



**Marvin Pratt Elementary School**  
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## February 2024 Newsletter

*Our Vision: Marvin Pratt Elementary School will maintain its status as one of the high performing elementary schools in the state. We strive to develop a society of reflective, progressive thinking life-long learners who strive to embody the spirit of innovation, active collaboration and international mindedness in the pursuit of knowledge*

### BLACK HISTORY MONTH

#### The Origins of Black History Month

- Did you know? The NAACP was founded on February 12, 1901, the centennial anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln
- Black History Month 2023 Theme
- Black History Month Documentaries
- Gallery
- Black History
- The Man Behind Black History Month
- Black History Milestones

<https://www.history.com/topics/black-history/black-history-month>

#### Milwaukee African American News

<https://communityjournal.net/>  
<https://milwaukeecourieronline.com/>  
<https://milwaueetimesnews.com/>  
<https://www.aamilwaukee.org/>  
<https://radiomilwaukee.org/>  
<https://www.milwaukeeemag.com/tag/blm-in-mke/>

#### What is Juneteenth?

Juneteenth Commemorates the effective end of slavery in the United States.

<https://www.history.com/news/what-is-juneteenth>  
<https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/history/article/celebrating-juneteenth>

#### BLACK LIVES MATTER



<https://blacklivesmatter.com/herstory/>

<https://library.law.howard.edu/civilrightshistory/BLM>

<https://uumilwaukee.org/committees/black-lives-matter/>

## Why is African American Food Called Soul food?



Soul food is an ethnic cuisine traditionally prepared and eaten by African Americans, originating in the Southern United States. The expression “soul food” originated in the mid- 1960s, when “soul” was a common word used to describe African American culture.

### Where did Soul Food Originate?

The Cuisine originated with the foods that were given to the enslaved West Africans on Southern plantations during the American Colonial period; however, it was strongly influenced by the traditional practices of West Africans and Native Americans from its inception

<https://www.blackfoodie.co/the-humble-history-of-soul-food/>

<https://www.purewow.com/food/soul-food-recipes>

<https://restaurantclicks.com/most-popular-soul-food-dishes/>



**Marvin E. Pratt**

Born May 26, 1944 is an American politician who served as acting mayor of Milwaukee in 2004 and an interim Milwaukee County Executive in 2011. He was the first African-American to serve as mayor of Milwaukee.

<https://www.thehistorymakers.org/biography/honorable-marvin-pratt>

<https://milwaukeejournalonline.com/index.php/2016/07/23/marvin-pratt-adds-another-accomplishment-to-his-list/>



Marvin Pratt School  
Black History Program **“ROOTED IN HISTORY”**  
February 29, 2024  
School Auditorium 8:30am - 9:30am

## FAMILY HEALTH CORNER



[https://www.pfizer.com/news/articles/health\\_disparities\\_among\\_african\\_americans](https://www.pfizer.com/news/articles/health_disparities_among_african_americans)

<https://oldwayspt.org/traditional-diets/African-heritage-diet>

<https://www.thewounddocs.com/post/promoting-physical-exercise-and-mobility-in-african-american-communities>

<https://www.bet.com/photo-gallery/mtax13/have-you-tried-the-african-american-heritage-diet/3qvz7w>

## Try Black History Fun Trivia Games



### How well do you know about Black History?

<https://watsonadventures.com/blog/fun-stuff/at-home-trivia-game-black-history-month-trivia/>

<https://www.sporcle.com/games/tags/blackhistorymonth>

<https://www.care.com/c/black-history-month-for-kids-activities/>

<https://triviamaker.com/black-history-month-games/>

## Important Dates

District Advisory Council	2/1/2024
Kindergarten Enrollment Fair	2/3/2024
School Engagement Council	2/15/2024
Professional Devel. Day (No School)	2/16/2024
Mid Semester Break (No School)	2/19/2024
Black History Program “Rooted In History”	2/29/2024

# **“THE BLACK NATIONAL ANTHEM”**

## **LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING**

<https://naacp.org/find-resources/history-explained/lift-every-voice-and-sing>

<https://www.newworldrecords.org/blogs/news/the-story-behind-lift-every-voice-and-sing>

Lift every voice and sing,  
'Til earth and heaven ring,  
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty;  
Let our rejoicing rise  
High as the listening skies,  
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.  
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,  
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;  
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,  
Let us march on 'til victory is won.

Stony the road we trod,  
Bitter the chastening rod,  
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;  
Yet with a steady beat,  
Have not our weary feet  
Come to the place for which our fathers died.  
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered,  
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,  
Out from the gloomy past,  
'Til now we stand at last  
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years,  
God of our silent tears,  
Thou who has brought us thus far on the way;  
Thou who has by Thy might  
Led us into the light,  
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.  
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee,  
Lest our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee;  
Shadowed beneath Thy hand,  
May we forever stand  
True to our God,  
True to our native land.



# MKE Black Celebrates and Promotes Black Business, Events, Culture, and Advancement in the Greater Milwaukee Area.

With nearly 80 Black owned food and drink establishments, the Milwaukee area is no stranger to southern inspired cuisine. **Coffee Makes You Black**( <https://cmybmke.com>) offers a wonderful chicken and waffle breakfast, as well as mango tea. Morning favorites of scrambled eggs, bacon, and hash browns are a must try at **Rise and Grind Cafe**, (<https://www.visitmilwaukee.org/listing/rise-%26-grind-cafe-king-drive/7457/>) located in Sherman Phoenix. Located a few steps away is **Funky Fresh**, (<https://funkyfreshspringrolls.com/>) known for their grilled spring rolls and homemade sauces.

In the mood for soul? Head over to **Daddy's Soul Food & Grille**, (<https://www.daddysoulfoodandgrille.com/>) one of the city's best southern style restaurants. With so many options, you can't go wrong with the catfish, chicken, pork chops, or really anything on the menu. For vegan diners **Twisted Plants** (<https://www.twistedplants.com/>) is the area's go to place for delicious plant-based burgers. Favorites such as the Chopped & Screwed, Pineapple Express, and the Big Lebowski will surely satisfy your appetite.

Still have room for dessert? **Confectionately Yours** (<https://www.cv3gbakery.com/>) in (Sherman Phoenix) offers brownies, cookies, cakes, and cobblers to satisfy your sweet tooth. **Bougie Berries**( <https://www.bougieberries.com/>) specializes in delectable cupcakes, chocolate covered berries, and "fire" desserts. If popcorn is more your style, then **Goody Gourmets** (<https://www.goodygourmets.com/>) is well worth your visit. Some favorites flavors include bacon, BBQ, sour cream & chive, and banana pudding. Last, but not least, **Tastee Twist** (<https://www.yelp.com/biz/tastee-twist-milwaukee>) has been a local staple for generations, serving Milwaukeeans classic soft-serve ice cream since 1979.

## Shop 'til You Drop

With over 25 local brands in one space (from mostly Black businesses), **The Bronze Ville Collective** offers something for everyone. Discover handcrafted jewelry, one-of-a-kind apparels, bath products and more. Born out of the ashes of unrest, **Sherman Phoenix** offers a variety of restaurants, shops, and services. Visit The Underground Makers Market, Queens' Closet, and None Above for the latest fashion and handcrafted items.