

perseverance, and justice. Lessons also highlight the contributions of notable Black Canadians through slide presentations, videos, and reading activities.

Junior students are engaging in mini-biography studies that spotlight Canadian Black trailblazers who are making an impact across sports, media, and public service. Students are learning about inspiring figures such as Kia Nurse, a WNBA star and Olympian; Amanda Parris, a Canadian actress and screenwriter; Alphonso Davies, an international soccer superstar; and Michaëlle Jean, Canada's first Black woman to serve as Governor General. Through reading, writing, and discussion, students are exploring the achievements of these role models while reflecting on perseverance, leadership, and excellence.

In the intermediate grades, students are engaging in deeper inquiry through research, writing, and creative expression. Grade 8 students are researching notable Black Canadians, writing biographies, preparing oral presentations, and creating mixed-media posters to showcase their learning. In art, students are exploring portraiture through grid drawing and creating African masks, while others are writing biographies and producing short documentaries to highlight the achievements of Black Canadians.

In addition to classroom learning, our morning announcements throughout February feature music that celebrates Black culture and heritage across generations. These selections highlight a wide range of musical styles and artists, offering students an opportunity to experience the richness, influence, and joy of Black musical contributions while setting a positive and reflective tone for the school day.

Together, these learning experiences reflect our school's commitment to fostering understanding, celebrating diversity, and empowering students to recognize the lasting contributions of Black communities in Canada and around the world.

