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Anna Murray-Douglass Academy School No. 12 Celebrates Douglass Week in Rochester

Who:  
The entire community, including students, families, and staff of Anna Murray-Douglass Academy School No. 12

What:  
Douglass Week in Rochester, NY

When:  
Saturday, July 15, 2023, 10 a.m.

Where:  
Anna Murray-Douglass Academy School No. 12  
999 South Avenue  
Rochester, NY 14620

Details:  
Students, families, and staff from Anna Murray-Douglass Academy School No. 12 will be celebrating Douglass Week in Rochester on Saturday, July 15. Family and friends are invited to join organizers at the Frederick Douglass Community Library next door to Anna Murray-Douglass Academy School No. 12.

Activities include storytelling, reenactments, an art installation, activity stations, and opportunities to meet members of the Douglass family. In fact, Douglass’ great-great-great grandson Kenneth B. Morris will give a book talk and giveaway copies of Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, an American Slave. Not only has Frederick Douglass and his family made an impact in Rochester, but around the country, and around the world.

Last year, the RCSD’s Communications team produced a video that was shown at Douglass Week in Washington, D.C. In that video, students from School No. 12 spoke about their knowledge of Douglass, why the legacy of his wife Anna Murray is so important, and what kids love about the school. Anna helped Frederick escape slavery, and she shared her husband’s dedication to the abolitionist movement by becoming an instrumental member of the Underground Railroad and establishing a headquarters in Rochester.

In April of 2023, the National Park Service selected Anna Murray-Douglass Academy School No. 12 as a new listing on the Underground Railroad Network to Freedom, which serves to honor, preserve, and promote the history of resistance to enslavement through escape and flight, inspiring people worldwide.

The activities to celebrate Douglass Week on Saturday, July 15, 2023, begin at 10 a.m. at the Frederick Douglass Community Library at 971 South Avenue.