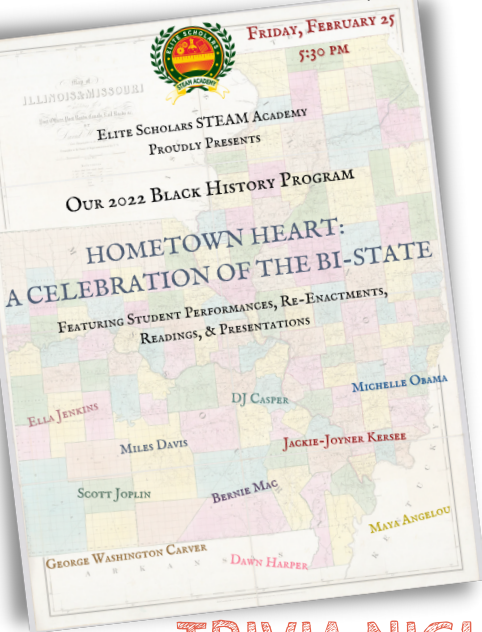


NEWS FROM THE HIVE



INFO, REMINDERS, & ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR ESSA FAMILIES



OUR ANNUAL BLACK HISTORY PROGRAM

Every February, ESSA is honored to present our annual Black History Program. This year, each class has been working hard researching the lives and legacies of Black individuals with ties to Illinois or Missouri. Please join us on Friday, February 25 at 5:30 pm as the classes celebrate these important people in a variety of creative ways!

All students are strongly encouraged to attend so that they can participate in the presentations. Please ensure that your child is back at ESSA by 5:15 pm that evening. And thank you for supporting our students' efforts!!

TRIVIA NIGHT & SILENT AUCTION

Our 2nd Annual PTO Trivia Night and Silent Auction is right around the corner! Join us at 5:30 pm on Saturday, March 19 to put your knowledge to the test with 70 trivia questions, bid on a large variety of fantastic silent auction items, and enjoy getting to know other ESSA families! Please reserve your trivia table now! Tickets are \$15 per player in advance and \$20 at the door.

For details, please visit our website at <http://www.ess.academy/trivia-night/>. If you have any items--no matter how small!--that you'd like to donate for the Silent Auction, please bring them in at drop off or pick up. Thank you for supporting this event and helping us to spread the word!

(Although the evening will be family-friendly, the questions will be tricky! Please also note that childcare will not be provided.)



ESSA NIGHT AT TEXAS ROADHOUSE!

Attention all cooks: You deserve a night off on Tuesday, February 22! Instead of cooking, consider participating in our fundraiser at the Shiloh Texas Roadhouse! Between 4 -8 pm, ESSA will receive 20% of all profits! Just **PLEASE BE SURE TO PRESENT THE FLYER OR MENTION ESSA!** Flyers will be distributed next week.

But there will be more than delicious food to enjoy at the restaurant! Be wowed by a balloon artist and stop by the ESSA table to purchase a T-SHIRT or HOODIE*! These shirts are in production now and will be hot off the presses--and ESSA students can wear them to school on Fridays! *T-shirts and Hoodies can be purchased with cash, CashApp, Venmo, or Zelle.

AS ALWAYS, THANKS FOR SUPPORTING OUR FANTASTIC ESSA STUDENTS AND OUR PTO!