

The TIGER'S DEN MLK Newsletter

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WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL TIGERS

Issue at a Glance



MLK Shows Serious Tiger Pride at District's Opening Convocation Ceremony

Last week, our district held a spirited Back-to-School Convocation led by Superintendent Dr. La 'Quetta Small along with district administrators, the event seemed to energize district staff for the upcoming year. Read more on the following page.



Back to School Night Countdown: Mark Your Calendar!

Get ready to mark your calendars because the highly anticipated Back-to-School Night is just around the corner! Join us next week, on September 19th, from 4:30 to 6:00 PM, as we come together to foster stronger connections and provide a glimpse into the exciting academic journey awaiting our students.



Generosity Shines: Borgata Casino Donates Backpacks for Students

In a remarkable gesture of community support, the Borgata Hotel and Casino has made a significant contribution to our MLK family by generously donating dozens of backpacks to students in need. This act of kindness underscores their commitment to education and the well-being of our students.

ENERGIZING START OF THE YEAR CONVOCATION IGNITES EXCITEMENT THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT

In a spectacular kick-off to the new school year, Atlantic City brought together its passionate educators and staff for a memorable Start of the Year Convocation last week. Guided by our dedicated District Superintendent, Dr. La'Quetta Small, the event was a resounding success that filled the hearts of attendees with motivation, unity, and a profound sense of purpose.

Dr. Small set the tone for the day with her inspiring welcome, reminding everyone of the transformative power they hold in the lives of our students. Her words underscored the significance of the work we do and rekindled the collective commitment to shaping the future.

Adding a vibrant touch to this year's Convocation, the district provided brand-new, school-themed tents, symbolizing our diverse educational community. The meet and greet session under these tents fostered connections and showcased the unique identity of each school.

As everyone gathered in the gymnasium, it was time for each school within the district to shine. Of course, our very own MLK/Venice Park staff stole the spotlight with an unforgettable performance. Staff members came together to write and record an original song inspired by the hit 90's TV show "The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air." During the performance, our talented teachers, Desmond Morris (Music Teacher) and Kevin Kelly (Fifth Grade Teacher), took center stage as they led the singing, while the entire school staff, along with our friends from Venice Park, joined in with lively 90s-themed choreography.

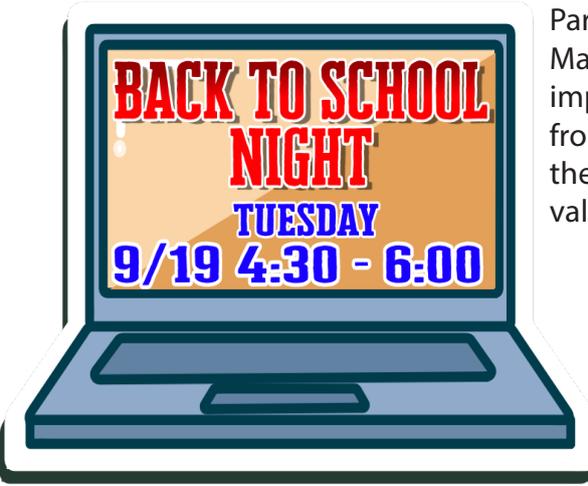


The result? A show-stopping performance that left the crowd entertained, energized, and filled with nostalgia for the '90s.

The Start of the Year Convocation was a resounding success, brightening the spirits of all who attended and reinforcing our commitment to the exciting educational journey that lies ahead. With renewed motivation and unity, we look forward to a year filled with growth, inspiration, and the collective pursuit of excellence.



EXPLORE THE EXCITEMENT OF BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHT AT DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. SCHOOL COMPLEX



Parents, get ready to dive into your child's educational journey at the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. School Complex's annual Back-to-School Night. This important event is scheduled for Tuesday, September 19th, and will run from 4:30 PM to 6:00 PM. It's the perfect opportunity for parents to explore their child's classroom, connect with dedicated faculty members, and gain valuable insights into the exciting year that lies ahead.

A Window Into the Classroom

Back-to-School Night is your chance to step into the heart of your child's learning environment. You can take a closer look at the classroom setup, educational materials, and resources that will support your child's educational journey throughout the year. It's a

firsthand experience that provides parents with a deeper understanding of what their child will be learning and experiencing.

Meet and Connect With Faculty

Building a strong connection between parents and educators is vital for a child's success. Back-to-School Night is an excellent opportunity to meet the skilled and passionate faculty members who will be guiding your child's learning. Engage in conversations, ask questions, and establish a valuable connection with the educators who play a pivotal role in your child's academic growth.

Discover What's in Store

Curious about what the upcoming school year holds? Back-to-School Night provides parents with a glimpse into the innovative teaching methods, exciting extracurricular activities, and special programs that will shape their child's educational experience. It's a chance to get excited about the possibilities and opportunities awaiting your student.

Make sure to mark your calendar for Tuesday, September 19th, from 4:30 PM to 6:00 PM, and join us for Back-to-School Night at the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. School Complex. Together, we can ensure a successful and enriching academic year for our students. We look forward to seeing you there!

THE NEW MLK TENT IS EVERYTHING



We wanted to extend our heartfelt gratitude to our Superintendent and Board of Education for the fantastic gifts of our new customized school tent, table cover, and step and repeat! This wonderful addition will undoubtedly enhance all our upcoming events and provide us with a versatile and eye-catching space for various activities. We truly appreciate the District's ongoing support and commitment to ensuring our success. Thank you for taking care of us – you're the best!

A REMARKABLE SUMMER OF COLLABORATION AND LEARNING WITH NEW YORK AVENUE



Last summer, our school embarked on a significant project, one that involved replacing our entire roof. While this endeavor was underway, it necessitated a change in our usual summer school plans, and we found ourselves sharing space with New York Avenue School. What unfolded was a remarkable summer session that exceeded all expectations, thanks to the dedicated efforts of administrators, staff members, and, most importantly, our incredible students.

Summer school, a time typically marked by transition, can be challenging when you find yourselves in a new environment. However, the resilience of our students, along with the unwavering support from both schools, ensured a smooth and successful experience. Administrators and staff members from both institutions came together, uniting their expertise and resources to create an enriching summer session.

Students delved into a diverse range of subjects, covering the core curriculum of English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics, but also venturing into exciting areas like coding, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics), and Visual Performing Arts. It was a time of exploration, growth, and skill-building, all under the summer sun.



One of the highlights of our collaborative summer was a grand finale that showcased the talents and unity of our students. In a remarkable performance, students from both schools came together to present a show centered on the rich history of Jazz music in America. The performance was a testament to their dedication and the spirit of cooperation

that defined the summer.



As we reflect on this extraordinary summer experience, we extend our heartfelt thanks to the New York Avenue School, its staff members, and its exceptional leadership, including Principal Mr. Kendall Williams and Vice Principal Mr. Cornelio Sabio. Their hospitality and support played a pivotal role in making this summer an unforgettable one for all involved.

In the spirit of unity and collaboration, we look forward to more successful summers and opportunities for our students to shine. Together, we can achieve greatness in education and provide our students with the best possible learning experiences.



BORGATA HOTEL AND CASINO'S HEARTWARMING DONATION BRIGHTENS OUR SCHOOL YEAR



In a heartwarming act of generosity, the Borgata Hotel and Casino of Atlantic City, New Jersey, has touched the lives of our students in a profound way. Their recent donation of 150 backpacks, brimming with essential school supplies like crayons, markers, pencils, erasers, folders, notebooks, colored pencils, mini dry erase boards, and more, has ignited a wave of excitement and gratitude within our school community.

The heartfelt delivery and presentation of these supplies were made possible by two incredible members of the Borgata Team, Aura Sanchez and Lesley Wright. Their dedication to making a difference in the lives of our students is truly commendable, and their visit left a lasting impact on all who were present.

This generous donation has come at a crucial time, ensuring that students in need have the tools and resources necessary for a successful school year. It is a testament to the Borgata Hotel and Casino's commitment to supporting education and the well-being of our community's youth.

As we prepare for the academic journey ahead, we extend our heartfelt thanks to the Borgata for their kindness and generosity. In the spirit of unity and community, their contribution will undoubtedly make this school year an amazing one, fostering a positive learning environment where students can thrive and reach their full potential.



MLK STAFF RECONNECTS WITH PAST STUDENTS AT DISTRICT'S BACK-TO SCHOOL BASH & ACHS WELCOME WAGON



It was a heartwarming reunion as we had the privilege of catching up with some of our former MLK students at the district's Back to School Bash and AC Vikings' Welcome Wagon event. Seeing their smiling faces and hearing about their continued journey was truly inspiring. As they embark on new adventures and embrace fresh opportunities, we want to take a moment to wish them the very best. Keep working hard, stay true to your Tiger pride, and remember, Once a Tiger,

Always a Tiger. #VikingPrideVikingStrong

