

**TO: Principals, Media Specialists & Teachers, grades 4 & 8**

**RE: The Indiana Black History Challenge 2007  
February 1 – February 28**

The Indianapolis-Marion County Public Library, Indiana Historical Society, Indiana Pacers, and Emmis Communications have teamed up again to bring you the Indiana Black History Challenge!

Throughout the month of February, students and families can learn more about Indiana Black History by trying to correctly answer ten multiple-choice questions found on-line at the Indiana Historical Society's Web site at [www.indianahistory.org](http://www.indianahistory.org). A grand prize winner will receive a Family Fun Pack which includes four free tickets to the March 17 Indiana Pacers' home game against the Atlanta Hawks. An additional ten runner-up prizes, which include Fun Packs containing Pacers Backpacks, books, posters, and games, will be awarded. All winners will be drawn and notified on March 6, 2006.

In previous years, a starter pack of printed Game Cards was delivered to your school by the children's librarians from your nearest neighborhood branch of the Indianapolis-Marion County Public Library. Due to budget constraints, design and production of Game Cards was not possible this year; nor the giveaway of individual prizes for each completed Game Card. Therefore, the Indiana Black History Challenge is being posted on-line and limited number of prizes for correct entries only will be awarded this year. As in the past, the Challenge is targeted to fourth and eighth graders, but all grade levels are welcome to participate.

If we can assist you in your classroom participation or answer any questions on how to take part in this year's Challenge, please contact the Indiana Historical Society at [programs@indianahistory.org](mailto:programs@indianahistory.org) or (317) 233-5659.

**HERE'S HOW TO PLAY:**

1. **CLASSROOM or INDIVIDUAL** – Students may participate as a class with their teacher or on their own. Each student should complete the on-line Game Card which **MUST** include their first name and last initial, grade level, teacher and school name. (We are not asking students to provide personal contact information and will contact them via teachers/schools.) Plus, teachers who fill out the evaluation may choose a free classroom prize of either "*But They Can't Beat Us*": *Oscar Robertson and the Crispus Attucks Tigers* or a display banner about African American History. If you have questions about classroom participation, please contact the IHS at [programs@indianahistory.org](mailto:programs@indianahistory.org).
2. **STUDY GUIDES** – Students may access study guides on black history facts related to this year's Challenge by visiting the Indiana Historical Society ([www.indianahistory.org](http://www.indianahistory.org)) or Indianapolis-Marion County Public Library ([www.imcpl.org](http://www.imcpl.org)) Web sites. They may also choose to listen to recorded vignettes by their favorite Pacers' players at [www.Pacers.com](http://www.Pacers.com). Students can also find printed copies of this information at any IMCPL branch library or the Indiana Historical Society's library (450 W. Ohio Street).

In past years, teachers and media specialists have used the Indiana Black History Challenge as a fun way to do research on the Internet. We hope you will encourage your students to go on-line and use the study guide and you will use the discussion guide, bibliography and evaluation form as well.

Thanks for your interest and participation! Good Luck!