

## Meherrin Elementary School Celebrates Black History Month

On Friday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, everyone at Meherrin Elementary School Celebrated Black History Month. In the morning, students from the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grades portrayed people in history at our very own, Meherrin Museum. Each class had the opportunity to visit the museum and learn about such people as; President Barack Obama, Booker T. Washington, Maggie L. Walker, Maya Angelou, Wilma Rudolph, George Washington Carver, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Ruth Simmons, Robert L. Johnson, Henry Louis Gates, Jr., Dr. Shirley Jackson, Shirley Chisholm, Dr. Donald Hopkins, Thurgood Marshall, Dr. Daniel Hale Williams, Gabby Douglas, Carter G. Woodson, and Rosa Parks. It was greatly enjoyed by all who attended.

That afternoon, Mrs. Varian presented a Black History program which included all grade levels singing songs. Students from grades Pk-5<sup>th</sup> grade also had the opportunity to share Black History Facts. At the end of the class presentations, we were entertained with a beautiful slide presentation of the students. Mrs. Linda Edmonds, Mrs. Alma Wright, and Mrs. Varian were recognized for putting the event together. Many parents and grandparents attended, as well as School Board Vice Chair, Mrs. Naranjo. After the program, guests were allowed to visit the Meherrin Museum, but not before a surprise visit from First Lady Michelle Obama who joined her husband on stage. It was a day of celebration enjoyed by all!