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Marvin Pratt's February 2025 Newsletter

The vision of Pratt Elementary School is to maintain its status as one of the highest performing elementary schools in the state. We will 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.



THE THEME FOR BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2025 IS

"AFRICAN AMERICANS AND LABOR"

"African Americans and Labor" depicts a long and complex history of resistance, resilience, and the ongoing fight for fairness in the workplace and economic equality. It highlights how labor struggles are deeply connected to the broader fight for justice and equality.

<https://socialwork.howard.edu/african-americans-and-labor-honoring-legacy-work-and-social-justice>

Milwaukee African American News

<https://communityjournal.net/>
<https://milwaukeecourieronline.com/>
<https://milwaukeetimesnews.com/>
<https://www.aalamilwaukee.org/>
<https://radiomilwaukee.org/>
<https://www.milwaukeemag.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/>

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

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

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

<https://www.aljazeera.com/features/2020/12/31/2020-the-year-black-lives-matter-shook-the-world>

Black Pioneers in Mental Health

FAMILY HEALTH CORNER



<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>

<https://www.mcleanhospital.org/essential/black-mental-health>



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://mps.milwaukee.k12.wi.us/News/School-receives-portrait-of-Marvin-E.-Pratt.htm>

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

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



“Honoring the past, and Embracing the Future”

You are cordially invited
to

Marvin Pratt School
Black History Program
Friday, February 28, 2025
School Auditorium 9:30am -11:30am

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

100 th Day of School (Dress-Up)	2/12/2025
District Advisory Council	2/13/2025
Valentine's Day 	2/14/2025
Kindergarten Enrollment Fair	2/22/2025
School Engagement Council	2/20/2025
We are the Drums (Field Trips)	2/20/2025
Professional Devel. Day (No School)	2/28/2025
Mid Semester Break (No School)	2/17/2025
Black History Program	2/28/2025

The National Black Anthem

“Lift Every Voice and Sing”

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

<https://naacp.org/find-resources/history-explained/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.cv3gbakerv.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.velp.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.

Marvin Pratt is a Uniform School

We would like to encourage all students to wear their school uniforms as a matter of fairness and pride. When students come to school in their uniforms, it creates a sense of unity and equality among them, ensuring that no child feels left out or different. Uniforms also help maintain a focused, disciplined environment where all students can concentrate on learning. Additionally, when students consistently wear their uniforms, it contributes to the overall success of their classes. Uniform-wearing classes are eligible for exciting awards and incentives, and it's a wonderful opportunity for our scholars to be recognized for their commitment and school spirit. We kindly ask for your support in helping your child come to school in uniform. Let's continue to work together to create a positive, fair, and thriving school community for all students. If you have any questions regarding our uniform policy at Pratt school, please feel free to give Ms. Cobb at 414-247-7313.

Thank you for your cooperation!



Boys- Navy Blues Bottoms- Pants or shorts Tops - Navy Blue, Light blue or white
Girls – Navy Blue Bottoms- Pants or Skirts Tops – Navy blue, Light Blue or white
Scholars may wear Long or short sleeve tops. Sweaters Permitted in the Winter
(Navy Blue or White)



Uniform Policy

Colors Permitted by Individual Schools

The colors listed below are permitted by schools for **uniform tops only** (not pants, shorts, skirts, or jumpers). These colors may be worn in addition to the districtwide colors for shirts and tops (black and navy blue). **If a school is not listed, students are required to wear black or navy blue shirts and tops.**



MPS Charter schools marked with ** require uniforms; student exemptions are not allowed.

Schools that are **NOT** following the uniform policy are listed on the other side of this flyer.

Contact the school for uniform information at the following charter and partnership schools:

Alliance, Assata, Daniels Prep, Grandview High School, Highland Community School, Next Door Foundation, NOVA High, NOVA Tech, Shalom High School, Whittier

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School	Uniform Color
Acad. Acad. Learning	Royal blue or light blue
ALBA **	White or light blue
Allen Field	Red or white
Audubon MS	Black or navy blue
Audubon HS	Red
Auer	Red or black with logo; can purchase at school for \$5
Barbee Montessori	Royal blue or sapphire blue
Barton	Red
Bay View HS	Red
Bethune	Red
Bradley Tech	Purple or black with Tech logo; can purchase at school for \$10-\$25
Brown	White or red
Browning	Light blue
Bruce	Royal blue
Bryant	White or light blue
Burbank	Green or purple
Burdick	Blue or yellow
Carmen North/South **	Maroon polo with Carmen logo
Carson	White or light blue
Carver	Navy blue with logo; can purchase at school for \$10
Cass	Purple
Clarke	Red
Clemens	Black or orange
Clement Avenue	Green
Congress	Light blue or red
Craig Montessori	White
Curtin	Green or gray
Overlier	Royal blue
Eighty-first Street	Blue
Elm Creative Arts	Kelly green or gray
Emerson	Royal blue
Fairview	Blue or yellow
Fifty-third Street	Royal blue
Forest Home	Royal blue or white
Franklin	Royal blue with school logo
Fristley	Red
Gaenslen	Gold
Garland	Orange or black or combination
Grant	Red or white
Grantree	Red, blue or white
Greenfield	Hunter green or white
Groppit HS	Forest green
Hamilton HS	Hunter green
Hampton	Red

School	Uniform Color
Hmong American Peace Academy **	K4-Gr. 5 Light blue dress shirt Gr. 6-8 White dress shirt Gr. 9-12 Light blue dress shirt All grades wear a tie
Hartford	K4-Gr. 5 Light blue; Gr. 6-8 Yellow
Hawley	Forest green
Hawthorne	Blue or white
Hayes	Burgundy with school logo
Hi-Mount	Royal blue or light gray
Honey Creek	Red
Hopkins-Lloyd	Royal blue or white; black shoes
Humboldt Park	White
IDEAL	Royal blue or white
Jackson	Blue or yellow
Kagel	Red
Keefe Ave.	Royal blue
Kibbourn	Red or blue
King Elementary	Black or navy blue
King MS	King blue
King HS	Royal blue or gold
Kluge	Royal blue or gold
La Causa **	Gr. 1-4 Yellow polo; K5 and Gr. 5-8 Red polo. All grades: blue vest and black dress shoes.
Lafayette	Yellow, light blue or white
Lancaster	Royal blue or white
Lincoln Avenue	Royal blue
Lincoln Center of the Arts	Purple or black with logo
Longfellow	Royal blue or white
MacDowell	Red or gray
Manitoba	Red
Maple Tree	Forest or hunter green
Marshall HS	Carolina blue
Golda Meir	Gold
Metcalf	White
Milw. Academy of Chinese Language	Red or blue
Milw. College Prep **	K4-Gr. 5 Red; Gr. 6-8 White or red with blazer & tie; can purchase shirts at school for \$10
Milw. Community Cyber **	White or royal blue; long-sleeve sweaters/jackets are not allowed in the building
Milw. Environmental **	Gold; can purchase shirts in school, \$8-\$10
Milw. Excellence **	Light blue; school provides uniforms
Milw. German Immersion	Blue or red
MHSA	Red or gray
Milwaukee Parkside	Lime green or royal blue

School	Uniform Color
Milw. School Languages	Gray
Milw. Sign Language	Dark blue or gold
Milw. Spanish Immersion	Red
Mitchell	Red
Morgandale	Red, white or royal blue
Morse Middle School	Red or gold
Neeskara	Royal/dark blue or gold
Ninety-fifth Street	Powder blue
North Division High School	Royal blue or white
Obama School of Career & Technical Education	Red
Parkview	Royal blue or white
Pierce	Red
Marvin Pratt	White or light blue
Project S.T.A.Y	Light blue
Pulaski	Red or blue polo with Pulaski logo
Riley	Baby blue polo for incoming students only. Current students may wear school colors.
River Trail	Blue or gold
Rogers	White
Roosevelt MS	Heather gray
Sherman	Gold
Siefert	Red
South Division HS	Maroon
Starks Discovery and Starks Early Childhood	Green
Story	Royal blue or kelly green
Stuart	Red
Thoreau	Royal blue or gold
Thurston Woods	Orange or royal blue
Townsend	Hunter green
Townridge	Light blue
Victory	Blue
Vespucci	Black or navy blue
Vincent HS	Black, maroon or gold with school logo; Black or maroon blazers and black or khaki pants
Washington HS	Purple or gold
Webster Middle	Purple
Wedgebrook	Navy blue with gray school logo
Westside Academy	Red
Whitman	Red
Wisc. Conservatory of Lifelong Learning	Black polo with green school logo
Zablocki	White

Marvin Pratt School uniform policy is shown above .

Marvin E. Pratt Elementary School
Proudly Presents
“Honoring the Past, Embracing the Future”
A Black History Program Celebration



Dear Parents,

We are excited to invite you to Marvin Pratt School's Black History Month program, where we will honor the trailblazers, heroes, and pioneers who have shaped the past and continue to inspire the future. Join us for an afternoon of reflection, education, and celebration as we share the rich history and contributions of African Americans to our culture and society.

Date: February 28, 2024,

Time: 9:30 am- 11:30 am

Where: Marvin Pratt School/Gymnasium

- **Inspiring performances and student presentations**
- **Storytelling and historical insights**
- **Poetry, music, and art displays**
- **Honoring local and national leaders**
- **Food and Fun**

We look forward to seeing you all there!

Soul Food Sampling Buffet Following the Black History Program