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WESTERN STUDENTS TO VISIT NOYES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOR BLACK HISTORY MONTH

St. Joseph, Mo. — Feb. 14, 2005 — The answer is, “How do Missouri Western State College students help elementary students learn about Black History Month in a fun way?” The question is, “Black History Month Jeopardy! at Noyes Elementary School in St. Joseph.” On Feb. 24, several Western students will visit the elementary school and quiz fifth- and sixth-graders on Black History, complete with a Power Point with bright colors, and five categories, five questions each.

“It really feels like a game show,” said Jennifer Jones, a senior graphic design major from Kansas City, Mo. who is coordinating the visits. “The (elementary school) kids are very excited about it.”

She said Western students held a similar program at Noyes last year, and school administrators there requested that they return this year. “I want to increase the awareness of Black History Month and share the lives of Black Americans who contributed to our country’s history,” Jones said.

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A week earlier, on Feb. 17, another group of Western students will visit Noyes Elementary for a Black History read-a-thon. They will read to kindergarten and first-graders, and share facts about famous Blacks. On that visit, Western students will distribute study guides to the older students in order to prepare for Jeopardy!

Although no money will be awarded for Jeopardy! winners, Jones said the older students will come armed with small toys, knick knacks and candy as prizes.

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