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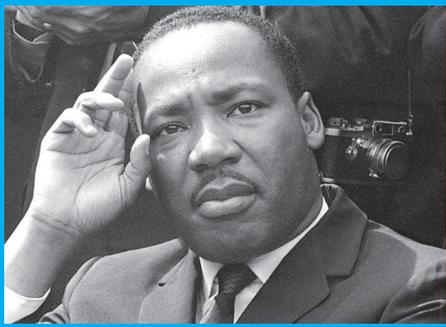
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Students Excel during  
MLK's Latest Spelling  
Bee



## Spelling Bee

## Issue at a Glance



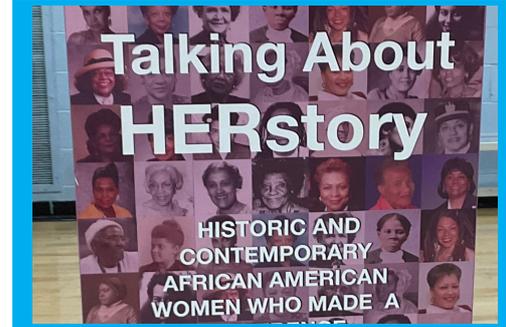
### MLK Celebrates Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

MLK went above and beyond with it's annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. celebration by blessing the community. Read below to see how the school completed their service projects.



### March 14th is Pi Day at MLK

The school held a first time event this month when it put together the first annual Pi Day Math Competition. for Students



### Students Learn About the "Herstory" of Their City

The African American Museum presented the "Talking About HERstory" exhibit at Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. School Complex during Black History Month.

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# MLK Students Get Lesson on the "HERstory" of their City



The African American Museum presented the "Talking About HERstory" exhibit at Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. School Complex during Black History Month. The exhibit was filled with beautiful, informative panels highlighting the accomplishments of famous African American Women. Museum President and Founder Ralph Hunter and featured celebrant Richlyn Goddard were on hand to provide insight to staff.

Our Middle School young ladies learned about each of the over 30 featured women and shared information with students as they visited the exhibit. Some of the women featured were local trailblazers whose impact continues to better the lives of our community. Featured honorees included Joanna LaSane, Dr. Juanita High, Dr. Dorothea Dorrington (former ACBOE President), Dr. Gaba, Dr. Beverly Vaughn, Carole Byard and Rita Mack, McDonald's Restaurant Owner along with historical figures such as Mary McLeod Bethune, Sara Spencer Washington, and Rosa Parks. Our thanks to Mrs. Mack and Comcast for sponsoring our school for this unique and enlightening experience.



## MUFFINS WITH MOMS

Over 100 moms, grandmoms, and ladies representing our students attended the Muffins with Moms event sponsored by the Title I Parent Resource Center at MLK on January 26th at the school. The parents received important information about services offered by the centers. The ladies got Social Emotional Learning (SEL) activities for self-care and activities to do with the children. What a great response from our MLK family! Our parents are demonstrating that TIGER PRIDE!! We look forward to the next time we can get together!



# $\pi$ Day Middle School Math Competition



For the first time, students at Dr. Martin L. King, Jr. School Complex celebrated National Pi Day on March 14th - yes Pi Day 3.14. Math Coach Elizabeth Kelly and Technology Coordinator Russell DeCicco worked alongside the Middle School Math teachers, Mr. Griffiths, Mr. Gutierrez, Ms. Nolan, Mrs. Ruth, Ms. Sanderlin and Mr. Sanders to bring the vision to fruition. Each team of three students worked together, decorated team posters to depict their team names, which were named after actual edible pies (pun intended), and practiced the math independently.

During each of the three rounds, the ten teams worked together to solve math problems, utilize vocabulary and race in a quest to complete fluency problems. Each of the ten teams did well as they worked using technology and paper and pencil to finish. The classes who were spectating cheered them on, as did our Superintendent Dr. LaQuetta S. Small! It was an exciting time. Everyone was a winner in this experience, however Team Blueberry Pie came in First Place, followed by Team Pecan Pie in Second Place and Coconut Cream Pie in Third Place. There was even a Pie Eating Contest at the end! We can't wait until next year.

## MLK Day of Service

For the last seven years, the Dr. Martin L. King, Jr. School Complex family has dedicated ourselves to completing service projects as a way to honor the living of Dr. Martin L. King, Jr. during the month of January. In keeping with our annual school tradition and commemorating the quote of Dr. King, "Everybody can be great...because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love."



MLK Day of Service. All of the MLK grade levels participated in the community service projects and were excited about the journey. Our students collected cans and non-perishables for the Food Bank of Atlantic City. Our students wrote letters and designed cards for our military troops and others in need and got immediate feedback of gratitude. Along with these projects, students made sandwiches, created a sock and snack drive, and supplied "first night kits" to the Atlantic City Rescue Mission. All of the recipients were extremely appreciative of our support.

## CHIPP Program

Some Families of Dr. Martin L. King, Jr. School Complex are partnering with the Theta Kappa Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc® in their efforts to empower families. The CHIPP Initiative which provides weekend and holiday Power Packs to students selected by lottery. This Board approved program has gained recognition from the International Office of the service based sorority. Members of the Dr. Martin L. King, Jr. School's National Junior Honor Society have assisted in assembling items and distributing them to the students each week. The launch for the initiative occurred on February 17, 2023 and will last until school ends in June. We are grateful for the support of the Atlantic City Board of Education, our School Superintendent, Dr. LaQuetta S. Small, the MLK NJHS, the parents and the members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.® Theta Kappa Omega Chapter for this wonderful opportunity.



## MLK Spelling Bee 2023

Congratulations to our 8th Grader Jayden Parker for winning the School based Competition of the Scripp's National Spelling Bee at Dr. Martin L. King, Jr. School Complex. The 22 participants were from grades 4 through 8. Students followed the guidelines from Scripp's which included vocabulary rounds. After 20 rounds, the finalists also included 2nd Place - Kory Jackson-Grade 7, 3rd Place- Lianni Rivera-Grade 7 and 4th Place-My'Najah Ledbetter-Grade 4.



Jayden Parker will go on to represent Dr. Martin L. King, Jr. School Complex in the Regional Competition of the Scripp's National Spelling Bee on Saturday, March 25, 2023 in Camden. He is registered as the only representative from Atlantic City Schools!!! Our School is rooting for him and he continues to make us proud! Go Jayden! Show your TIGER PRIDE!!

