

# Preston Pride

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## Black History Month

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This month is a very special month that wouldn't be possible without some African Americans that believed in peace, not cruelty. Black History Month is a month in which Americans and Canadians celebrate in February, while Dutch and English people celebrate in October. Some of our African American leaders are Dr. Martin Luther King Jr, Rosa Parks, Carter G Woodson, and many more. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was a big leader in civil rights. He was always trying to make a difference in segregation. Dr. Martin Luther King said, *"If you can't fly, then run, if you can't run, then walk, if you can't walk, then crawl, but by all means, keep moving."* He also held a protest that he involved kids in! The police sent dogs after the kids and sprayed them with a fire hose until they were forced to leave. He also held a bus boycott.



## President's Day

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Presidents' Day is a holiday Americans celebrate on February 19th. It wasn't a federal holiday until the late 1700's. Presidents' Day was established in 1885 to celebrate Washington's birthday. We now celebrate it in honor of all the presidents in the U.S.A. Many kids in America get the day off of school. The Uniform Monday Act was also included in a provision to combine the celebration of President George Washington's and President Abraham Lincoln's birthday which fell into place on February 12. McClory renamed the holiday Presidents' Day. The main part of the Uniform Monday Act passed in 1968 and then it officially took effect in 1971 and following an executive order from the thirty-seventh president, President Richard Nixon. President Washington's birthday was shifted to February 22nd which was the third Monday of February. In the mid 1980s Washington's birthday was known by many Americans as Presidents' Day. It had been shifted in the early 2000s. Presidents' Day was traditionally viewed as a patriotic holiday that we celebrate. To this day and on we celebrate Presidents' Day every February 19.

## Valentine's Day

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The holiday people know today is Valentine's Day which is celebrated on February 14. Every year it is celebrated by giving cards to people you like. You also make boxes to hold all of the Valentine's you get. This Valentine's Day, millions of people will exchange heart-shaped gifts of all kinds. No one knows the true story about St. Valentine. One tale says that St. Valentine was punished, he passed a note to Julia and it said your valentine. So that is the story and traditions of Valentine's Day.



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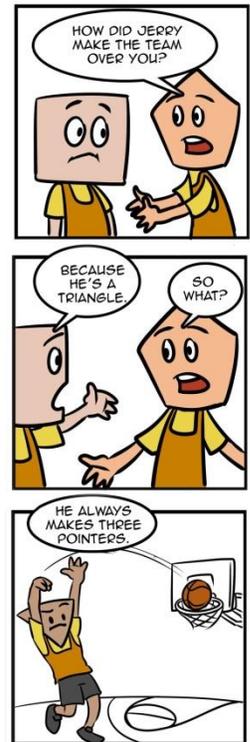
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That means he had most of the African Americans protest against colored people giving up their seat on the bus to a white. Rosa Parks is also an African American leader. She was a leader and she was only tired of giving in. She said, "Have you ever been hurt and the place tries to heal a bit, and you just pull the scar off of it over and over again." Carter G. Woodson was an African-American author and historian thought by people as the 'Father of Black History.' Without peace and justice our world would have no difference. People need to realize and people have realized African Americans matter. Without these famous African Americans our world would never be the same.

## Tips and Reminders

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- **Saint Patrick Day is in 9 days.**
- **Spring break is in 12 days**
- **On the 16<sup>th</sup> we get out at 1:20 on Friday.**



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