

THOMAS E. BOWE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Memo

To: Mary MacMichael
From: Lauren Kerr
Date: September 17, 2026
Re: African American Experience Museum

Thomas E. Bowe Middle School will once again host its third annual African American History Museum on February 23, 2027; however, this year, our students will be not only serve as docents but will also create the museum themselves.

Students will research African American history and decide which people, events, inventions, movements, and stories they believe are important for their peers to know. They will research and evaluate sources, create displays and interactive activities, and design the visitor experience. Most importantly, students will be able to explain not only what they chose to include, but why they believe these stories matter.

During the school day, students will visit the museum and learn directly from their peers. The student creators will serve as docents, guiding visitors through the exhibits they researched and designed.

That evening, from 6–7:30 p.m., families and community members will be invited to experience the museum. Students will once again serve as docents, this time sharing their work with parents, siblings, neighbors, and other community members. This gives students an authentic audience and gives families a chance to see their children's learning and leadership firsthand.