

Reminders, Refreshers, News and More!

February is Black History Month

February marks the beginning of Black History Month. Established in 1976, Black History Month is a time for remembrance and appreciation of important people and events in African American history.

Among those remembered during this month are:

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., who worked tirelessly to promote the civil rights of African Americans in the 1960's;

Rosa Parks, whose refusal to give up her bus seat to a white person in Alabama sparked national efforts to end segregation in public facilities;

Frederick Douglass, famed abolitionist and author of *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, an American Slave*; and

Harriet Tubman, an abolitionist who courageously led nearly 300 Maryland slaves to safety through the Underground Railroad.

Not only is February Black History Month, other celebrations include:

Groundhog Day—Feb. 2nd

Mardi Gras—Feb. 5th

Abraham Lincoln's Birthday—Feb 12th

Valentine's Day—Feb. 14th



George Washington's Birthday—Feb. 22nd

Leap Year—Feb. 29th

Hope Online Poetry Contest



**Roses are red,
Violets are blue,
If you enjoy writing poetry,
Hope Online wants to hear
from you!**

Hope Online is pleased to announce the next student contest—a **poetry contest**. Poems can be about to any subject—Hope Online and school, your favorite hobbies, your friends and family, or just life in general. Poetry does not have to rhyme and there is no word limit, but poems *must* be original.

Winners will be chosen from each of four grade level categories (K-3, 4-6, 7-9, 10-12), and they will receive a \$50 gift card to their choice of Barnes and Noble, Sports Authority or Wal-Mart.

The deadline to submit your poems is March 31. Be sure to turn submissions in to your Learning Center Mentors before that date!

The Hope Beat Student Column

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to write articles for a magazine or a newspaper? Here's your chance to find out!



Hope Online is offering you the chance to write a column for the Student Newsletter! This is your opportunity to report on issues important to you, the students of Hope Online.

The Hope Beat will feature the writing of a different Hope Online student each month.

Entries should be 200 words or less, and must be related to education or Hope Online. Please send entries to Theresa Solano at Theresa.Solano@HopeOnline.org by the 15th of each month, your column might be chosen for the next student newsletter.

Books of the Month

Recommended reading for Hope Online students:

(Grades k-6): ***A Journey to the Center of the Earth*** by Jules Verne

This story follows the adventure of a professor who leads his nephew and hired guide down a volcano to the "center of the Earth."



(Grades 7-9): ***A Child Called "It"*** by David Pelzer
This tale of brutality and hope recounts a severe child abuse case in which the abused boy survives through his dream that one day, someone will call him "son," not "it."

(Grades 10-12): ***Inherit the Wind*** by Jerome Lawrence
This classic novel is a fictionalized account of the Scopes "Monkey" Trial of 1925 wherein a science teacher is prosecuted for teaching Darwinism over Creationism.

"The best way to have a good idea is to have lots of ideas." -Linus Pauling

Student Art Contest Winners

Thank you to all students that participated in the Hope Online Student Art contest. Many talented artists submitted beautiful winter art, and choosing a winner was difficult. The winners are:

k-3: Brianna Lukich – Redeemer Lutheran
4-6: Yaneth Mendoza – La Esperanza
7-9: Nathan Pacheco – New Heights Academy
10-12: Jesus Sanchez – A Brand New Start

All student artwork is currently on display at the Hope Online Office!

