Garnett, and Jason Terry won't always be on the team. Even though they were able to pull off a win against the Miami Heat, they need to do better. And just when they thought things couldn't get worse, they lose their key player in the prime of his career, Rajon Rondo. Rondo is out for the season with a torn ACL.

But Rondo's absence may prove to be just the surprise shot in the arm the Celtics needed to get on a winning track. Since Rondo went out of the game late in January the Celtics have been 11-4 and have beaten some of the best teams in the NBA, including the Heat, Clippers, Nuggets, and Bulls. With Rondo out, the Celtics young guards, Courtney Lee and Avery Bradley have really stepped up their game and done a fantastic job of running a tighter defense.

## New Products for Gamers

*By Fonanti Sapee*

Do you own a Xbox 360 at home? If so, then you will fall in love with this new product, Project SHIELD. This product is a mixture of a pc, android, and a game system. Project SHIELD is a full size controller that is very close to the xbox 360 controller. This system also has a 5 inch touch screen that has retinal display (same one that the new macbook pro and imac have). The sound that comes out Project SHIELD is so loud most portable systems don't use it. Also, if you have Wi-Fi at your home, be glad because the Project SHIELD will be the best with Wi-Fi connected. If you have ice cream sandwich on your android you are behind because Project SHIELD has jelly beans (the new android software). Almost every android game can be played on the Project SHIELD (and yes, this includes subway surfer). This product would be found in you local electronics store in the near future. If you have a GTX PC you can share PC games. For more information on GTX PC type this link into your URL box:



<http://www.notebookcheck.net/NVIDIA-GeForce-GTX-660M.71859.0.html>

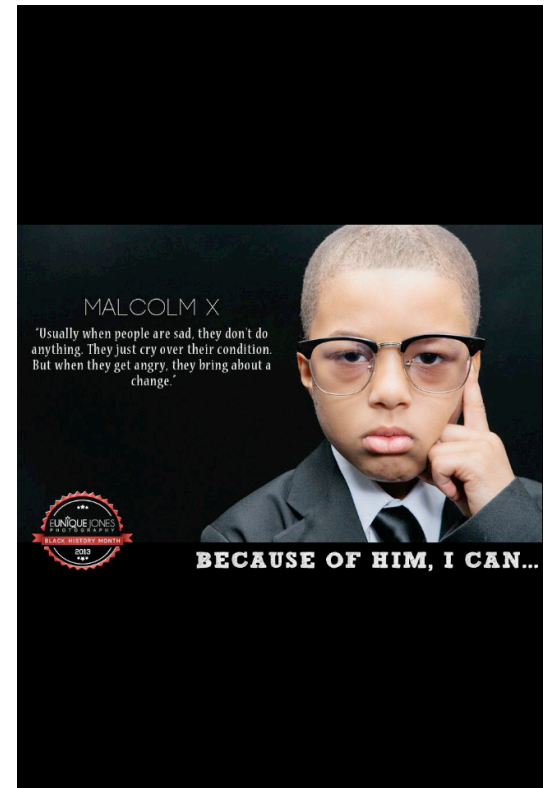
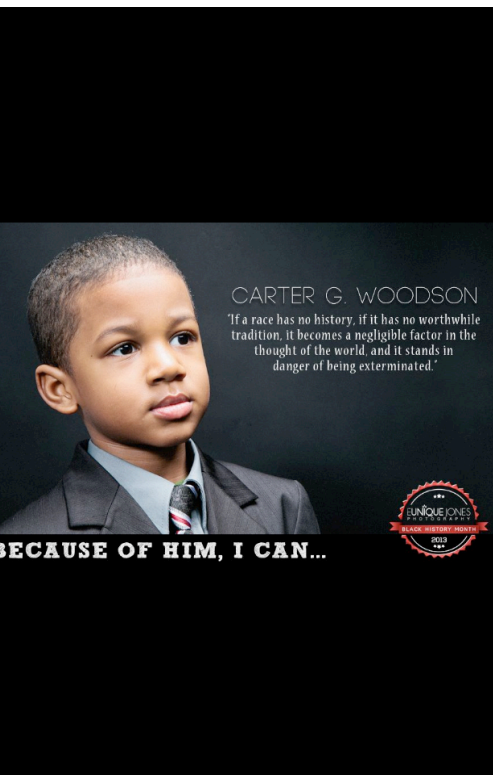


# The History of Black History Month

By Aryn Outlaw

Black history month was first introduced in 1926 in the United States when Carter G. Woodson and the Association for the Study of Black Life and History announced that the second week of February would be black history week. Why was this week chosen? It was chosen because it was the birthday of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass. Abraham Lincoln was the 16th president and fought to pass the Emancipation Proclamation, freeing all slaves in America. Frederick Douglass was an African American social reformer. After escaping from slavery, Douglass became a leader of the fight against slavery gaining fame for his powerful speeches and insightful antislavery writing.

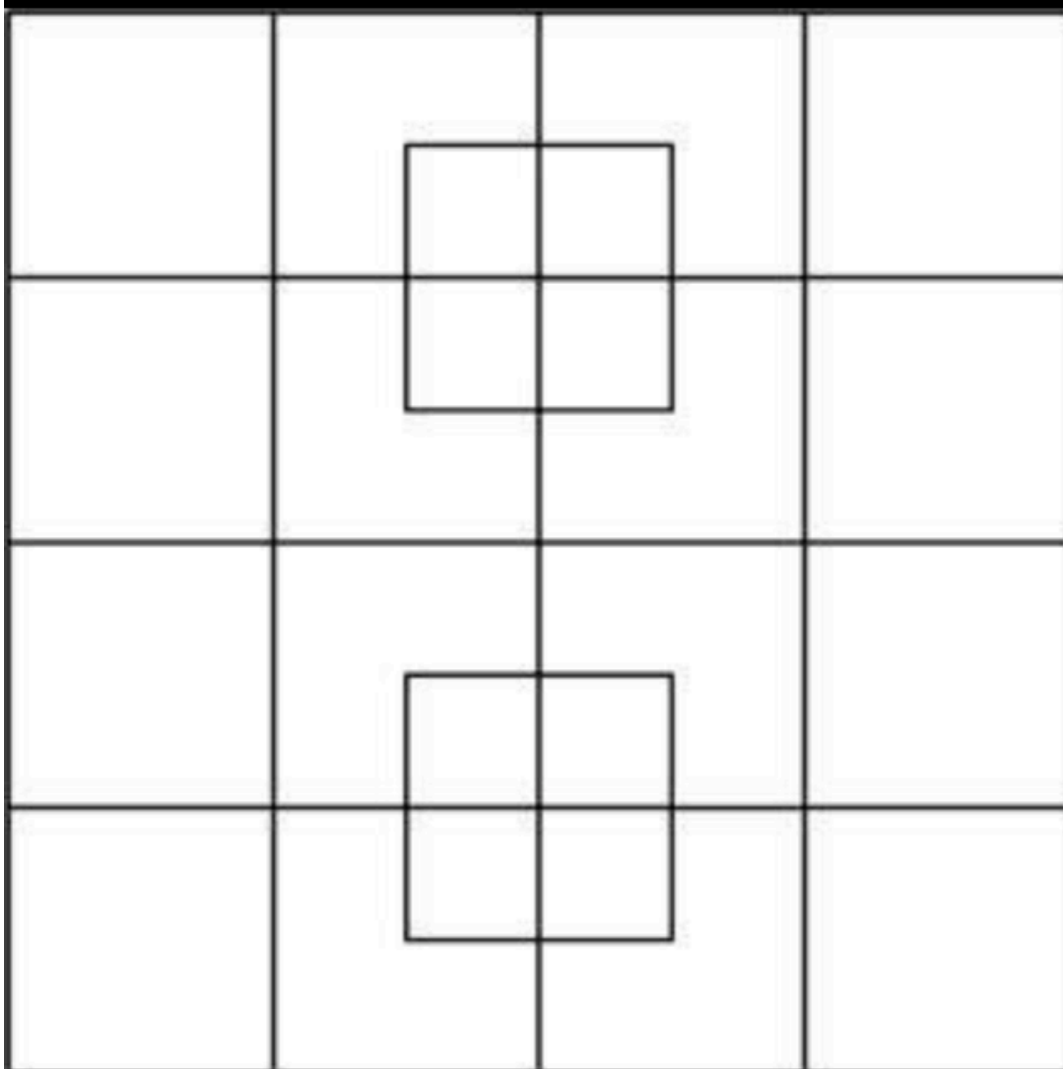
In the United States and Canada Black History Month is celebrated in February. In the United Kingdom Black History is celebrated in October. Black History Week became Black History Month by an act of the Federal Government in 1976. The first known public celebration of Black History Month took place at Kent State University in Ohio in 1970.



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# Puzzles & Games

How many squares can you find not  
including the black rectangular borders?



✓: 35

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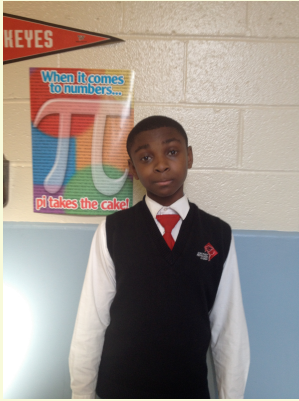
# Puzzles and Games

## Sudoku

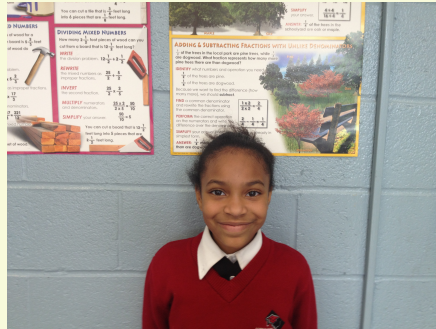
place a number between 1 and 6 in each empty cell so that every row, every column and every 2x3 box contains all the numbers 1 to 6.

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	2			5	
	1			3	
3					1
		1	2		

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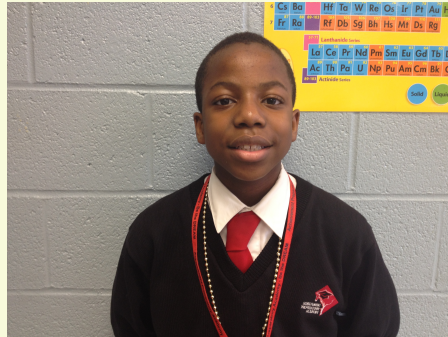
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