

The TIGER'S DEN MILK Newsletter



HEADLINE NEWS

Assembly

REGGIE DABBS

Finding Hope in Unexpected Places

Prepare for an inspiring read! In our upcoming article, we explore Reggie Dabbs' recent visit to our school for the final assembly of 2023. With humor, heart, and musical talent, Reggie delivered a powerful message of self-love, resilience, and life's unexpected turns. Through his personal story and brilliant saxophone performances, he left the audience empowered to overcome obstacles and pursue their dreams. Stay tuned for a concise yet impactful account of this unforgettable experience.

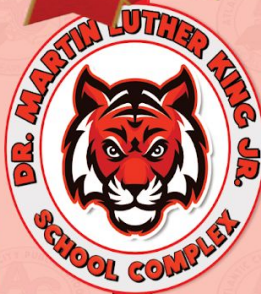


DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. SCHOOL COMPLEX

Teacher
of the
Year



Ian Mahler



Bria Days

Educational
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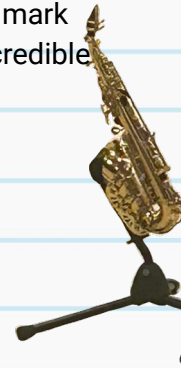
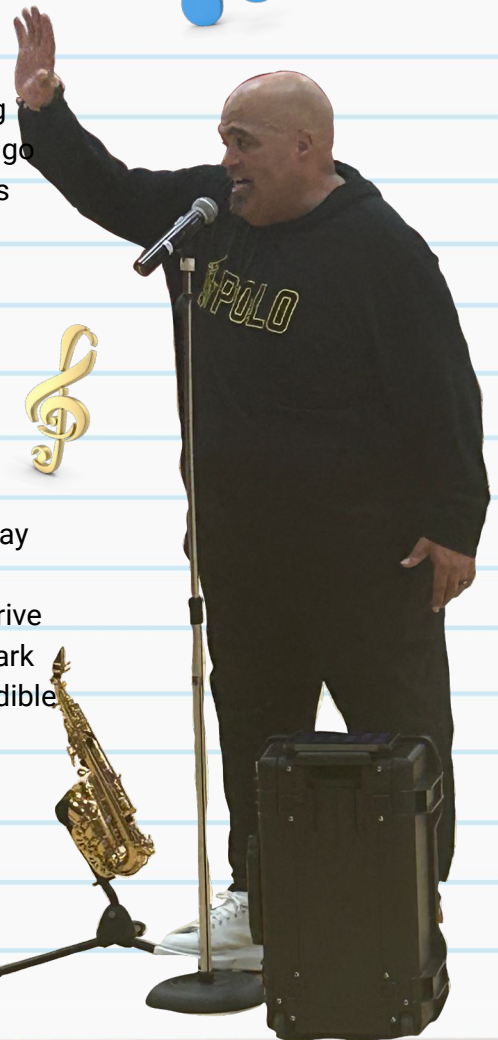
Last week, our school had the privilege of hosting a truly inspiring and unforgettable assembly that left students and teachers alike buzzing with positivity and motivation. World renowned motivational speaker Reggie Dabbs took the stage and delivered a powerful message that resonated deeply with everyone present. With a perfect blend of humor and heart, Dabbs shared his personal journey, a story that demonstrated the profound impact of love, resilience, and the unexpected turns life can take.

During his engaging speech, Reggie shared a hilarious anecdote from his childhood, recalling how he once questioned his parents' age, exclaiming, "Why are you so OLD!" The audience couldn't help but laugh at his witty humor, which was seamlessly woven into his narrative. But Reggie Dabbs didn't stop at humor; he masterfully transitioned into sharing a more profound chapter of his life.

He recounted the touching story of how his birth mother, faced with overwhelming challenges, reached out to her former teacher, Mrs. Dabbs, for help. Mrs. Dabbs and her husband selflessly stepped in, adopting Reggie and raising him as their own child. This heartwarming tale of unexpected kindness and the power of a helping hand moved everyone in the auditorium.

As Reggie Dabbs continued to speak, he not only captured hearts but also engaged the audience through the magical notes of his saxophone. His music resonated deeply, and by the end of the assembly, he had the entire room chanting along to the empowering lyrics, "I can. You can. We can. Do anything. I can do anything. I can go anywhere. I can become whatever I wanna be." The atmosphere was electric, and the message was crystal clear: believe in yourself and your potential.

The impact of Reggie Dabbs' assembly was palpable as students and teachers left with renewed determination, a deeper sense of self-worth, and a reminder that our stories, no matter where we come from, are powerful and worth celebrating. His visit was a remarkable way to close out the calendar year, leaving us all inspired to embrace our unique journeys and strive for greatness. Reggie Dabbs not only left his mark on our hearts but also reminded us of the incredible strength that lies within each one of us.



THE MLK HOLIDAY Tree Contest 2023

Every year, our school eagerly anticipates the festive tradition of the MLK Holiday Tree Decorating Contest. Each grade level collaborates to select a unique theme and pour their creativity into decorating their tree, all with the dream of earning the coveted title of the golden ornament. The halls of MLK are now adorned with the enchanting entries, showcasing the imaginative talents of our students. Don't miss the chance to witness these splendidly decorated trees in all their glory – be sure to stop by the MLK main lobby before the holiday break arrives. The thrilling announcement of the victor will be revealed in the upcoming edition of the Tiger's Den Newsletter, so stay tuned for the grand reveal!

Which # would you vote for?



MLK LEGO ROBOTICS TEAM UPDATE



Members of the Black Panthers Team are pictured here with the prototype suit they have created for the presentation section of their upcoming competition.

The MLK First Lego League Teams are gearing up for their upcoming competition with great enthusiasm. This month they have been busy planning their prototypes, practicing their service project presentations, and coding their robots to navigate the course objectives. Additionally, both teams have designed their team shirts (Shown Below), which are now in production. These students are putting in a lot of hard work, showcasing their creativity, teamwork, and technical skills as they prepare for their January competition. We look forward to seeing their efforts in action on the big day and we will keep you up to date on their progress..



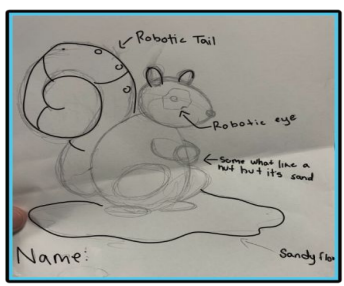
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The sandy squirrels



Team 1
Sandy Squirrels
Original Logo
Design By
Mekhi Gibbs

DESIGN TEAM LOGO



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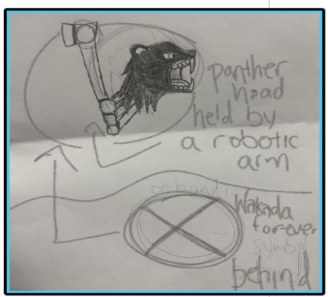
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The Black Panthers

Team 2
Black Panthers Original
Logo Design By
Luke Walker

DESIGN TEAM LOGO



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Breakfast With Mom



A Celebration of Community and Education



On Wednesday, December 13th, a heartwarming and historic event unfolded at MLK as the Parent Center and the MLK Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) department, led by the dedicated Ms. Days, joined forces to host the inaugural "Breakfast with Mom" event. It was a morning filled with love, connection, and valuable insights into the educational journey of our students.

This special occasion invited all motherly figures to come together, sharing a delightful breakfast while fostering a sense of community through engaging team-building activities. Beyond the delicious meal, the event served as a platform for mothers and caregivers to receive essential information that impacts their children's education.

The overwhelming turnout demonstrated the event's tremendous success, with the crowd size prompting the need to open up the little theater area to accommodate everyone. An estimated 300 attendees gathered to share in the warmth of this unique gathering.

The event featured speeches from key figures, including Principal Jodi Burroughs, Vice Principal Cherise Burroughs, SEL Coach Bria Days, and Parent Center Employee Tyrone Russell. Their words resonated deeply, reinforcing the importance of family involvement in education and the positive impact it has on our students' growth and success.

"Breakfast with Mom" was not just a meal; it was a testament to the power of community, collaboration, and the unwavering support that surrounds our students. The event's overwhelming success sets the stage for more meaningful gatherings in the future, strengthening the bonds that make MLK a truly exceptional place for learning and growth.



The BOOK FAIR is back

Exploring the World of Books: Highlights from Our Annual Book Fair

Earlier this month, our school's much-anticipated annual Scholastic Book Fair took center stage, and it was an event filled with literary excitement!

Students were presented with a treasure trove of choices, featuring hundreds of amazing titles, including some of their favorite series. From the magical worlds of fantasy to the mysteries waiting to be unraveled, there was something for every reader's taste. But the book fair wasn't just about books; it also brought an array of games, posters, and engaging activities to captivate young minds. What makes this event even more special is that a portion of the proceeds generated will be reinvested directly into our school, supporting future educational endeavors. It's a win-win for all, as our students expand their literary horizons and our school community thrives.



Congratulations to our Venice Park family members

Cecilia Mirabella

(Teacher of the Year)

&

Kendra Warren

(Educational Service Professional of the Year)

VENICE PARK SCHOOL

Teacher of the Year



Cecilia Mirabella



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