

The TIGER'S DEN MLK Newsletter

TRANSFORMING EDUCATION:

How the new Smart Interactive Touch Panels Are Revolutionizing Teaching in Our District

ISSUE AT A GLANCE



Innovation in Action: The MLK LEGO FIRST CHALLENGE Robotics Team Gears Up for a Inspiring Local Competition

MLK students have dedicated themselves to diligent preparations for their inaugural FIRST LEGO LEAGUE: Robotics Challenge, set to occur in just a few months.

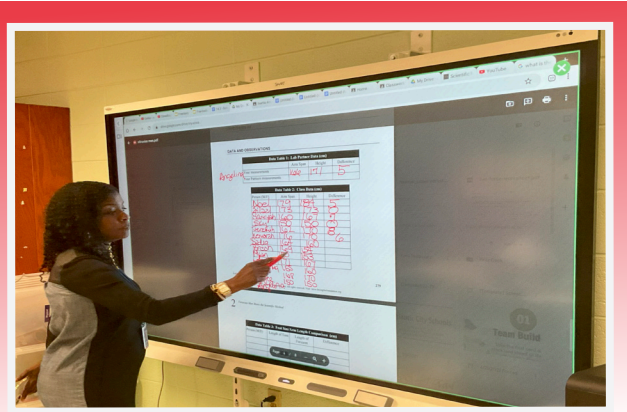
Mrs. Morale's Morning Art Club is back in session!

Are you passionate about art or looking to enhance your skills? If the answer is yes, then come embark on a creative voyage with Mrs. Morale's Morning Art Club, where the magic of artistic expression truly flourishes!

A Touch of Genius: Smartboards Enhancing Classroom Instruction

Our school district's recent investment of state-of-the-art Smartboards is transforming the classroom, creating a more dynamic and engaging learning environment for both students and educators. With enhanced interactivity and multimedia capabilities, these Smartboards are redefining the way we teach and learn, ensuring a brighter future for all in Atlantic City.

A Touch of Genius: How The New Smartboards are Enhancing Classroom Instruction



The 2023-2024 school year marked a transformative period in our district's educational landscape by introducing new SmartBoards: Interactive Touch Screen Displays in all classrooms. These state-of-the-art displays have revolutionized the learning experience and garnered widespread praise from students and educators alike. We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the district for this invaluable upgrade.

Why are these Smartboards so effective?

Engaging Interactive Learning: SmartBoard displays have brought interactivity to the forefront of education. Students actively participate by touching, writing, and interacting with digital content, making lessons more engaging and impactful.

Visual Brilliance: These displays provide stunning visual clarity, enhancing the comprehension of complex subjects. Detailed diagrams, simulations, and maps come to life, enriching visual learning experiences.

Multimedia Integration: The displays seamlessly integrate multimedia elements, offering a diverse range of teaching tools. Teachers can now cater to various learning styles, ensuring comprehensive understanding.

Teacher Efficiency: Teachers benefit from SmartBoard displays, streamlining lesson preparation and delivery. Digital resources reduce reliance on physical materials, freeing up time for personalized instruction.

Collaborative Capabilities: With the Smart software and connectivity, these Smartboards enable remote collaboration. Students and educators can collaborate with each other within and outside of the classroom, allowing for virtual teamwork and guest speakers to enhance the learning experience.

In conclusion, the SmartBoard Interactive Touch Screen Displays have already had a profound positive impact on our district's classrooms. We appreciate the district's commitment to equipping our students for a future filled with technological possibilities. These displays mark a significant step towards brighter educational prospects.



INSPIRING STEM EXCELLENCE: A LOOK AT OUR LEGO FIRST CHALLENGE ROBOTICS TEAM AND UPCOMING COMPETITION



As we kick off the new year, we're thrilled to share an exciting story of innovation and perseverance as our LEGO FIRST CHALLENGE Robotics Team gears up for a local competition on January 27, 2024. The late Steve Jobs once remarked, "Innovation is the only way to win," and our students are undoubtedly embracing this ethos as they venture into the world of robotics and STEM education.

For those unfamiliar with the LEGO FIRST CHALLENGE, it's an annual event that challenges students to design, construct, and program autonomous robots using LEGO Mindstorms kits. It's an inspiring journey that integrates STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) and nurtures critical thinking, engineering skills, and teamwork. Our school's teams have been working tirelessly, guided by their dedicated mentors, in preparation for the upcoming competition.

This competition isn't solely about robotics; it's about nurturing young minds, fostering collaboration, and cultivating creativity. Steve Jobs' words, "Innovation is the only way to win," resonate with our students who are committed to doing remarkable work in the world of robotics and beyond.

We invite the entire Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. School Complex community to join us on January 27, 2024, at the Salem Community College to witness our LEGO FIRST CHALLENGE Robotics Teams in action. Come and support these young innovators who are daring to be different, embracing innovation, and making a difference.

As we anticipate the competition, let's remember Steve Jobs' advice: "Innovation is the only way to win." Our LEGO FIRST CHALLENGE Robotics Team is embodying this spirit, and we can't wait to see what greatness they will achieve. Thank you for your unwavering support, and stay tuned for more updates on their path to success!



HAVE YOU SEEN THE TIGER?



This school year, our spirited mascot, the Tiger, has come to life in the form of an inflatable companion, playfully stationed in different hallways each week. Its lively presence adds a touch of excitement to our school environment as it roams around the building. Have you had the chance to spot our friendly tiger lately?

CAPTURING SMILES AND STYLES: MLK'S ANNUAL SCHOOL PICTURE DAY



As the leaves begin to turn and autumn settles in, it's that time of year again at the Dr. Martin Luther King School Complex: school picture day! With smiles as bright as the sun, our students recently gathered for this cherished annual tradition, showcasing their fashion sense and school spirit.

The excitement kicked off on Thursday, October 12th, when our elementary students graced the camera's lens with their fashion-forward outfits. From dapper suits to colorful dresses, the students took their time to choose their picture-perfect ensembles, making sure they looked their best for this special day

On Friday, October 13th, it was the middle schoolers' turn to shine. With confidence and style, they confidently stepped in front of the camera, striking poses that showcased their unique personalities. The energy was contagious as they eagerly awaited their moment in the spotlight.

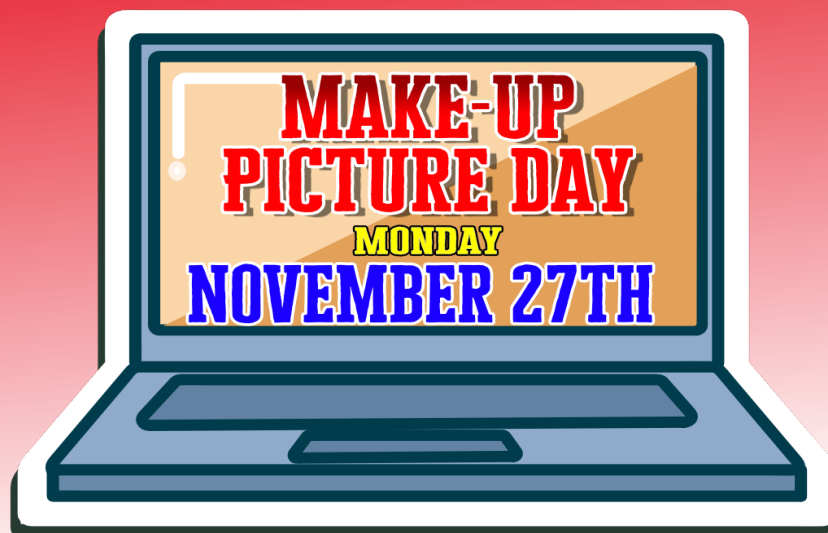
Missed Out? Don't Worry! Makeup Picture Day on November 27th

For those who may have missed the initial school picture days or want another opportunity to capture their best smiles, mark your calendars for Makeup Picture Day! Lifetouch will be returning to MLK on November 27th, providing a second chance to immortalize those memorable school days.

School picture day is not just about capturing images; it's a day of creating memories and building a sense of community. It's a day when students, teachers, and staff come together to celebrate individuality and school pride. These photographs will serve as a timeless reminder of this chapter in our students' educational journey.

We extend our gratitude to Lifetouch for their professionalism and expertise in capturing these moments. Their skilled photographers have a knack for bringing out the best in our students, resulting in photographs that families will cherish for years to come.

As we eagerly await the arrival of Makeup Picture Day, we look forward to more smiles, laughter, and unforgettable moments. Whether it's the elementary students, the middle schoolers, or those returning for retakes, each picture tells a unique story of a vibrant and diverse school community.



First Pep Rally of the Year: A Spirited Start to the School Year



Excitement filled the air at the Dr. Martin Luther King School Complex on September 29th as the school held its first pep rally of the year. Vice Principal Cherie Burroughs took the stage as the Master of Ceremonies, setting the tone for an event filled with enthusiasm, information, and fun.

Mrs. Burroughs played a pivotal role in kick-starting the pep rally. Her infectious energy and charisma had the crowd on their feet, ready to embrace the festivities ahead. With a warm welcome and a smile that lit up the gymnasium, she ensured that everyone felt included in the excitement.

Next, the award-winning MLK cheerleaders were in the spotlight, delivering a dazzling performance that left the audience in awe. Their precision, teamwork, and school spirit were on full display, setting the bar high for the rest of the event.

After the Cheerleaders exited, a fashion show took center stage, demonstrating what is and isn't acceptable as part of the school uniform. This informative segment not only showcased students' styles but also reinforced the importance of adhering to the school's dress code policies while expressing individuality.

DJ Earl Nelson participated in the action by bringing the pep rally to life with an outstanding musical performance on the turntables. His song selection and mixing got the students moving, creating an electric atmosphere that resonated with the school's vibrant spirit.

Next, the MLK Tiger, the school's beloved mascot, stole the show with dance moves that had everyone cheering. The mascot's lively and entertaining performance added an extra layer of excitement to the event.

Finally, Mrs. Hagel, the school's dedicated Guidance Councilor, took the opportunity to introduce the students to the new MLK Stripes program. This new initiative aims to recognize and reward students who consistently make positive choices and do the right thing, reinforcing the school's commitment to character development.

The first pep rally of the year was nothing short of amazing, with students thoroughly enjoying every moment. The energy, enthusiasm, and school pride were palpable throughout the event, setting a positive tone for the academic year ahead. We look forward to future pep rallies, as this one set the bar high for future events.



PRE-K GRANDPARENTS DAY AT MLK



On September 20th, 2023, the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. School Complex celebrated the essence of family and community with a heartwarming Pre-K Grandparents Day event. Grandparents from all walks of life were invited to the school to share a special day with their little ones, the pre-kindergarten students. The event was a beautiful tapestry of laughter, caring deeds, wonderful stories, and, most importantly, love, echoing the inspiring quote that encapsulates the essence of grandparents.

The day began with an atmosphere of palpable excitement, as eager pre-kindergarteners eagerly awaited the arrival of their beloved grandparents. The school's classrooms were adorned with colorful banners, each with the heartfelt words, "Welcome, Grandparents!" Young voices buzzed with anticipation, and the joy in the air was contagious.

The event commenced with a warm and emotional welcome by Mrs. Jodi Burroughs, the school principal, who emphasized the crucial role grandparents play in shaping the lives of their grandchildren. She acknowledged the wealth of wisdom and experience that grandparents bring to the family dynamic, and how their presence is a source of stability and unconditional love.

The pre-kindergarten classrooms had been transformed into cozy havens of learning and fun, complete with colorful decorations and exciting activities tailored to the occasion. Grandparents accompanied their grandchildren to these classrooms, and the shared experiences that unfolded were nothing short of heartwarming.

Arts and crafts stations encouraged intergenerational bonding as grandparents and their little ones created beautiful masterpieces together. Painted handprints, paper flowers, and family trees were among the treasures that adorned the walls, each one a testament to the special connection between generations.

Storytime was a highlight of the day. Grandparents regaled the children with enchanting tales of their own childhood, sharing their own experiences, adventures, and life lessons. The room echoed with the sound of children's laughter and the timeless stories that grandparents offered, emphasizing the educational and emotional value of these cherished moments.

As the day concluded, it was clear that the Grandparents Day event had achieved its goal of celebrating family and community. It was a day filled with laughter, shared stories, love, and caring deeds, reminding everyone of the invaluable role grandparents play in the lives of their grandchildren. The event left a lasting impression on



Back-to-School Night: A Celebration of Learning and Community

On September 19th, 2023, the Dr. Martin Luther, Jr. School Complex welcomed parents, families, students, and teachers to a night of celebration. This Back-to-School Night was more than just a routine event; it was an opportunity for the entire school community to come together and revel in the remarkable offerings and shared commitment to education that makes the Dr. Martin Luther, Jr. School Complex truly exceptional.

As the warm glow of twilight blanketed the school, a sense of anticipation filled the air. The school's hallways and classrooms buzzed with excitement, demonstrating the vibrant energy of a community that values education and values coming together to support their children's learning journey.

The evening began with a warm and welcoming address by the school principal Jodi Burroughs,. She expressed her gratitude for the strong and enduring partnership between the school and the parents and commended the dedication of the teachers and staff. Mrs. Burroughs emphasized the importance of a collaborative approach to education, where teachers and parents work hand in hand to provide the best learning experience for the students.



The heart of Back-to-School Night is the opportunity for parents to meet their children's teachers. Parents streamed into classrooms, eager to learn more about the educators who play such a pivotal role in their children's lives. Teachers welcomed parents with open arms, sharing insights into their teaching philosophy, curriculum, and classroom activities. These interactions not only provided parents with a glimpse into their child's day but also opened lines of communication between home and school, reinforcing the vital connection between the two.

In addition to the classroom visits, Back-to-School Night showcased the diverse offerings within the school community as well. The school's art gallery displayed stunning student artwork, illustrating the creativity and talent flourishing within the school. The Parent Center, Atlantic City High School, and various school departments set up tables where parents could talk and pick up important information pertaining to their children.

Back-to-School Night was also an opportunity for parents to discover the resources available to support their children's education. The school's counselors and resource specialists were on hand to discuss the various services offered, ensuring that students' diverse needs were met. This commitment to inclusion was a recurring theme throughout the evening.

The sense of unity and belonging was palpable throughout Back-to-School Night. Families and teachers mingled, sharing stories and experiences, forging connections that would extend beyond this event. As the night drew to a close, the message was clear - the Dr. Martin Luther, Jr. School Complex is not just a place of learning; it is a community dedicated to nurturing the minds and hearts of the future.

