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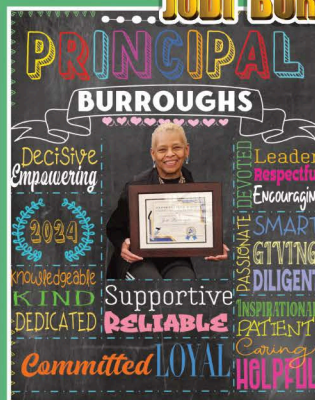


ISSUE AT A GLANCE

MLK PRIDE SHINES
BRIGHT ON SENIOR NIGHT!



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....JODI BURROUGHS



HAPPY SCHOOL CUSTODIAN APPRECIATION
DAY



HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

For the past month, our school has proudly celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month, a time to recognize the rich cultural contributions and vibrant traditions of Hispanic communities across the country. At the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. School Complex, we are especially grateful for the many members of our school community who share their Hispanic heritage with us every day.

Our students, teachers, staff, and families of Hispanic heritage play a vital role in making our school a welcoming, inclusive, and enriching place for everyone. Whether through their dedication to education, their leadership in the classroom, or the traditions and values they bring to our community, their presence makes our school a stronger, more vibrant place.

We want to extend our deepest thanks to all those who contribute to the fabric of our school community. Your hard work, creativity, and commitment to making the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. School Complex a place where all can learn and grow are deeply appreciated. The school wouldn't be what it is without all of you. Thank you for being such an important part of our school family.



HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH



As part of our Hispanic Heritage Month celebration, our hallways have come alive with color, creativity, and pride! We are thrilled to showcase the incredible work our staff and students have done to honor the rich traditions and cultures of Hispanic communities.

From beautifully decorated bulletin boards to vibrant classroom displays, every corner of our school reflects the spirit of unity, learning, and appreciation. Our Hispanic staff members have also shared their pride through traditional outfits and cultural displays, helping our students connect more deeply with the meaning behind this celebration.

These decorations, costumes and projects are more than just beautiful—they represent our shared commitment to celebrating diversity, understanding one another, and creating a school where every culture is valued and seen. Thank you to all the teachers, staff, and students who poured their time, creativity, and heart into making our school shine this month!



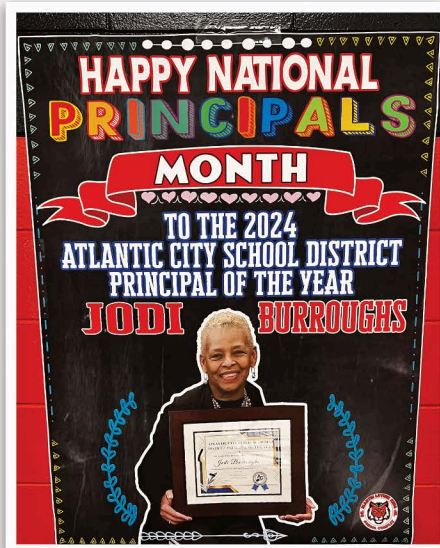
We would like to extend a special thank you to Ms. Basurco-Montes, Mrs. Mirabella, Mrs. Willems, and Mrs. Morales for their outstanding creativity, leadership, and dedication in bringing Hispanic Heritage Month to life throughout our school. Your hard work and enthusiasm have made this celebration truly memorable for everyone!

A HEART FOR SERVICE

CELEBRATING PRINCIPAL JODI BURROUGHS

In the heart of Atlantic City, within the halls of the Dr. Martin L. King Jr. School Complex, one name has become synonymous with dedication, compassion, and excellence — **Principal Jodi Burroughs**. Her journey is a testament to what happens when purpose meets passion and when leadership is rooted in love for community.

Mrs. Burroughs began her career humbly as a long-term substitute teacher, stepping into the classroom with a spirit of service and a belief that every child deserves the opportunity to thrive. Her commitment and natural ability to connect with students quickly led her to permanent positions as a 1st and 4th grade classroom teacher, where she inspired countless young learners to find joy in learning. Her passion for literacy and her ability to bring reading to life for her students paved the way for her next role as a Literacy Coordinator, where she shared her expertise and enthusiasm with fellow educators across the district.



Today, as the Principal of the Dr. Martin L. King Jr. School Complex, Jodi Burroughs continues to lead with the same sincerity, warmth, and integrity that have defined her career from the start. Known for her unmatched work ethic, she is often the first to arrive and the last to leave — a reflection not of obligation, but of devotion. Her leadership is not about titles or accolades, though she has received both — including Perfect Attendance Awards for multiple consecutive years and the prestigious honor of being named Atlantic City School District's Principal of the Year for 2024–2025.

What truly sets Mrs. Burroughs apart, however, is her heart. She doesn't just lead a school — she lives within the very community she serves. She greets students by name, celebrates their victories, and walks beside families through challenges. Her love for her staff, students, and parents is both genuine and deeply felt, creating a culture of trust, unity, and purpose within the building.



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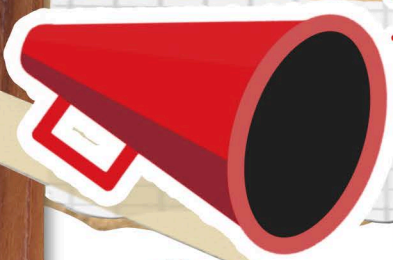
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Mrs. Burroughs believes that education is not merely about academics; it's about empowering students to see beyond their circumstances, rise above limitations, and believe in their boundless potential. Her daily mission is to educate, protect, and motivate the youth of Atlantic City — and to inspire her staff to do the same with the same compassion and excellence she models. Through every lesson taught, every challenge faced, and every success celebrated, Principal Jodi Burroughs has remained steadfast in her belief that every child matters and that every moment counts. Her story is more than a professional journey — it is a legacy of love, leadership, and light that continues to uplift the entire Dr. Martin L. King Jr. School Complex family.



The MLK family would like to thank you **Principal Burroughs** for all that you do for our school and community. You go above and beyond every day, and your dedication, care, and leadership make MLK a truly special place. We appreciate you, Mrs. Burroughs!



PEP-RALLY



EARLIER THIS MONTH, THE DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. SCHOOL COMPLEX HELD ITS FIRST PEP RALLY OF THE YEAR, AND IT WAS A HUGE SUCCESS! VICE PRINCIPAL C. BURROUGHS HOSTED AN AMAZING EVENT THAT BLENDED FUN, SCHOOL SPIRIT, AND IMPORTANT LESSONS ABOUT SUCCESS AND LEADERSHIP.

THE RALLY BEGAN WITH A PRESENTATION ON HOW STUDENTS CAN BECOME MEMBERS OF THE STRIPES PROGRAM— A SPECIAL INITIATIVE THAT RECOGNIZES STUDENTS WHO DEMONSTRATE EXCELLENCE IN THREE KEY AREAS: GOOD GRADES, GOOD ATTENDANCE, AND POSITIVE BEHAVIOR. MS. BURROUGHS EXPLAINED THAT STRIPES MEMBERS ENJOY A VARIETY OF EXCITING INCENTIVES, INCLUDING LUNCH LOUNGE PARTICIPATION, HOMEWORK AND DRESS-DOWN PASSES, CERTIFICATES, SPECIAL TREATS LIKE POPCORN AND CANDY, AND EVEN A CLASS TRIP FOR THOSE WHO MAINTAIN THEIR MEMBERSHIP THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL YEAR.

AFTER THE INSPIRING PRESENTATION, IT WAS TIME TO TURN UP THE ENERGY! MR. RUSSELL GOT THE CROWD MOVING WITH MUSIC AS HE DJED THE EVENT, CREATING A LIVELY ATMOSPHERE THAT HAD EVERYONE CLAPPING AND DANCING ALONG. MS. BURROUGHS THEN INVITED STUDENTS TO JOIN A FUN AND FAST-PACED GAME OF "HEAD, SHOULDERS, KNEES, CUPS", WHERE COMPETITORS FACED OFF IN A TEST OF FOCUS AND SPEED. THE CROWD ROARED WITH EXCITEMENT AS 7TH GRADER NICKAYLA LIVINGSTON CLAIMED VICTORY, EARNING THE TITLE OF TOURNAMENT CHAMPION!

THE EXCITEMENT CONTINUED WITH A SPIRITED PERFORMANCE BY THE BACK-TO-BACK CHAMPION LADY TIGER CHEER TEAM, WHO WOWED THE AUDIENCE WITH THEIR IMPRESSIVE ROUTINE AND SCHOOL PRIDE. FOLLOWING THEIR PERFORMANCE CAME ONE OF THE RALLY'S FAVORITE TRADITIONS — THE FOUL SHOOTING CHALLENGE, WHERE STUDENTS WENT HEAD-TO-HEAD AGAINST STAFF MEMBERS.

THE FIRST MATCHUP FEATURED SCHOOL SAFETY OFFICER MITCHELL VERSUS 7TH GRADER K.J. SHEFFIELD, WHO CAME OUT STRONG AND SECURED THE WIN FOR THE STUDENTS. NEXT UP WAS MR. SPENCER FROM THE CUSTODIAL STAFF FACING OFF AGAINST DAMIR CHAMBERS JONES IN A THRILLING BACK-AND-FORTH CONTEST THAT ENDED WITH DAMIR EDGING OUT THE VICTORY BY JUST ONE SHOT.

THE RALLY WRAPPED UP WITH A FINAL CHEER FROM THE LADY TIGERS, CLOSING THE EVENT ON A HIGH NOTE. IT WAS A DAY FULL OF SCHOOL PRIDE, FRIENDLY COMPETITION, AND COMMUNITY SPIRIT. STUDENTS LEFT FEELING ENERGIZED AND MOTIVATED — READY TO MAKE THIS SCHOOL YEAR THE BEST ONE YET!



STRIPES



PEP RALLY HIGHLIGHTS

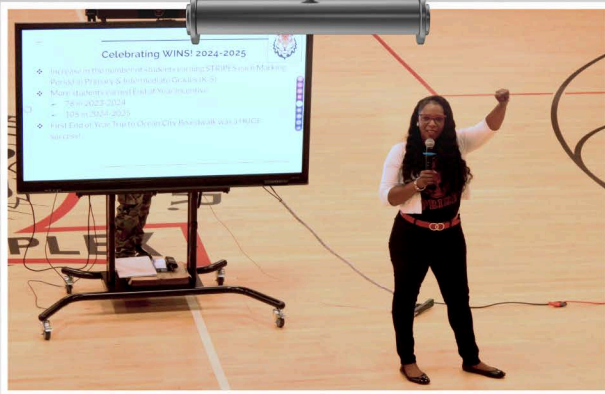
STRIPE, COLOR WAR, & MORE



The Back-to-Back Champion Lady Tigers Cheer Squad Performs for the First Time This Year!



Mr. Russell kept the energy high, DJing the event and keeping everyone excited from start to finish!



Vice Principal Burroughs addresses the crowd, explaining how students can go above and beyond to become members of the Stripes Program.



Nickayla shows the boys how it's done with her victory in the Head, Shoulders, Knees, Cup competition.



K.J. defeats Officer Mitchell in a foul-shooting competition with some clutch shooting.



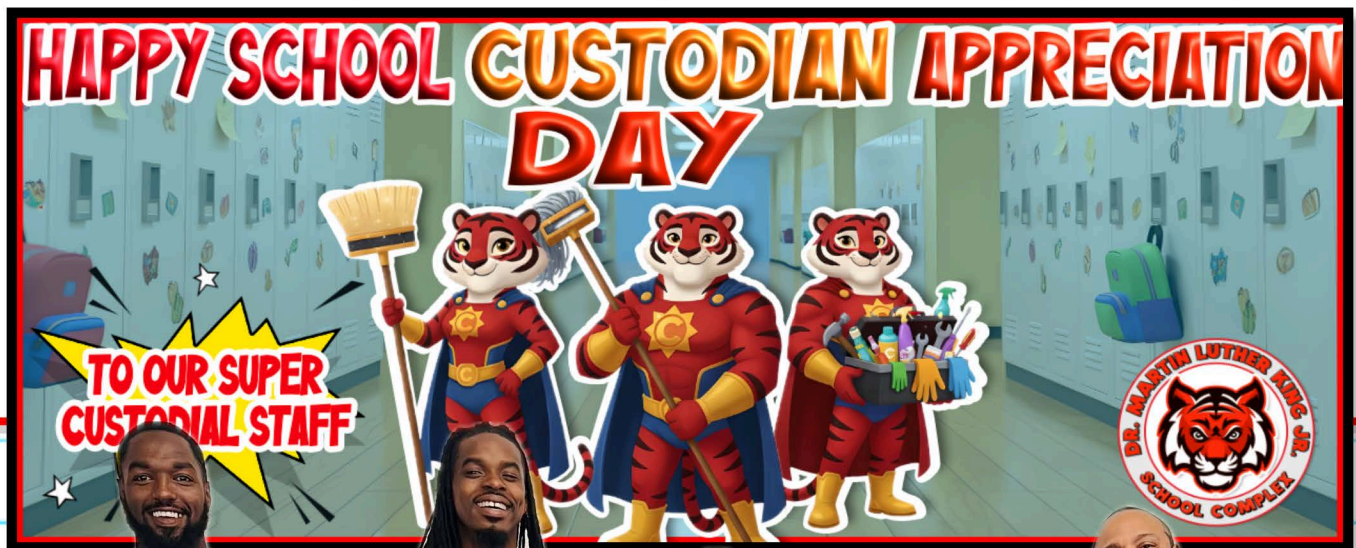
Damir races the clock to knock down his final shots.

CELEBRATING OUR AMAZING CUSTODIAL STAFF

Last month, we proudly celebrated School Custodian Appreciation Day! We want to take a moment to thank our incredible custodial team for everything they do each and every day. Their hard work keeps our school clean, safe, and welcoming for students, staff, and families.

From early mornings to late evenings, they go above and beyond to make sure every classroom, hallway, and space is ready for learning. Without them, there would be no school.

Thank you to our custodial staff for your dedication, care, and pride in making the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. School Complex shine – we truly appreciate you!



PRE-K STUDENTS

MAKE MEMORIES WITH VIP DAY AND LOOPS & LACES

EARLIER THIS MONTH, OUR PRE-K STUDENTS PARTICIPATED IN TWO WONDERFUL EVENTS THAT BROUGHT SMILES, LAUGHTER, AND CREATIVITY TO OUR YOUNGEST LEARNERS!

THE FIRST CELEBRATION WAS VIP DAY (VERY IMPORTANT PERSON DAY) — A HEARTWARMING EVENT WHERE EACH STUDENT INVITED SOMEONE SPECIAL TO SHARE IN A MORNING OF FUN AND LEARNING. TOGETHER IN THE CAFETERIA, STUDENTS AND THEIR VIPS BUILT AND PAINTED THEIR VERY OWN BIRDHOUSES, SHOWING OFF THEIR CREATIVITY AND TEAMWORK. IT WAS A JOYFUL DAY FILLED WITH COLOR, IMAGINATION, AND CHERISHED MEMORIES.

THE SECOND EVENT, LOOPS AND LACES, WAS HOSTED BY THE ATLANTIC CITY EARLY CHILDHOOD DEPARTMENT AND FOCUSED ON HELPING STUDENTS LEARN AN IMPORTANT LIFE SKILL — HOW TO TIE THEIR SHOES! STUDENTS PRACTICED THEIR LOOPS AND LACES WHILE ENJOYING SOME YUMMY SNACKS AND PARTICIPATING IN FUN ARTS AND CRAFTS ACTIVITIES.

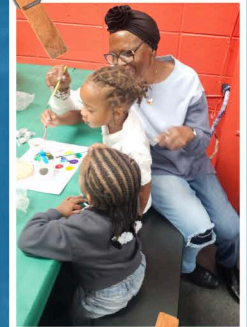
BOTH EVENTS WERE A HUGE SUCCESS, BRINGING OUT BIG SMILES AND EVEN BIGGER EXCITEMENT FROM SOME OF OUR SMALLEST STUDENTS. WE ARE SO PROUD OF OUR PRE-K LEARNERS AND GRATEFUL TO THE STAFF AND FAMILIES

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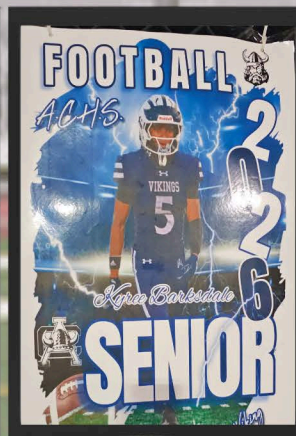
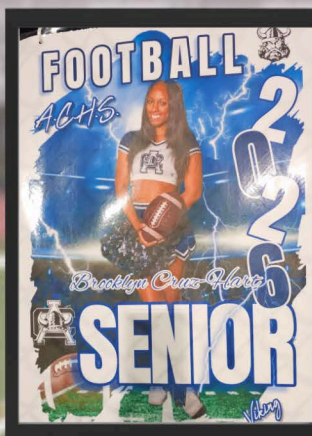
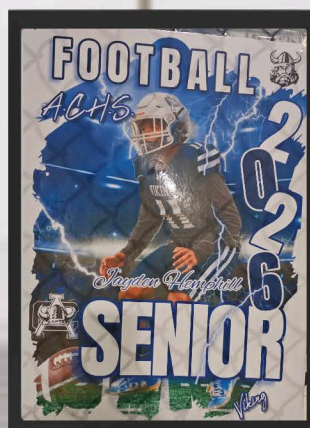
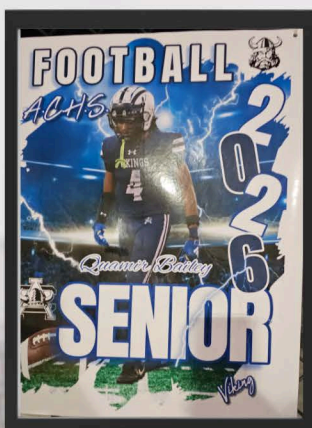
VIP DAY



Loops & Laces



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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MLK ALUMNI!

We're so proud of our former MLK students who were recently recognized on **Senior Night** for their dedication as football players and cheerleaders. Your hard work, teamwork, and school spirit continue to make us proud! Keep reaching for greatness — the MLK family is cheering you on every step of the way.

Honorees:

Jakai Mobley • Quamir Bailey • Jayden Hemphill • Hanif Rios • Brooklyn Cruz-Hart • Jalil Daniels • Kylee Barksdale • Tamir Rex • Jaylen Day

