

Dear Parents and Guardians,

February 2023

Welcome to February!

During this month we are hearing music created by black musicians from the 1950's through present throughout the day as our bell tones to switch classes. I will share a compilation of all the bell tones we have heard throughout the month on Google Classroom. Feel free to listen further at home.

Here is a video we created last year based off a book called "Our Children Can Soar."

[https://youtu.be/z5W\\_dHMg8do](https://youtu.be/z5W_dHMg8do)

Even though we are learning and celebrating throughout "Black History Month," I pose this question to my students, "Would it be fair if I only played music by black musicians during the month of February?" We all agree that would not be fair! We need to continue to celebrate black musicians and history everyday of the year.

Fourth grade are practicing songs that they chose to sing from our list of songs we have heard in class. Please continue to practice at home using the songs on their Google Classroom for their class. They will be performing at the March 1st Music and Dance Spring Concert along with our 5th grade band.

I am looking for music that represents our school community to share in my class. Any suggestions feel free to send a link to [ARamsingh@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:ARamsingh@schools.nyc.gov)

As always thank you for all your support.

["Light Up your Mind"](#)

["I will"](#)

["Pick It Up"](#)

Sincerely,



Andrew Ramsingh