

The TIGER'S DEN MLK Newsletter



HEADLINE NEWS

Bending Bars and Minds: Devin Wyman's Powerful Assembly



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BENDING BARS & MINDS

Former Super Bowl Champion Delivers Powerful Assembly

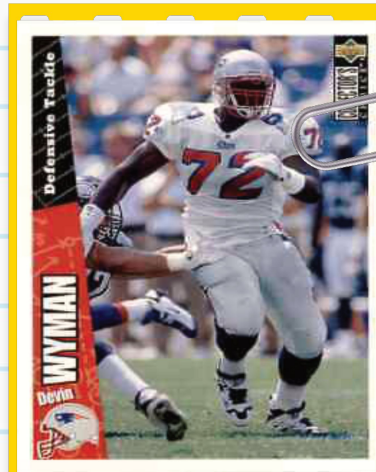
Last week, our school had the privilege of hosting an extraordinary assembly featuring former NFL Super Bowl Champion, Devin Wyman, who has transformed into an inspirational motivational speaker. Standing tall at an impressive 6 foot 7 inches, Mr. Wyman's presence alone commanded attention, but it was his powerful message of resilience and redemption that truly captivated our students. He emphasized the profound importance of never giving up, even in the face of adversity, drawing from his own remarkable life journey.

Devin Wyman's story is one of triumph over personal setbacks. Leaving high school with scholarship offers from numerous Division 1 colleges and immense athletic potential, he seemed destined for greatness. However, a regrettable mistake led to his arrest, a turning point that could have derailed his life forever. Instead, Mr. Wyman persevered, picking up the shattered pieces of his dreams. He eventually earned another opportunity with a college football team, where he excelled. His talent and determination led him to be drafted into the NFL, where he achieved the pinnacle of success by winning a Super Bowl with the New England Patriots in his rookie season.

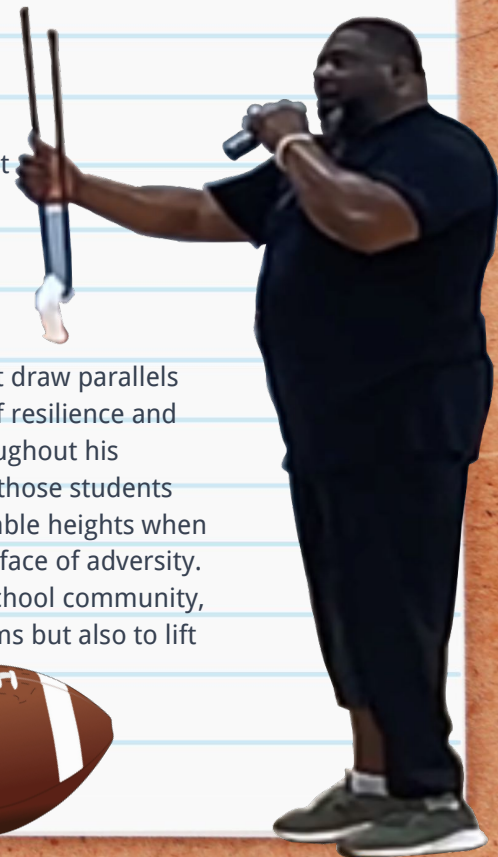
What set this assembly apart was not only Wyman's compelling narrative but also his awe-inspiring display of strength and perseverance. He seamlessly integrated strongman feats into his presentation, from bending steel bars into the shape of a "U" to lifting students high above his head. Through this physical metaphor, he conveyed the idea that just like the U-turn he created, life offers opportunities to correct our course and improve our circumstances, no matter how challenging they may seem.

One of the most unforgettable moments of the event was when Mr. Wyman engaged two female students in a remarkable demonstration of strength and teamwork. With each student gripping one end of a steel bar, Mr. Wyman effortlessly lifted them high into the air, creating a breathtaking spectacle that resembled a human helicopter in motion. This astounding feat not only showcased his physical prowess but also served as a powerful metaphor for collaboration and the boundless possibilities that can be achieved when individuals come together with a common purpose.

As our students watched in awe, they couldn't help but draw parallels between this extraordinary display and the message of resilience and determination that Mr. Wyman had been sharing throughout his presentation. It was a tangible reminder that, just like those students soaring high above the crowd, we can achieve remarkable heights when we support each other and work together, even in the face of adversity. Mr. Wyman's assembly left an indelible mark on our school community, inspiring our students to not only reach for their dreams but also to lift each other up along the way.



Name: Devin Wyman
Birth Place: Palo Alto, CA
College: Kentucky State
Height: 6' 7"
Position: Defensive Tackle
NFL Teams: New England Patriots



PARENT CENTER'S BREAKFAST WITH DADS



HAS ITS LARGEST TURN OUT EVER WITH HUNDREDS IN ATTENDANCE



On the morning of October 19th, the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. School Complex's Parent Center hosted its annual "Breakfast with Dads" event. This heartfelt gathering, organized by Mr. Russell, Mr. Banks, and Mrs. McGowan, aimed to honor fathers, uncles, big brothers, and all other father figures while underscoring the school's deep appreciation for their significant role in shaping the lives of our students.

The event commenced with a delectable breakfast buffet, where students and their loved ones gathered around tables, sharing stories and laughter over a hearty breakfast. This year's event attracted a record turnout, highlighting the profound recognition of the indispensable role father figures play in our students' lives.

Beyond the culinary delights, the "Breakfast with Dads" event featured engaging games and activities, strengthening family bonds and emphasizing the significance of active family involvement in education. It served as a poignant reminder that celebrating the influence of father figures is an integral part of our educational journey.





MLK HALLOWEEN CELEBRATION 23'



TRICKS, TREATS, AND TERRIFIC COSTUMES: A RECAP OF THE MLK HALLOWEEN CELEBRATION 2023

Every Halloween, our school buzzes with excitement as students of all ages eagerly anticipate the opportunity to don their Halloween costumes. For our youngest learners in grades K-2, the day kicks off with a delightful Halloween Parade, where the students proudly display their imaginative attire alongside their classmates. Meanwhile, the older students in the school get to wear their costumes to school, fostering camaraderie and sparking spirited conversations about their Halloween plans. From spooky ensembles to clever and humorous outfits, the creativity of the students knows no bounds, making Halloween a memorable day for everyone in the MLK community.

Here are a few highlights from the day...



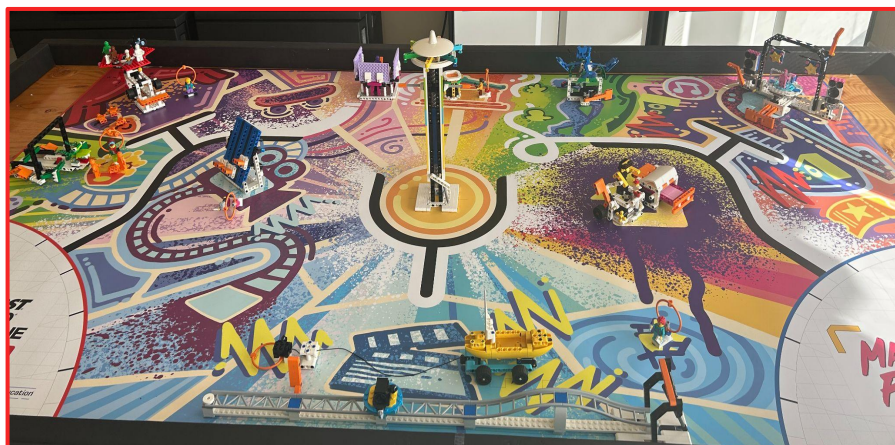
MLK LEGO ROBOTICS TEAM UPDATE

This week, we are excited to provide an update on the remarkable progress of the MLK First Lego League Team as they gear up for their debut in the Coding/Robotics competition scheduled for early January. The dedication and hard work of the students on the team have been nothing short of inspiring. In their pursuit of excellence, they have demonstrated their commitment by investing extra hours during the AHOD (All hands on deck) period of school and even in the early mornings.

One of the significant accomplishments achieved by the team this month was the construction of a replica challenge board, mirroring the one they will encounter in the upcoming competition. This replica serves as a valuable training tool, allowing them to familiarize themselves with the layout and obstacles they will face. In addition to this, the students have successfully crafted three fully functional robot models. These robots will now undergo the intricate process of coding to optimize their efficiency in tackling the challenges.

Over the next few weeks, the MLK First Lego League Team will focus on refining, modifying, and fine-tuning their robots to ensure they operate at peak performance. The students will work tirelessly to incorporate enhancements and adjustments aimed at maximizing their robot's speed and effectiveness. Each task they can complete during the competition holds its own set of valuable points, including activities like manipulating levers, delivering payloads, and following color-coded paths using programmed color sensors, among others.

As the competition date draws nearer, the team will embark on a journey of trial and error, striving to perfect their robotic creations. Their dedication and commitment to excellence are a testament to their unwavering spirit and determination. We eagerly anticipate witnessing their growth and success as they prepare to represent MLK in their first Coding/Robotics competition this January.



BRINGING HEALTHCARE CLOSER TO HOME

MLK's Parent Center Hosts Digital Mammography Van

On October 17th, the MLK Parent Center organized a vital healthcare event by welcoming the Dr. Jan Astin Mobile Digital Mammography Van. This fully-equipped, self-contained van brought state-of-the-art digital mammography screening right to the MLK community. With experienced, board-certified technologists on board, attendees had the opportunity to undergo this essential screening for early detection of breast health concerns.

The event witnessed a fantastic turnout, reflecting the importance of accessible healthcare services. By bringing advanced mammography screenings directly to the MLK campus, the initiative aimed to make a positive impact on individuals' health and well-being. It's an excellent example of how community-driven efforts can contribute to better healthcare access and ultimately save lives.



FIRE SAFETY WEEK

MLK's Fire Prevention Week with some of Atlantic City's Bravest

Last month, MLK commemorated its annual Fire Prevention Week with a valuable educational experience. Students had the privilege of learning life-saving tips and crucial prevention information from none other than the experts themselves, the dedicated members of the Atlantic City Fire Department.

Captain Sidney Coleman and other courageous firefighters took the time to impart their knowledge to the students, ensuring they were well-informed about fire safety. The event concluded with an exciting tour of a fire truck, leaving the students with both knowledge and inspiration to prioritize safety in their lives.



UNITY THROUGH COMMUNITY

Atlantic City High School's Senior Day

The Atlantic City High School recently held its much-anticipated Senior Day event as part of the exciting annual homecoming festivities. This special day was nothing short of outstanding, drawing a large crowd which included many former MLK Tiger students. The event showcased the strong sense of community and pride that defines Atlantic City's educational journey.

What made this Senior Day particularly remarkable was the collaborative effort between the district's elementary and middle schools and the Atlantic City High School. Each school set up their newly issued district tents, which helped bring an extra layer of vibrancy and excitement to the event. Together, the schools transformed the normal tennis courts into a fantastic and lively space, specially designed to honor their former students who had now come full circle.

The event was not just a celebration of accomplishments but also a testament to the lasting connections forged within the Atlantic City educational system. It was a heartwarming sight to witness the coming together of past and present students, teachers, and staff, all sharing in the joy of Senior Day. Here, the memories of MLK Tigers were cherished, and the bright futures of graduating seniors were celebrated.

For a glimpse into this heartwarming occasion, check out the captivating pictures captured during the event, which beautifully capture the essence of this memorable day.

