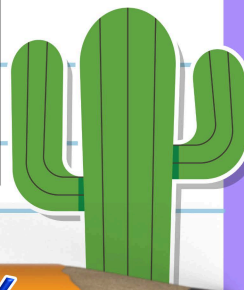


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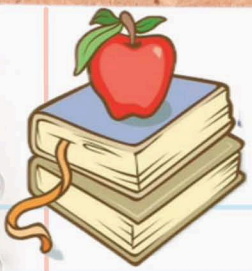
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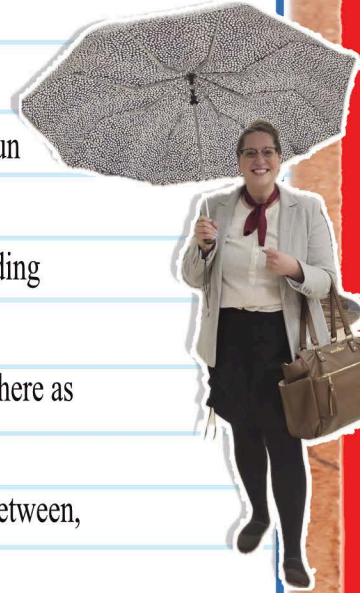


Teacher APPRECIATION Week

Each May, schools across the nation celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week — a time to honor the hard work, dedication, and passion of educators who help shape the future every single day. This year, our school took the celebration to creative new heights with a week full of fun, spirit, and heartfelt appreciation.

Throughout the week, themed dress-down days brought energy and excitement to the halls:

- Monday: Camo or Animal Print Day — Teachers showed off their wild side in camouflage and fun animal prints.
- Tuesday: Let's Take a Trip to Disney — Staff transformed into beloved Disney characters, spreading magic and joy throughout the building.
- Wednesday: Welcome to the Wild Wild West — Cowboy hats, boots, and bandanas were everywhere as the school went western for the day.
- Thursday: Throwback Thursday — From the roaring '20s to the groovy '70s and everything in between, teachers turned back the clock with creative outfits from their favorite decades.
- Friday: Fridays are for Tigers — Staff proudly wore their school spirit gear to show off their Tiger pride!



In addition to the dress-up fun, the week was made even more special by sweet treats, thoughtful activities, and daily surprises — all courtesy of our wonderful administration. A heartfelt thank you goes out to Principal Burroughs and Vice Principal Burroughs for going above and beyond to make our teachers feel seen, loved, and appreciated.

From classroom to community, our teachers give their all each day — and this week was a powerful reminder of how much they mean to our school family. Here's to our amazing educators — we celebrate you not just this week, but all year long!



Week of the Young Child

PRE-K CELEBRATES THE WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD

Earlier this month, our Pre-K students joyfully participated in NAEYC's Week of the Young Child — a nationwide celebration that highlights the importance of early childhood education, development, and family engagement. As the world's largest celebration of young learners, the week was filled with hands-on activities that encouraged movement, creativity, and exploration through music, food, art, and imaginative play.

Each day of the week featured a special theme that brought learning to life in fun and engaging ways:

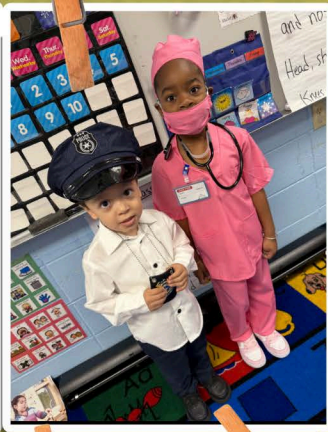
- **Music Monday:** Students created their very own drums and learned how to play them, discovering the joy of rhythm and sound.
- **Ice Cream Social Tuesday:** Children came together to socialize and enjoy a sweet treat while building friendships and practicing social skills.
- **Pajama Day Wednesday:** Comfort was the theme as students arrived in their favorite pajamas, turning the classroom into a cozy, creative learning space.
- **Sidewalk Chalk Art Thursday:** The students took their creativity outdoors and transformed the sidewalks with colorful chalk art masterpieces.
- **Future Friday – “What Do You Want to Be When You Grow Up?”** Students dressed as their dream careers, from doctors and firefighters to artists and teachers. Special guest speakers also visited to share insights about their professions and inspire the children to dream big.

Throughout the week, the school was buzzing with excitement, laughter, and learning. From dress-up days to guest visitors, every moment was designed to support early development and celebrate the unique potential of each child.

We are so proud of our young learners and grateful to the staff and families who made this week such a memorable experience.

The Week of the Young Child reminded us all of the power of play, creativity, and community in helping our children grow.

THE WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD IMAGES



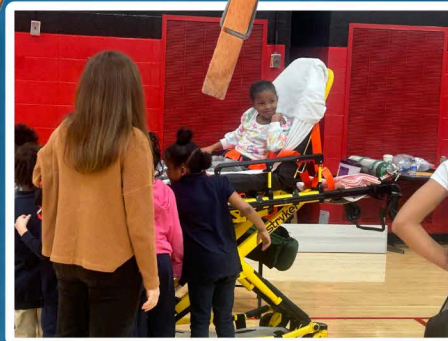
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Last month, our school proudly hosted its annual Career Day celebration — a day filled with learning, inspiration, and eye-opening experiences. Students had the incredible opportunity to meet and engage with professionals from a wide range of careers, giving them a glimpse into the diverse world of work that awaits them. This year's event was one of the most memorable yet. Our gymnasium transformed into a vibrant hub of discovery as students met with an impressive lineup of community professionals. Among those who generously shared their time and stories were:

- **Atlantic City Mayor Marty Small**
- **Atlantic City Council Vice President & 3rd Ward Councilman Kareem Shabazz**
- **Cosmetologist Instructor at ACIT, Leah Cacopardo**
- **Paramedic John Wolfram**
- **Dental Assistants & ACIT Dental Instructor Gabrielle Coslop**
- **Retired Fire Official Thomas Bell**
- **Nursing Home Supervisor Alisha Velez**
- **Richard Weeks, RN Nurse**
- **Michael Salerno, Architech**
- **Business Office Management Professional Carson Day**
- **A representative from the New Jersey Coast Guard**
- **Police Officer Gail Jasper**
- **Army National Guard Member Jordan Hayes**
- **Flutist Pamela Whitman of the Ocean City Pops Orchestra**
- **Hair Dresser Shakimah Anderson**

A special highlight was a virtual visit from former NFL linebacker Brandon Bell, son of our very own Ms. Bell, who now works as a videographer with NFL Films. He gave students a behind-the-scenes look at how NFL films are made and talked about his journey from athlete to filmmaker. Throughout the day, students got hands-on experiences — they learned how to throw proper punch combinations with a real boxing instructor, braid hair and apply makeup, and care for their teeth with guidance from dental experts. Pamela Whitman captivated the audience with original flute pieces, while the engineer emphasized the importance of safety and structural design. Paramedic John Wolfram even demonstrated how to stabilize and transport an injured individual on a stretcher. One of the most inspiring moments came when Mayor Marty Small and Councilman Kareem Shabazz encouraged students to believe that entering politics is a goal within reach — one that begins with hard work and a commitment to their community. We are incredibly grateful to all the professionals who visited and shared their time, talent, and wisdom with our students. Events like this not only educate but also ignite dreams. Who knows — maybe one day, some of our very own students will return as professionals themselves, ready to inspire the next generation.

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PLAY PREVIEW

Disney THE LITTLE MERMAID JR

SNEAK PEEK: MLK VPA CLUB
PRESENTS: THE LITTLE MERMAID JR

Mark your calendars! On June 5th at 4:45 PM, the talented students of the MLK VPA AfterSchool Club will take the stage to perform their latest production: Disney's The Little Mermaid Jr..

We wanted to take a moment to shine a light on all the hard work, dedication, and creativity that has gone into preparing for this magical performance. From memorizing lines and learning choreography to building sets and perfecting costumes, our students and staff have poured their hearts into bringing this beloved story to life.

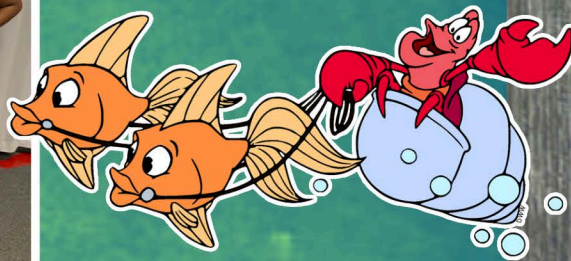
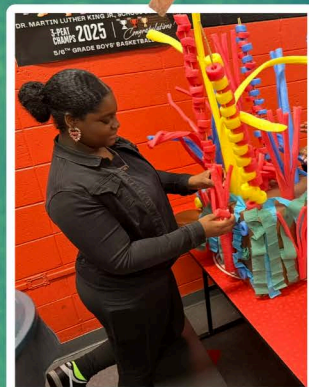
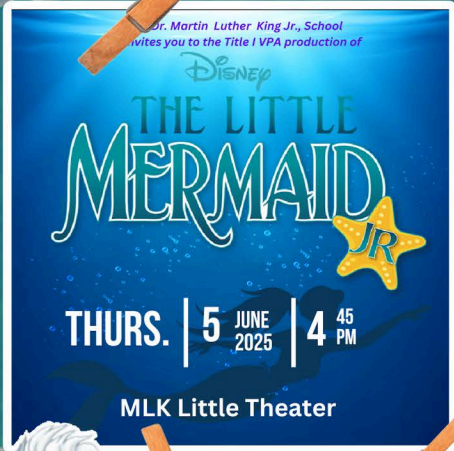
Don't miss this exciting show — it's sure to be a splash!

Thank you to everyone who has supported the cast and crew along the way. We can't wait to see you there!



THE LITTLE MERMAID JR SNEAK PEAK

THURSDAY JUNE 5TH AT 4:45 PM

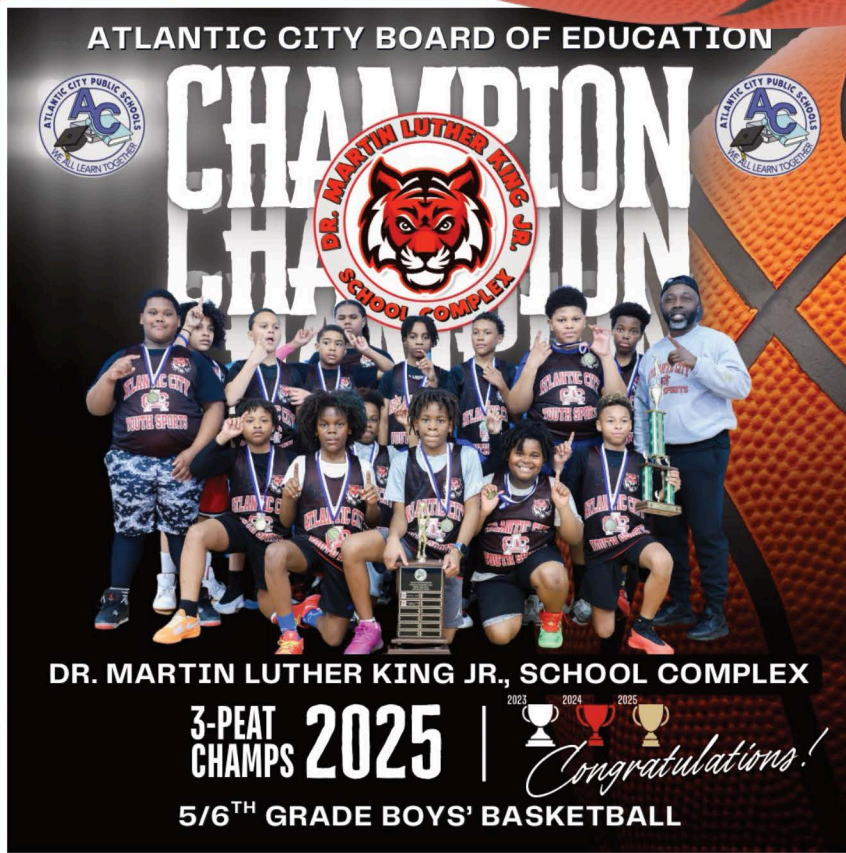


HOOP DREAMS

A THREE PEAT TO REMEMBER

Last month, the

district hosted its annual Middle School Basketball Tournament, and once again, the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. School Complex made history. For the third consecutive year, the 5th and 6th grade boys basketball team took home the championship title — marking the school's first-ever three-peat victory. The road to the title wasn't easy, as the boys faced several tough and tightly contested games. But their experience, teamwork, and determination shone through when it mattered most. They finished strong, securing a well-earned spot at the top once again.



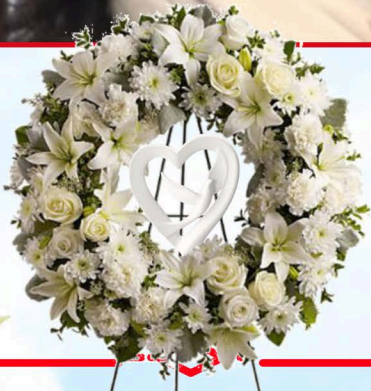
The championship trophy will be proudly displayed in the school lobby as a symbol of excellence, dedication, and school pride — and a reminder that next year, the team will be going for number four. Congratulations to all participating schools for an outstanding tournament, and a special thank you to Jason Lantz for organizing another fantastic event.



THIS MONTH, OUR SCHOOL AND THE ENTIRE ATLANTIC CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT MOURN THE LOSS OF TWO INCREDIBLE INDIVIDUALS WHO MEANT SO MUCH TO THE DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. SCHOOL COMPLEX: DENISE WYLLIE AND KIMBERLY WALLACE. BOTH WOMEN GAVE THEIR HEARTS AND SOULS TO OUR STUDENTS, STAFF, AND COMMUNITY, AND THEIR DEDICATION WILL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN. WE ARE DEEPLY GRATEFUL FOR THE TIME WE SHARED WITH THEM.

WE LOVE YOU, WE MISS YOU, AND WE WILL CARRY YOUR MEMORY WITH US ALWAYS.

KIM WALLACE



DENISE WYLLIE

