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Juneteenth is the oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of the ending of slavery in the United States. From its Galveston, Texas origin in 1865, the observance of June 19th as the African American Emancipation Day has spread across the United States and beyond. Today Juneteenth commemorates African American freedom and emphasizes education and achievement. It is a day, a week, and in some areas, a month marked with celebrations, guest speakers, picnics and family gatherings. It is a time for reflection and rejoicing. It is a time for assessment, self-improvement and for planning the future (Taken from [.https://www.juneteenth.com/](https://www.juneteenth.com/))

Canyon State Academy and Desert Lily Academy students were able to participate in the 1st Annual Queen Creek Juneteenth Celebration Day. The students were able to help with set up and tear down of the event as well as learn about black history through poems, music, dances, painting and monologues. We look forward continuing this tradition with Queen Creek and appreciate the opportunity for our students to learn about other cultures.