This week is appreciation week for Counselors, Social Workers, and School Psychologists. Join us in celebrating and showing appreciation to Mrs. Schott, Mrs. Lain, Mrs. George, Mrs. Murphy, and Mrs. Rucker. These wonderful people work very hard to support our students and families.

February is Black History Month, so this month we will be sharing some Black History with you.

- **February 2nd**: On this day in 1935, Raven Wilkinson was born. Raven was an American dancer who is credited with having been the first African-American woman to dance for a major classical ballet company. Wilkinson broke the color barrier in 1955 when she signed a contract to dance full-time with the Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo. She was promoted to soloist during her second season with the troupe and remained with the company for six years. Wilkinson later became a mentor to American Ballet Theatre principal dancer Misty Copeland, presenting Copeland with the 2014 Dance Magazine Award. Thank you for your art, Raven Wilkinson!

- **February 3rd**: On this day in 1967, Jimi Hendrix recorded his album Purple Haze. Jimi Hendrix was an American musician, singer, and songwriter. His band, called The Jimi Hendrix Experience, was a heavily influential rock group in the 1960s. Hendrix is widely regarded as one of the most influential electric guitarists in the history of popular music, and one of the most celebrated Black musicians of the 20th century. The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame describes him as "arguably the greatest instrumentalist in the history of rock music." Thank you for your art, Jimi Hendricks!

- **February 4th**: On this day in 1913, Rosa Parks was born. Parks was a Black American activist in the civil rights movement best known for her pivotal role in the Montgomery bus boycott, which we have all probably heard about in our social studies classes a time or two. The United States Congress has called her "the first lady of civil rights" and "the mother of the freedom movement." Thank you Rosa Parks for your bravery!

- **February 5th**: On this day in 1934, Henry Louis Aaron was born. You might know Henry better has Hank Aaron or Hammerin’ Hank. was an American professional baseball right fielder who played 23 seasons in Major League Baseball (MLB), from 1954 through 1976. Aaron is regarded as one of the greatest baseball players of all time. His 755 career home runs broke the long-standing MLB record set by Babe Ruth and stood as the most for 33 years; Aaron still holds many other MLB batting records. Thank you, Hank Aaron, for paving the way for Black baseball players everywhere!