

The TIGER'S DEN MILK Newsletter

The Atlantic City School District



BRING YOUR **CHILD** TO WORK DAY



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16 MLK 8th Graders Inducted into the National Junior Honor Society



SELF PAINT PARTY

SEL PAINT PARTY

MS. DAYS CREATES SOME COLORFUL FUN FOR STAFF

Last week, in celebration of Teachers Appreciation Week, Ms. Days and school art teacher Mrs. Morales organized a special event at the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. School Complex. The first-ever SEL Staff Paint Party was a creative and heartfelt way to honor the dedication and hard work of the school staff, particularly in light of their efforts during state testing.

The event took place in the cafeteria, where staff members were warmly thanked and invited to participate in a fun and relaxing painting activity. Each teacher had the opportunity to design and paint a heart, a symbol of their individual contributions and care.

These painted hearts will be combined to create a mural (shown below), symbolizing how the collective love and dedication of each staff member contribute to fostering a loving and caring environment for everyone in the school. The SEL Staff Paint Party was a meaningful and enjoyable way to recognize the invaluable efforts of the teachers, highlighting the strong sense of community and support within the school.

THANK YOU FOR
ALL THAT YOU DO



NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY

MLK INDUCTS NEW AMAZING GROUP OF NJHS MEMBERS

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MLK Holds Annual National Junior Honor Society Inductions

The Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. School Complex held its annual National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) inductions, with parents, siblings, and school staff filling the auditorium to celebrate the achievements of 16 of MLK's brightest students. The NJHS prides itself on five main pillars: leadership, character, scholarship, service, and citizenship.

Principal Burroughs began the ceremony with heartfelt words, setting the tone for a powerful candle-lighting ceremony. Selected students then made statements about these important pillars. Mekhi Gibbs addressed scholarships, Ryan Martinez discussed the importance of service, Lianni Rivera spoke on leadership, Tarajii Owens talked about character, and Jamir Adderly highlighted the importance of citizenship.

The ceremony was a great success, and all students involved did an outstanding job. The 16 students inducted were Jayana Adams, Jamir Adderly, Ha'Leeya Ceaser, Zoey Carreon, John Figueroa, Mekhi Gibbs, Jamir Harris, Jamil Harvey, Eden Hilton, Ryan Martinez, Dayanara Mendoza-Luna, Tarajii Owens, Cheyenne Pugh, Lianni Rivera, Aniyah Wilkins, and Aaliyah Yon.

NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY



BRING YOUR CHILD TO WORK DAY

Earlier this month, the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. School Complex celebrated "Bring Your Child to Work Day," providing a unique opportunity for staff members to bring their children to experience a day at the school. This special event offered an insightful look into the daily operations of the school, showcasing the dedication and hard work of the staff in an engaging and fun environment.

In addition to observing the normal day-to-day activities, the children participated in exciting "Minute to Win It" games, fostering a sense of teamwork and friendly competition. The event also featured a delicious lunch that was enjoyed by all, creating a communal and festive atmosphere. Adding to the excitement, children took part in a creative arts and crafts session where they could express their artistic talents and make souvenirs to remember the day.

The event was a resounding success, with smiling faces and laughter filling the halls. It was a wonderful way for children to connect with their parents' workplace, understand the educational environment, and create lasting memories.



A Few of MLK'S FINEST HONORED

Last month, the Atlantic City School District hosted its annual Teacher of the Year/Retirement Gala, celebrating the achievements and dedication of several current and former members of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. School Complex community.

The evening began with the recognition of Ian Mahler, who was awarded the school's Teacher of the Year award, and Bria Days, who received the Educational Service Professional of the Year award. Both honorees were applauded for their outstanding contributions to the MLK school community.

The gala also honored teachers who have dedicated 20 years of service to the Atlantic City School District. Among this esteemed group were MLK teachers Monica Bell, Karen Mozee-Wittcock, Olivia Caldwell, and Lisa Pente-McBride. Their long-term commitment to education and their students was celebrated with heartfelt appreciation.

In the final segment of the night, the district honored its recent retirees, including former MLK teacher Milagros Howard and the late Michael Mckenty. Their impact on the school community was acknowledged with deep gratitude and respect.

The gala was a memorable occasion, highlighting the excellence and dedication of the MLK Tigers and reinforcing the strong sense of community within the district.

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
2024 SCHOOL COMPLEX 4-3
HONOREES
TEACHER OF THE YEAR
Ian Mahler
EDUCATIONAL SERVICE PROFESSIONAL
Catherine Days
25 YEARS OF SERVICE
Monica Bell, Karen Mozee-Wittcock
Olivia Caldwell, Lisa Pente-McBride
RETIREES
Millie Howard, Michael Mckenty



A Few of **VENICE PARK'S FINEST HONORED**

A few of Venice Park's finest were also recognized at the district's annual Teacher of the Year/Retirement Gala. Mrs. Cecilia Mirabella was celebrated as the 2024 Venice Park Teacher of the Year, while Mrs. Kendra Warren received the award for Venice Park's 2024 Educational Service Professional of the Year. Additionally, Paul Hood was honored for reaching the milestone of retirement. These individuals were acknowledged for their outstanding contributions and dedication to the Venice Park community.

VENICE PARK SCHOOL
ATLANTIC CITY

2024
HONORÉES

TEACHER OF THE YEAR

CECILIA MIRABELLA

EDUCATIONAL SERVICE PROFESSIONAL

KENDRA WARREN

RETIREES

PAUL HOOD



TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK



At the beginning of May, the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. School Complex celebrated Teacher Appreciation Week, a time to honor the hard work and dedication of teachers and classroom aides with various fun days and activities.



The week kicked off on Monday with a Cinco de Mayo celebration, where staff donned their favorite Mexican-inspired attire. Tuesday brought a touch of humor with Wacky Tuesday, allowing staff to dress as wildly and creatively as possible. Western Wear Wednesday followed, giving everyone a chance to showcase their best cowboy-inspired outfits. On Throwback Thursday, staff members took a nostalgic trip down memory lane by wearing retro-inspired clothing. The festivities concluded on Friday with Hawaiian Day, featuring vibrant beach and Hawaiian-themed attire.

In addition to these themed dress-down days, staff members were treated to various goodies and participated in enjoyable events, including the SEL Paint Party. This week of appreciation was a heartfelt way to recognize the remarkable efforts of the MLK school staff, fostering a sense of community and celebration.

