

HONORING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

CALLING ALL KETTERING STUDENTS IN GRADES K – 5



Enter the 2025 Black History Month Audio/Video Essay Contest!

This contest is sponsored by the City of Kettering's Board of Community Relations to encourage students to learn about and celebrate Black History.

Who's Eligible:

Students in grades K-5 who live in or attend school in Kettering

Entries Must Be Video or Audio Only:

See reverse for prompts and details!

Submission Deadline:

Wednesday, February 19, 2025 by 5 p.m.

Topic:

Choose a person from the list provided on the reverse. Give us a brief biography about this person—what are they known for, why are they interesting to you, why should everyone know more about them? Then tell us one question you would like to ask them if you could.

THERE ARE PRIZES!

Grade K-2 winners will receive:

\$50 for 1st Place

\$35 for 2nd Place


\$25 for 3rd Place

Grade 3-5 winners will receive:

\$75 for 1st Place

\$60 for 2nd Place

\$50 for 3rd Place



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Kindergarten – 5th Grade Audio/Video Essay Contest

Choose a person from the list below. Give us a brief biography about this person—what are they known for, why are they interesting to you, why should everyone know more about them? What is one question you would ask them if you could?

- Louis Armstrong
- Little Rock Nine
- Paul Lawrence Dunbar
- Katherine Johnson
- Mary Bethune Cookman
- Thurgood Marshall
- Jesse Jackson
- Aretha Franklin
- George Washington Carver
- Lonnie Johnson
- Nelson Mandela
- Jesse Owens
- Langston Hughes
- Charles R. Drew
- Marian Anderson
- Bob Marley
- Frederick Douglass
- Marie Van Brittan Brown
- Shirley Chisholm
- Granville Woods
- Bessie Coleman
- Arthur Ashe
- Coretta Scott King
- Madam CJ Walker
- Garrett Morgan
- Ruby Bridges
- Elijah McCoy
- Patricia Bath
- John Lewis
- Mae Jemison
- Duke Ellington
- Maya Angelou

CONTEST RULES:

1. Read and record your essay. Video or audio-only recordings are accepted. Please record in a quiet location so there is no background noise. The recording should not be longer than 3 minutes.
2. Upload video entries to YouTube and email the link, or attach audio files and email to: **KBCR@ketteringoh.org**
3. Please include the following information in your email:
 - a. Student's name, grade and school
 - b. Parent/guardian contact information (phone and/or email)
4. By submitting an entry, you grant permission to BCR to use your entry to promote this contest and other BCR activities.
5. Entries must be received by 5 p.m. Wednesday, February 19, 2025.

JUDGING:

Entries will be grouped by Grades K-2 and Grades 3-5, and judged on:

- The accuracy of any facts you present in your project
- Evidence of the time and effort you put into your project
- Overall quality and creativity of your presentation

Parents/guardians, schools and the winning students will all be notified.

QUESTIONS:

Email KBCR@ketteringoh.org