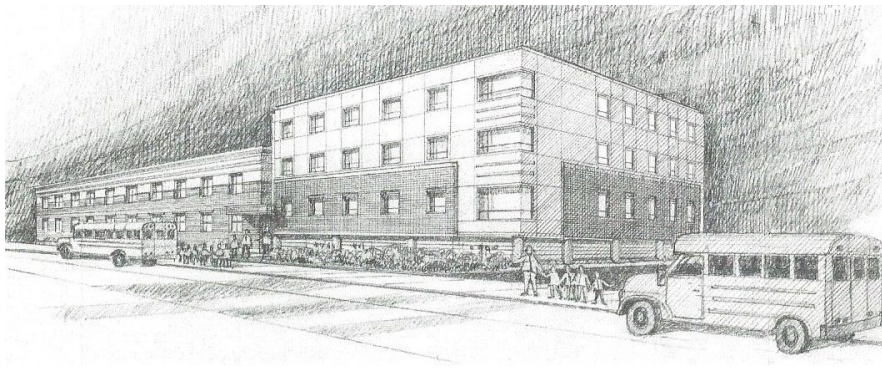


## February 2021 Newsletter

### BelovED's Renewal and Expansion

We are excited and proud to inform the entire Beloved community that on February 1, 2021, Beloved's renewal and expansion application was approved by the NJ Department of Education. Every 5 years all public charter schools must apply for renewal and meet rigorous academic and financial standards. Once again BelovED succeeded. With this expansion approval, BelovED will be able to add grade 11 next year and grade 12 the year after in accordance with its original design from 2012. We owe a debt of gratitude to our dedicated teachers and staff, Board of Trustees and of course our BelovED scholars and their supportive families!



### BelovED Reads LIT Corner

In December through mid January we held a Winter Reading Challenge, where students were challenged to complete a total of 35 tasks ranging from reading in your pajamas to reading books about various holidays. We had a number of entries and were able to narrow it down to 5 winners! Our Grand Prize winner earned a BelovED Reads Lit t-shirt and water bottle! Our 2nd place winners earned a BelovED Reads Lit shirt!

Congratulations to our challenge winners and thank you to all of our parents for helping spread the love of reading!

### Grand Prize Winner -Prayaag N 2E



### Dates to Remember

Feb is Black History Month  
Feb 9 100th Day of School  
Feb 12 1/2 Day. Staff PD  
Feb 18 & 19 No School President's Day

### Coming in March

Mar 1-14 Annual Book Fair  
Starting **March 1st**, we will commence our virtual/online book fair! Scholastics extended all online fairs for an extra week, so it will end on **March 14th**.

~ **Theme:** Books Around the World: Celebrating a Nation of Diverse Readers

~ **Beloved's Book Fair link** to make their purchases:

<https://www.scholastic.com/hf/belovedcharterschool>

~ **Preview Catalog:**

<https://bookfairsfiles.scholastic.com/flippingbooks/S21-Virtual-Booklist/S21-Virtual-Booklist.html#p=1>

More details to follow!



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### Black History Month Challenge

February is Black History Month across the country. Starting February 1st, we are hosting a new reading challenge! Every day in February, Ms. Torres will post books and resources about each person on the list. You can join our Schoology Group by using the following code: **QVQM-3NHH-9ZXQ9**

### Here are the rules:

- The challenge is open to **ALL students K-10**
- Participants must read/listen to a book about each person on the list (*there are 28 for the 28 days in February!*)
- Participants must create a “museum” that displays at least one fact about each person.

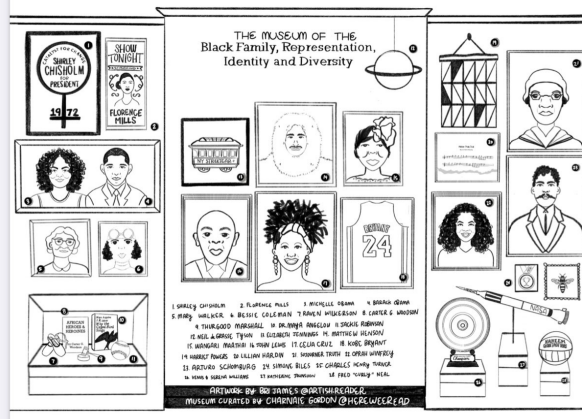
### Here are some ideas for your “museum”

- Cut open a cereal box and cut and paste a picture of each person and write at least one fact you learned about them. Take a picture and send it in!
- Use a large piece of poster board and put together your museum
- Create a slideshow on Google Slides or powerpoint, making sure you have one slide per person

**Or any other idea you might have!**

**Last day to enter is March 8! Please email submissions to Ms. Torres at [jtorres@belovedccs.org](mailto:jtorres@belovedccs.org), making sure your name and HR are on your submission**

Need books? You can get a library card from the Jersey City Free Public Library and access their digital services by visiting <https://www.jclibrary.org/>.



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### Winter Wellness Wednesday Book Rooms



Students in Grades 6-10 reading “Dear Martin”, don’t forget to tune in to the Bookclub LIVE discussions and activities every Wednesday at 3PM

ALL students are welcomed to the bookroom at 2pm for the read aloud and activities.

Presented by JCPS Department of Special Education and the Jersey City Free Public Library present

**Fun Fridays!**  
**February's theme: Black History and Heart Health**  
Every Friday at 10am

**February 5, 2021:**  
Virtual Field Trip with Liberty Science Center  
**February 12, 2021:**  
K-Grade 2 Story Time and Activity  
**February 19, 2021:**  
Grades 3-5 Story Time and Activity  
**February 29, 2021:**  
Grades 6-8 Live From Surgery  
hosted by Liberty Science Center

The events with Liberty Science Center can only be attended live, so be sure to register here:  
[https://jcplibrary.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_ZR8N9BoiQj-Nu1DY5JZYA](https://jcplibrary.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ZR8N9BoiQj-Nu1DY5JZYA)

  
If you have any Questions, please contact Candace Cocciano, Supervisor, at (201) 915-6136 or [ccocciano@jcbee.org](mailto:ccocciano@jcbee.org)

### JCFPL REOPENING SERVICES

PLEASE CALL AHEAD TO  
CONFIRM HOURS & SERVICES

Updated January 8, 2021



		CURBSIDE PICKUP	RETURNS	COMPUTER ACCESS
LARGER BRANCHES	CALL AHEAD	Mon-Thurs, 1-5p.m.; Fri-Sat, 1-4:30p.m.	Tues, 1-5p.m.; Sat, 1-4:30p.m.	Mon-Thurs, 1-5p.m.; Fri-Sat, 1-4:30p.m.
MAIN LIBRARY 472 Jersey Ave. 201-547-4526		✓	✓	✓
CUNNINGHAM 275 Martin Luther King Dr. 201-547-4555		✓	✓	✓
FIVE CORNERS 678 Newark Ave. 201-547-4543		✓	✓	✓
HEIGHTS 14 Zabriskie St. 201-547-4556		✓	✓	✓
MILLER 489 Bergen Ave. 201-547-4551		✓	✓	✓
MORGAN 1841 Kennedy Blvd. 201-547-4553		Temporarily Closed for Minor Renovations		
PAVONIA 326 Eighth St. 201-547-4808		✓	✓	✓
SMALLER BRANCHES	CALL AHEAD	Mon-Fri, 1-4p.m.	Tues, 1-4:30p.m.	Mon-Fri, 1-4:30p.m.
LAFAYETTE 307 Pacific Ave. 201-547-5017		✓	✓	✓
MARION 1017 West Side Ave. 201-547-4552		✓	✓	✓
WEST BERGEN 546 West Side Ave 201-547-4554		✓	✓ 1-4p.m.	✓

### JC Public Library Events and Resources

Did you know that you can access a full range of digital resources by having a Jersey City Public Library card?

With a [digital library card](#) you can access:

- [Hoopla](#): digital media service that allows you to borrow movies, music, audiobooks, ebooks, comics and TV shows to enjoy on your computer, tablet, or phone – and even your TV!
- [Kanopy](#): an on-demand streaming video service
- [Overdrive/Libby](#): app for enjoying ebooks and audiobooks

Be sure to follow the **Jersey City Free Public Library** on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) to stay up to date with all of their offerings!



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### Middle School Service Project

The mission of Beloved Community Charter School, as set forth by our Founders, “is to develop values, skills, knowledge, confidence and character in its students that will lead them to care not only about themselves but also about their peers and humankind; will propel them to success at the school, in college, and in their careers; and will help them realize the fulfillment of a socially contributory life.” Thus, at BelovED we endeavor to always find ways to support our scholars in service to others.

Throughout their ELA and Humanities courses this year, our Middle School students have been learning about social justice issues surrounding immigration and human rights. Reading novels such as “The Boy at the Back of the Class” (6th Grade), “I Am Malala” (7th Grade) and “Just Mercy” (8th grade), students have examined the issues at hand and discussed how they can make a difference through their contributions to society. As culminating activities, they have explored questions such as *political challenges facing the people of Sudan during and after the Second Sudanese Civil War, what are the causes and consequences of the Water Crisis in Africa and how can we make a difference? Consider challenges facing the international community and weigh responses to the Refugee crisis, and evaluating whether the death penalty is morally right or wrong in the context of human rights.*

In response to what they have learned, and in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., throughout the month of February, our 6th and 8th grade scholars will participate in a social justice campaign to raise awareness and funds for two organizations that they have researched:

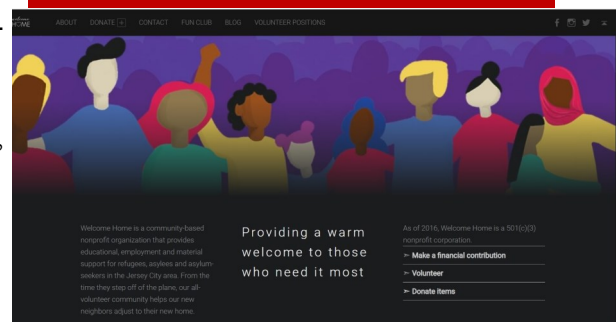
- **Welcome Home Jersey City:** Established in 2016, Welcome Home Jersey City is a community-based nonprofit organization that provides educational, employment and material support for refugees, asylees and asylum-seekers in the Jersey City area. Welcome Home operates from the philosophy that all people deserve the dignity of a decent home, and the resources they need to make a better life for themselves. Welcome Home believes our community needs to help our new neighbors adjust to their new environment. As such, our goal is to facilitate our clients’ successful integration into the community by augmenting and extending services provided by resettlement agencies.

(MS Service project cont.)

- **Equal Justice Initiative:** EJI is committed to ending mass incarceration and excessive punishment in the U.S., challenging racial and economic injustice, and protecting basic human rights for the most vulnerable people in American society.

If you are so inclined, after reviewing the websites of each organization, please donate to one or both of the causes our scholars are working together to support. These organizations have been identified as non profit organizations, and your donation is tax deductible as allowable by the law. **PLEASE DO NOT SEND FUNDS TO BE-LOVED DIRECTLY.** In order to measure the impact of our scholars to their greater community, we ask that you instead [fill out this form](#) and share with your friends and family.

If you should have any questions, please kindly reach out to project organizer, Ms. Jomayra Torres, Dean of ELA Curriculum and Instruction at



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### BelovED Athletics

The Beloved middle and high school basketball teams have started their seasons and are looking forward to playing their first games this month. Any scholar in middle or high school who may still be interested in joining the basketball teams should contact Mr. Waldron for more information.

High school winter track and girls volleyball will also be starting later this month. Please watch for information about these teams to be emailed out and posted on our athletics social media accounts soon.

If you have any questions about any of the BelovED athletics programs please contact Mr. Waldron by email [jwaldron@belovedccs.org](mailto:jwaldron@belovedccs.org) or you can join his athletics Zoom office hours on Wednesday's.

Middle School 11am to 12pm

High School 12:30pm to 1:30pm

[https://zoom.us/j/3169572846?](https://zoom.us/j/3169572846?pwd=N1g5ZjhEd2NoOU1mdFI1aGhLRGYvUT09)  
[pwd=N1g5ZjhEd2NoOU1mdFI1aGhLRGYvUT09](https://zoom.us/j/3169572846?pwd=N1g5ZjhEd2NoOU1mdFI1aGhLRGYvUT09)

Meeting ID: 316 957 2846

Passcode: a5enF4

### Spirit Wear

The athletics department has partnered with Blatant, an athletics uniform and apparel company, to build our online team store for BelovED athletics spirit wear. Our community will now be able to order from the site and have it delivered directly to their homes. We will also be adding apparel for the specific sports as those seasons start so please continue to check back in occasionally. The best part of the partnership is that our school will receive 10% of the total sales back.

Our BelovED team store is now live for purchases and the link is below, please take a look!

[https://blatantteamstore.com/collections/beloved-athletics-team-store?](https://blatantteamstore.com/collections/beloved-athletics-team-store?sort=manual)  
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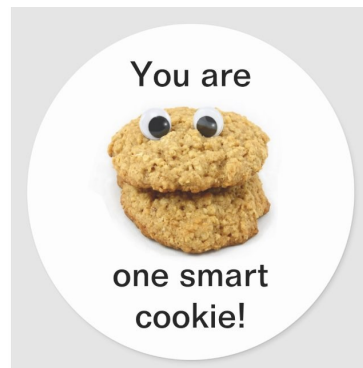
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### Elementary School Scholars of the Month

KA	Martina Awad	2A	Muhammad Taha
KB	Ahmed Mousa	2B	Yashvi Rajgaria
KC	Skyler Amparo	2C	Imaryerie Gonzalez
KD	Gabriel Andres-Manalo	2D	Owen Shimberg
KE	Arrav Bannurmth	2E	Charlotte Welsh
1A	Sandy Vazquez-Hernandez	3A	Samantha Varshney
1B	Aarav Arunprakash	3B	Kirollos Hinsar
1C	Havish Gadi	3C	Maroska Saleb
1D	Asch Yossef Romano	3D	Zaid Krim
1E	Nersiah Nanton		
4A	Sara Torres	5A	Briella Bautista
4B	Ahmad Mustafa	5B	Pareeseh Khawaja
4C	Adham Ahmed	5C	Hariz Mohammed
4D	Kaivalya Dutta	5D	Anish Keskar

### Middle School Scholars of the Month

6A	Ivana Cruz Rodriguez	7A	Meet Patel
6B	Wilmer Cordero		Esme Diaz
6C	Aml Elashkar		Arthur Abbott
6D	Aissata Kante	7B	Shaza Elsayed
6E	Kyla Lawrence	7C	Jazlyne Aguilera
		7D	Jeremiah Cosme
		7E	Amairani Ramirez
8A	Vianca Villalobos		
8B	Angel San Elias		
8C	Chloe David		
8C	Autum Lewis		
8D	Gonzalo Pilco		
8E	Isaiah Paraison		



### Prince George's Community College's Center for Performing Arts (CPA) FREE Virtual Events

#### Harriet Tubman and the Underground Railroad (Best For Grades 3 - 8)

This stirring drama with music is a classic tribute to the great American who freed herself and hundreds of others from the bonds of slavery. Her courage helped to change the world. Share her adventurous life with your students in this accurate and deeply moving musical history lesson.

**Saturday, February 27, 2021 at 11:00 AM. ([Registration](#) will close at 12:00am midnight on the day of show)**

