

WEEKLY PAPER

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Monday(Lunch):
Justice League
Daily Meeting

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Friday(5 pm):
Sweetheart
Dance

Friday
(After School):
MSA Daily Meetingns

Happy Monday, BHSEC Bronx! February is officially here, and this means more exciting events, more community building, and the start of Black History Month! Whether you are excited about the dance this upcoming Friday, looking forward to giving back to our community through the food drive, or are simply here “to- go-with-the-flow”, The EarlyBard has you covered with updates on the latest information. Let’s get into what this week has in store for us!

What’s Happening This Week?

Sweetheart Dance: Love is in the air! We are having a Sweetheart dance, hosted by the Student Council, this Friday, February 7th. Whether you're going solo, with your friends, or with your date, get ready for the evening filled with music, dancing, and snacks! There is an email being sent out for music recommendations to be played at the dance, so be sure to check it out. Oh, by the way, did we mention participation in the dance is FREE as well? Yes, it is. However, bring cash for the snacks!

Tickets are available for anyone who wants to participate! Don't forget to wear clothes in red, white, and pink and bring your school ID(you never know when you might need it!). Contact Ms.Mera for further information. See you on the dance floor at 5 pm!

Justice League & MSA Food Drive: This month the Muslim Student Association and Justice League are collaborating to lead a food drive to support those families in need. The flyers will be put up around the school with more information. The drive will be open from February 3rd to February 28th!

You can donate canned fruits, canned vegetables, soup, sauce, beans, and tuna (all these listed have to be canned!). Every donation makes a difference, so we should come together as a community to give back. Please spread the information to your families. Reach out to the club leaders who are leading this food drive for more information: Justice League Leaders: Sajia Uddin and Zaina Kadir or MSA Leaders: Mariam Lamin and Farheen Alam.



Black History Month Spotlight

As we kick off Black History Month, The Early Bard Weekly Update will be spotlighting some of the influential Black History Figures to celebrate those individuals. If there is someone that should be celebrated(historical or not), let us know. We are going to focus on Ida B Wells-Barnett, who was a journalist, suffragist, and activist who fought against lynching and racial injustice during the late 1800s and early 1900s.

Ida B. Wells-Barnett was born into slavery in 1862 in Holly Springs, Mississippi. She became a pioneering journalist and an anti-lynching advocate. The loss of her friends due to lynching galvanized Wells-Barnett to devote her career to combatting this horrifying practice in the United States. She produced many written works, one of which was A Red Record, which exposes the monstrous reality of lynching. Wells-Barnett was one of the founders of the NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People), and an important figure in the early civil rights movement.

Wells-Barnett’s legacy shows us the power of journalism and advocating for our rights, as well as things we believe in which are values we carry forward in The EarlyBard.



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Mother to Son By Langston Hughes

**Well, son, I'll tell you:
Life for me ain't been no
crystal stair.
It's had tacks in it,
And splinters,
And boards torn up,
And places with no
carpet on the floor—
Bare.
But all the time
I've been a-climbin' on,
And reachin' landin's,
And turnin' corners,
And sometimes goin' in
the dark
Where there ain't been no
light.
So boy, don't you turn
back.
Don't you set down on the
steps
'Cause you finds it's
kinder hard.
Don't you fall now—
For I've still goin', honey,
I've still climbin',
And life for me ain't been
no crystal stair.**

Valentine's Day Gift Ideas

So, you forgot about Valentine's Day? Or maybe you just procrastinated (We've all been there). Either way, don't panic— here are some solid, last-minute gift ideas that'll make your Valentine think you actually planned ahead!

1. **Something sweet**— A box of chocolates is cute, but if you want extra points, go for their favorite candy or homemade treat.
2. **Personalized playlist**— Old school romance meets modern-day efficiency. Make them a playlist with songs that remind you of them or their music taste. Bonus points if you name the playlist something cute.
3. **The "I actually listen to you gift"**— Think of something they've mentioned wanting but never ended up getting or something they know they love. A book, bracelet, or even one of those heart-shaped trays from Chick-fil-A. Thoughtfulness > price tag
4. **Flowers, but make it last forever**— Grocery store flowers are nice don't get me wrong, but they're a bit basic and start wilting after a couple of days. But making DIY paper flowers is a cute, thoughtful, and budget-friendly gift idea that will last forever (like your love, hopefully).
5. **Experiences over stuff**— If your Valentine loves quality time, plan a cute activity: A movie night, go thrifting together, or just go on a walk together and yap.

Moral of the story? You don't need to spend too much to impress— just put in some effort. Otherwise, enjoy being single till next year!

A Final Note

As we wrap up this week's issue, remember that February is about love and legacy. Whether you're celebrating Valentine's Day with someone special, your best friends, or just treating yourself, the best gifts are thoughtfulness and kindness. It is also Black History Month, a time to honor the contributions and resilience of Black Americans who have profoundly shaped our country's history and its culture. Happy Black History Month! Have an amazing week, and as always keep Bardin' on! If you have any questions or want to get involved, email us at theearlybardbhsec@gmail.com

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