

April 16, 2021

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Dear Govans Elementary School community,

This week (our first student in-person week after Spring Break) we had our first positive test result from our Pooled COVID testing, where all persons in a learning pod are screened for COVID-19, even if they do not have symptoms. As a result, we temporarily closed two learning pods (Kindergarten and 2nd Grade) All students in these learning pods entered quarantine for 14 days. Learning pods are isolated from one another, and no other learning pod will close. *Per the CDC, a close contact is as anyone within 6 feet of an infected person for at least 15 minutes.*

City Schools offers testing through a partnership with the University of Maryland Medical System. The mobile testing van was made available to families of those classes.

We know this news may be unsettling. **Right now, there are no additional cases of COVID-19 at our Govans Elementary School campus.** Any close contacts of the pods have been notified directly and will quarantine. Typically, persons that are not a close contact are at minimal risk of exposure.

The health and safety of our students is paramount. The school's impacted areas are being cleaned per City Schools' Standard Operating Procedure on cleaning and disinfecting school buildings.

Thank you for your trust, support, cooperation, and patience. If you have questions or concerns, please call 410-396-6396 or email Ms. Kwan at bkwan@bcps.k12.md.us, or Ms. Jennings at vjennings@bcps.k12.md.us.

Please be safe and take care!

Educationally yours,
Bernarda Kwan
Principal



Important Dates To Remember

MAY

5th - *Early Release Day*
Classes End 12 PM
Professional Development
for Staff

18th-20th - *Evening Parent/Teacher Conferences time TBD*

25th - *Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) Meeting @ 5:00 PM*

31st - *Schools Closed for Memorial Day*



JUNE

15th - *Last day of 4th Quarter*
Last day of school!





GOVANS ELEMENTARY Q3 HONOR ROLL



Criteria:



K & 1st - all Ps in academic subjects
2nd, 3rd, 4th - all Es and/or Gs in academic subjects

Congratulations!

Kindergarten

Teresa Bajulaiye (Rebuck/Barnes)
Raliah Harmon (Rebuck/Barnes)
Honor Hyman (Rebuck/Barnes)
Jamari Mister (Rebuck/Barnes)
Pharoah Tillman (Rebuck/Barnes)
Hike Brown (Nemeth/Peaks)
Julian Carter (Nemeth/Peaks)
Tyler Coleman (Nemeth/Peaks)
Charlee Diene (Nemeth/Peaks)
Amor' Jackson (Nemeth/Peaks)
Hayden Johnson (Nemeth/Peaks)
Antwan Stevens (Nemeth/Peaks)

1st Grade

Alanna Carter (Nemeth/Diggs)
Dallas Davis (Nemeth/Diggs)
Goddy-Messiah Devine (Nemeth/Diggs)
Jace Foster (Nemeth/Diggs)
Mariah Reese (Nemeth/Diggs)
Zachary Saunders (Nemeth/Diggs)
Zaniyah Saunders (Nemeth/Diggs)
Paige Stewart (Nemeth/Diggs)
Mackenzie Strachan (Nemeth/Diggs)
Ashton Walton (Nemeth/Diggs)
Taylor Wilson (Nemeth/Diggs)
Nasir Banks (Marrow/Tonya)
Camille Brooks (Marrow/Tonya)
Samuel Dudzic (Marrow/Tonya)
Kamdyn McCullough (Marrow/Tonya)
Phoenix McKoy (Marrow/Tonya)
Brooklyn Owens (Marrow/Tonya)
Mardie Hunt (Marrow/Tonya)
Ava Richardson (Marrow/Tonya)
Ralph Tyler (Marrow/Tonya)
Jordon Wallace (Marrow/Tonya)

2nd Grade

Nyla Attahiru (Jordan/Murphy)
Aldred Barimah (Jordan/Murphy)
Jalil Hough (Jordan/Murphy)
De'Asia Marshall (Jordan/Murphy)
Ryan Reid (Jordan/Murphy)
Zyah Washington (Jordan/Murphy)
Rylee Wheeler - (Jordan/Murphy)
Aldred Barimah- (Kohr/Dunnigan)
Kennidy Johns (Kohr/Dunnigan)
Madison Johnson (Kohr/Dunnigan)
Caylee Logan (Kohr/Dunnigan)

3rd Grade

Zaire Forrest (Walsh-Little/Wilhite)
Dylin Frisby (Walsh-Little/Wilhite)
Lea'yrah Harmon (Walsh-Little/Wilhite)
Aubrie Harris (Walsh-Little/Wilhite)
Kalliope Littlejohn (Walsh-Little/Wilhite)
Bryan Martin (Walsh-Little/Wilhite)
Claudia Milliken (Walsh-Little/Wilhite)
Angel Snead (Pollet/James)
Marcellus Thompson (Pollet/James)
Kourtney White (Walsh-Little/Wilhite)

4th Grade

Thunder Bonucci (Hay/Thompson)
Mason Byron (Hay/Thompson)
Makel Charles (Hay/Thompson)
Ellis Dandridge (Hay/Thompson)
Honest Edwards (Hay/Thompson)
Abbigail Johnson (Hay/Thompson)
Kelton McNair (Hay/Thompson)
Alana Thomas (Hay/Thompson)

5th Grade

Aliyah Battle (Norris)
Logan Benefield (Norris)
London Dyer (Norris)
Nathaly Mateo-Rodriguez (Norris)
Shardae McCory (Kelley)
Madison Murphy (Thomas)
Jayla Pulley (Kelley)
Maleah Shell (Kelley)
Destiny Simmons (Kelley)
Pa'ien Washington (Thomas)
Tyana Whitaker (Norris)
Chloe Williams (Norris)

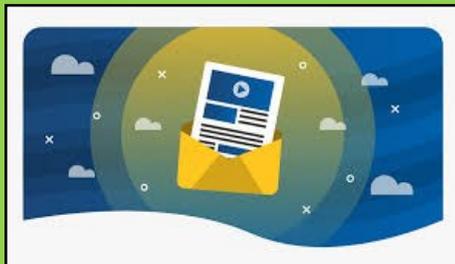
GOVANS ELEMENTARY CELEBRATES WITH A PAINT PARTY FOR PERFECT ATTENDANCE!

21st Century Schools is sponsoring a celebration for our upcoming new beautiful building. They are hosting a Paint Party for 25 of our Govans students. The following students have been selected to participate based on having perfect attendance for the **WHOLE YEAR!**

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1. Daniel Dingle
 2. Dallas Davis
 3. Mason Byron
 4. Madelyn Hamilton
 5. Myles Hamilton
 6. Carter West
 7. Gabrielle Thomas
 8. Jayla Pulley
 9. Jalil Hough
 10. Taylor Wilson
 11. Jordan Mayo
 12. Kierstan Roundtree
 13. Kourtney White
 14. Ellis Dandridge
 15. Simon Dandridge
 16. Ryan Njuna
 17. De'Asia Marshall
 18. Tatyana Marshall
 19. Madison Murphy
 20. Rylee Wheeler
 21. Claudia Milliken
 22. Trenton Gamble
 23. Damon Reaves
 24. Madelyn Johnson
 25. Marcellus Thompson

VIRTUAL LEARNING VICTORIES!

Check out how we came together this past week in Class Dojo!



164 messages sent home



8 stories shared



266 skills celebrated



100% positive feedback

DRAGONS AFTER DISMISSAL FUN!



Check out **Simon Dandridge**, a Dragons After Dismissal 2nd grader, in **Ms. Tracy's** virtual STEM class. This week they studied chemical reactions with their awesome new "Chemtricity" sets from **Let's Go Boys and Girls**. Great shot, mom!

CONGRATULATIONS!

March Star Student



Ellis Dandridge
Ms. Hay - 4th grade

GOVANS ELEMENTARY CELEBRATES

ARAB AMERICAN HERITAGE

Congresswoman Rashida Tlaib



Rashida Tlaib is currently the Congresswoman for Michigan's 13th Congressional District. This district includes Detroit and surrounding communities. In 2008, Rashida became the first Muslim woman to ever serve in the Michigan Legislature. She has two sons and is the oldest of 14 children and the proud daughter of Palestinian immigrant parents.

Rashida is influenced by her two sons. She works tirelessly to better everyone's environment. She has successfully fought billionaires and corporations that tried to pollute her district. Her constituents trust her and believe in her because she doesn't stop until the wrong is made right no matter how big the challenge.

Rashida created the *We Have A Right To Breathe* campaign after semi-trucks were polluting the neighborhood streets and billionaire slumlord Matty Moroun refused to follow the law and fulfill his obligation to protect public health. A cancer-causing "petroleum cake" dust started showing up on the Detroit riverfront and blowing into homes and parks. The residents were told that everything was fine by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. So Rashida went to work by collecting her own samples and got the substance tested, thus exposing the cancer causing "petroleum cake" as a threat and got it removed!

Rashida is an attorney at the Sugar Law Center for Economic and Social Justice. She is a true advocate fighting for every person in the community, in the legislature, and in the courts against the injustice and inequality every day so that every single person in this country has a chance to thrive!

SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL LEARNING FOR APRIL

During the month of April, teachers and students will learn and discuss the topics of citizenship and fairness. We will celebrate super star students who understand and exemplify these subjects.

Citizenship & Fairness



PARENTING WEEKLY

Spring Activities

We want to remind our students and families to enjoy time outside, take screen breaks, and express gratitude every day! Families can also do fun spring time activities like going for walks, planting flowers, and observing nature.



4th Quarter

The 4th quarter began this week on Tuesday 4/13/21. We want to remind out families of the importance of attending and participating in learning every day as we approach the end of the school year. Students and parents should communicate with teachers if there are any issues with technology, learning material, and if they need additional support.

SOCIAL EMOTIONAL learning

April SEL

The SEL theme this week is Citizenship. Check out our Student Support Google Classroom link to access to videos, stories and more!

Citizenship



Be a good citizen by doing your part to make our school and community a better place!

Attendance Incentives

Govans is continuing to offer school wide perfect attendance incentives! We encourage families to check Class Dojo for more detailed information.



Weekly Parent Information Group



Please join us on **Fridays at 3pm** for our Parent Information Group meeting! Bring all of your thoughts, questions, and feedback to share and connect with other parents. The meeting link can be found in the Student Support Google Classroom under the tab for "zoom links".

Please visit our website and social media for more updates!

<https://www.govanselementary.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/govanselementary/>

TIK TOK PARENTAL CONTROLS

If your child has TikTok on their phone or device, please consider putting it in Restricted Mode to prevent them from seeing videos that are not appropriate for young viewers.

How to turn on Restricted Mode

1. Go to your profile page or your child's profile page
2. Click on the three dots in the top right-hand corner and select **Privacy and Settings**
3. Select **Digital Wellbeing** under the app settings
4. Tap **Restricted Mode** and follow the steps in the app

Tik Tok Parental Controls Guide - Bark

Bark - The Internet Safety Solution. In addition to setting parental controls on your child's device, the next safety layer parents and caregivers should strongly consider is a monitoring solution to assess the content their kids encounter (and produce) across text messages, social media, email, and more. To learn more about your child on Tiktok, go to this link: www.bark.us



A NOTE ABOUT FOOD AND SHARING

As we return to in-person instruction and welcome our students back into the building, we want to share a note about food consumption. Given our current situation with the coronavirus and in order to maintain a safe and healthy environment, please remind your children not to share food during breakfast or lunch. While sharing is a social skill that is usually promoted as we raise our young ones, we currently have to put a pin in that practice. Thank you for understanding.

TECHNOLOGY HELP UPDATE

Ms. Tracy and Mr. Sferlazza are only available for appointments on **Wednesdays**. They will return emails within 24 hours to schedule appointments for troubleshooting/device repair. Thank you for your patience!

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Mission: To increase the academic achievement of all students in partnership with the entire community by ensuring all students receive quality education and the tools to become productive, responsible citizens.

Vision: To create an environment that is safe, nurturing, and committed to students reaching their fullest potential.



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GOVANS ATTENDANCE INCENTIVES

We are celebrating good & improved attendance!

***MONTHLY PERFECT ATTENDANCE CERTIFICATES!**

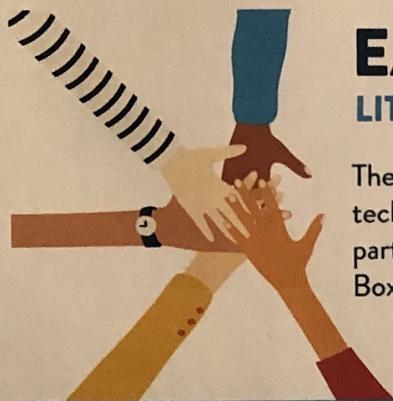
***MONTHLY PIZZA DELIVERY TO SELECT STUDENTS WITH IMPROVED ATTENDANCE!**

***WEEKLY RAFFLES!**

***\$10 MCDONALDS GIFTCARD FOR STUDENT WITH PERFECT ATTENDANCE THAT WEEK!**

\$10 GIANT GIFT CARD FOR PARENT OF A STUDENT WITH PERFECT ATTENDANCE THAT WEEK!





EARN CASH FOR YOUR SCHOOL

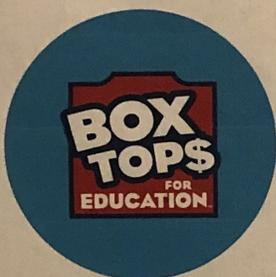
LITTLE BY LITTLE WE CAN MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE.

The Box Tops mobile app uses state-of-the-art technology to scan your store receipt, find participating products and instantly add Box Tops to your school's earnings online.

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HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:



BUY BOX TOPS PRODUCTS

You can find Box Tops on hundreds of products throughout the store.



SCAN YOUR RECEIPT

Use the app to snap a photo of your receipt within 14 days of purchase.



EARN CASH FOR YOUR SCHOOL

Box Tops earnings are identified and automatically updated online.

SHOPPING FOR GROCERIES ONLINE?

You can still earn Box Tops for your school with your e-receipt!
See how at [BTFE.com/emailgroceryreceipts](https://www.btfec.com/emailgroceryreceipts)



BOX TOPS CLIPS

You may occasionally find an old Box Tops clip on packages in stores. You can still clip them and send them to school, as long as each clip has a valid expiration date.

SEE PRODUCTS & LEARN MORE ABOUT THE BOX TOPS APP AT [BTFE.COM](https://www.btfec.com)

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CITY SCHOOLS FOOD & NUTRITION SERVICES UPDATE



MEALS FOR IN-PERSON LEARNERS: All students who have returned to school buildings for in-person learning will be offered free breakfast, lunch, snack, and supper daily. For students not learning in person, free meals are available at Grab & Go sites. Visit www.baltimorecityschools.org/meals for more info on Grab & Go sites.

GRAB & GO MEALS: For students no back in the school buildings, our 83 school meal sites continue to serve free meals for students Monday-Friday, 8am-2pm. Adults may pick up meals for children and may receive 2 days' worth of meals (8 meals total/child) per visit.

MIXED PRODUCE BOXES: Free 20-25lb produce boxes are available at 25 of our school meal sites on Thursdays (except when sites are closed for PD). These boxes are funded by Baltimore City and free to anyone who visits a site, regardless of whether they have children.

FRESH FRUIT AND VEGETABLE PROGRAM: If you are interested in receiving additional (free) produce items on a weekly basis (e.g., boxes of avocados, bags of mandarins) at your school, please email Cynthia Shea (CAShea@bcps.k12.md.us).

CITY-WIDE RESOURCES: The City of Baltimore continues to coordinate produce box and mixed box distribution city-wide, as well as free home delivery of grocery boxes.

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP): For benefits, families and residents can call the DHS Call Center at 1-800-332-6347 (TTY 1-800-735-2258), from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday.

QUESTIONS? Email Anne (acrosenthal@bcps.k12.md.us)

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5714 Bellona Ave, Baltimore, MD 21212

**We are excited to announce that the Govans Library
and all Pratt branches ARE OPEN!**

In-person browsing, borrowing and computer use will be available at 25% capacity.

Sidewalk service will still be available.
Call to make an appointment 410-396-6098.

Hours are:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday 10 AM - 5 PM
Tuesday and Thursday Noon - 7 PM

For safety, we ask that you:

1. Wear a mask.
2. Get your temp. checked.
3. Provide your name and contact info. for Covid-19 contact tracing.
4. Maintain social distancing.

Hope to see you soon!



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Storytime with a Social Worker: Cyberbullying



Join Social Worker in the Library for a child-friendly book reading and interactive conversation for children and their caregivers about cyberbullying.

If you are a parent or caregiver, we also invite you to join us on Monday, April 12 at 6:00 p.m. for a conversation for adults about resources and strategies for coping with cyberbullying.

[Register via Zoom to receive login details.](#)

Virtual Event
Saturday, April 17
10:00 a.m.

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Children's Programs in April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
*Registration Required † Pre-Recorded prattlibrary.org				1 11:00 a.m. <i>Zoom</i> Pratt Virtual Storytime Live! 4:00 p.m. <i>Zoom</i> Virtual Escape Room	2	3
4	5 10:30 a.m. <i>Zoom</i> Baby & Toddler Playgroup 4:00 p.m. <i>Zoom</i> What Happened This Week? News Quiz for Kids	6 12:00 p.m. <i>Zoom</i> Healthy Little Cooks: Lunch Bunch	7 11:00 a.m. <i>Zoom</i> Baby Artsplay! 2:00 p.m. <i>Zoom</i> Half Day Fun: LEGO® Build & Share 4:00 p.m. <i>Zoom</i> Half Day Fun: Drawing with Rick Wright	8 11:00 a.m. <i>Zoom</i> Pratt Virtual Storytime Live! 4:00 p.m. <i>Zoom</i> Show and Tell the Librarian	9 10:30 a.m. <i>Zoom</i> Preschool Playgroup	10 11:00 a.m. <i>Zoom</i> French/English Family Storytime/ Contes en famille, français/anglais
11	12 10:30 a.m. <i>Zoom</i> Baby & Toddler Playgroup 4:00 p.m. <i>Zoom</i> What Happened This Week? News Quiz for Kids 6:00 p.m. <i>Zoom</i> Social Worker in the Library: Helping Kids Cope with Cyberbullying	13	14 11:00 a.m. <i>Facebook Live</i> Turtle Dance Music: Swing Into Spring! Music, Bubble, and Comedy Show 4:00 p.m. <i>Zoom</i> Drawing with Rick Wright	15 11:00 a.m. <i>Zoom</i> Pratt Virtual Storytime Live! 4:00 p.m. <i>Zoom</i> STEM Experiments with Water	16 10:30 a.m. <i>Zoom</i> Preschool Playgroup	17 10:00 a.m. <i>Zoom</i> Storytime with a Social Worker: Cyberbullying 2:00 p.m. <i>Zoom</i> Chemistry in the Library: Reducing Our Footprint with Chemistry
18	19 10:30 a.m. <i>Zoom</i> Baby & Toddler Playgroup 4:00 p.m. <i>Zoom</i> What Happened This Week? News Quiz for Kids	20 6:00 p.m. <i>Zoom</i> Kids Writers LIVE! Carole Boston Weatherford & Jeffery Weatherford	21 11:00 a.m. <i>Zoom</i> Baby Artsplay! 4:00 p.m. <i>Zoom</i> Drawing with Rick Wright	22 11:00 a.m. <i>Zoom</i> Pratt Virtual Storytime Live! Celebrate Earth Day! 4:00 p.m. <i>Zoom</i> Talewise Presents Earth Day: Revenge of the Toxic Robot	23 10:30 a.m. <i>Zoom</i> Preschool Playgroup	24
25	26 10:30 a.m. <i>Zoom</i> Baby & Toddler Playgroup 4:00 p.m. <i>Zoom</i> What Happened This Week? News Quiz for Kids	27 4:00 p.m. <i>Zoom</i> Read Native Book Share	28 4:00 p.m. <i>Zoom</i> Drawing with Rick Wright	29 11:00 a.m. <i>Zoom</i> Pratt Virtual Storytime Live! 4:00 p.m. <i>Zoom</i> Virtual Adventure: Carrie Murray Nature Center	30 10:30 a.m. <i>Zoom</i> Preschool Playgroup	31



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After School Activities: April



What Happened This Week? News Quiz for Kids

Every Monday, 4:00 p.m. | Zoom

Join us on Mondays for a video quiz! We'll have 5 multiple choice questions about current events. Learn about good news, real news, even fake news, as well as cool online resources for knowledge and activities.

Virtual Escape Room

Thursday, April 1, 4:00 p.m. | Zoom

Solve riddles, complete puzzles, and stretch your mind as you work together to beat the clock and escape the room with Ms. Rebekah.

Show and Tell the Librarian

Thursday, April 8, 4:00 p.m. | Zoom

Share your favorite thing! Do you know a lot about dinosaurs or Curious George or making peanut butter and jelly sandwiches? Do you write poetry or stories? Do you love astronomy or meteorology? Can you explain the Fibonacci Sequence? Join us and show everyone what you are about!

STEM Experiments with Water

Thursday, April 15, 4:00 p.m. | Zoom

Learn about the water cycle and the importance of water with easy experiments you can try at home.

Talewise Presents Earth Day: Revenge of the Toxic Robot

Thursday, April 22, 4:00 p.m. | Zoom

When the town's park is suddenly gated and locked, a group of friends decides to investigate. Join the gang on their quest to solve the mystery and save their park from being destroyed. Along the way, you'll learn all about reducing waste and recycling, reusing everyday products around you, and how pollution affects the environment. You can make a difference in protecting our planet!

Read Native Book Share

Tuesday, April 27, 4:00 p.m. | Zoom

Learn about new titles by Indigenous creators for the American Indian Librarians' Read Native for Kids challenge. We'll share our librarians' favorites and hear about some favorites from the community.

Virtual Adventure: Carrie Murray Nature Center

Thursday, April 29, 4:00 p.m. | Zoom

Join Carrie Murray Nature Center for a virtual visit! Listen to a story, chat with a naturalist, and meet a Carrie Murray animal ambassador.

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Celebrate Earth Day



Chemistry in the Library: Reducing Our Footprint with Chemistry

Saturday, April 17, 2:00 p.m. | Zoom

Celebrate Earth Week with a chemist from the Army Research Laboratory and the American Chemical Society. Participate in a live, online program focused on reducing our carbon footprint and the chemistry behind greenhouse gases. Recommended for ages 7+

Registered participants will receive details about how to pick up a materials kit from the Govans and Light Street branches from April 12 to 16, while supplies last. Don't have time to pick up your kit? We will also email a version of the activity that you can print at home before the program.

Pratt Virtual Storytime Live!

Thursday, April 22, 11:00 a.m. | Zoom

Join us for a virtual Earth Day edition of storytime featuring stories, songs, and fun!

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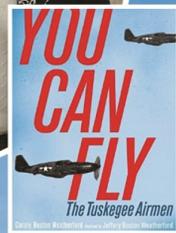
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kids Writers LIVE!

Carole & Jeffery
Boston Weatherford

Tuesday, April 20, 6:00 p.m.

Carole and Jeffery Boston Weatherford, the award-winning mother-son/author-illustrator team behind *You Can Fly: The Tuskegee Airmen*, will celebrate heroes, history, and hip hop through poetry and spoken word. Baltimore-born, Carole is the author of more than 50 books, including *The Roots of Rap* and biographies of Marylanders Harriet Tubman, Billie Holiday, and Charles Albert Tindley, a gospel composer. In addition to illustrating children's books, Jeffery is a fine artist and performance poet.

ASL interpretation will be available to attendees.

To register, go to <http://bit.ly/3aQL7uy>.

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