

EXCELLENCE NEWS

EVERY CHILD, ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE

Students Honor EBOE Board Members

The students of **Joseph Battin School No. 4** wrote letters of appreciation to the Elizabeth Board Members in celebration of School Board Appreciation Month. On Tuesday, January 28, students were excited to welcome Board Members Diane Barbosa, Iliana Chevres, and Stephanie Goncalves Pestana. Students presented them with their heartfelt notes and flowers. During classroom visits, students expressed their gratitude and shared what they were currently learning.



EPS HIGHLIGHTS

- Early Childhood
- Elementary
- High School
- Upcoming Events

Important Dates:

March 3
Schools Close at 12:15pm

March 31
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Schools & District
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Quick Links:

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Back To School



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PARENT RESOURCES



January is

SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH



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JOIN US THIS MONTH TO **RECOGNIZE** THE HARD WORK AND DEDICATION
OF **OUR SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS** WHO MAKE A DIFFERENCE EVERY DAY.

EARLY CHILDHOOD

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. ECC School No. 52



The children had the opportunity to honor and celebrate the rich legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., reflecting on the achievements, values, and traditions that have shaped our nation. The children participated in a Winter Festival - Commemorating the Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The academic areas included:

- **Writing:** "I have a Dream"
- **Art:** decorating snowflakes and snowmen
- **Music/Movement:** Musical Chairs to "Stand Up for Martin Luther King", by Dr. Jean
- **Technology:** video clips of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
- **Science:** Making Snow & Fishing 'for a dream'
- **Reading:** corner with stories about Dr. MLK, Jr.

Throughout these activities and celebrations, children and staff honored MLK's pursuit of justice.



Donald Stewart ECC School No. 51

Quiver Farms and Farmer Keith visited the children at School No. 51. They shared their knowledge about the chick hatching process. The children were fascinated by the different stages of incubation. He helped them get a better understanding of agriculture and animal care. School No. 51 offers a special thanks to Quiver Farms and Farmer Keith for this opportunity and looks forward to future collaborations that will continue to inspire and educate students.



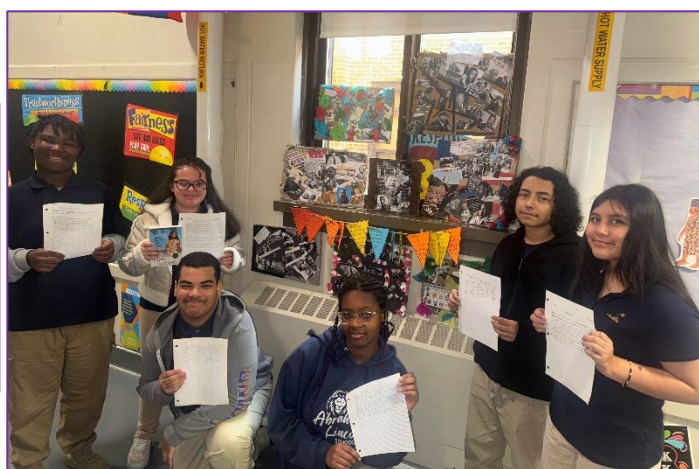
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George Washington Academy of Science & Engineering School No. 1



School No. 1 celebrated a Day of Service in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., National Day of Service. This day is a defining moment each year when Americans across the country step up to make communities more equitable and take action to create the Beloved Community of Dr. King's dream. While Dr. King believed the beloved community was possible, he acknowledged and fought for systemic change. His example is our call to action! Students volunteered their time to learn about kindness, teamwork, and acting to help others. We are so proud of our kids for their hard work and commitment to making our world a better place- just like Dr. King envisioned!

Abraham Lincoln School No. 14



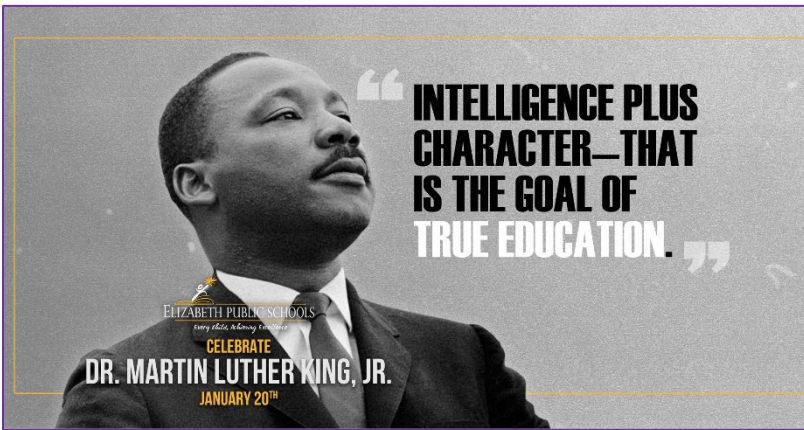
In honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday, class 8-102 was given the opportunity to learn about his journey from a different perspective. By watching the movie *Selma Lord Selma*. In addition, students were able to use their Avid Cornell notes template to create a summary as well as collages.

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Robert Morris School No. 18

Members of the Robert Morris Student Council, along with other middle school students, recited the “I have a Dream” Speech to the student body on January 17, 2025.

This activity was part of the school’s robust celebration of the great Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and helped kickstart a series of activities taking place. Students are exploring ways to peacefully stand up for what is right through creative writing and poetry lessons, performances, gallery walks, and other events to celebrate Black History.



Juan Pablo Duarte-José Julián Martí School No. 28

Students celebrated and remembered Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. by dressing in the attire of their dream job. Students were able to discuss what they wanted to be in the future for their dream job. Following the dress up discussion, students authored a short essay about what they wanted to be in the future.



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Toussaint L'Ouverture - Marquis de Lafayette School No. 6



Students celebrated Back to the 80's Day on January 17. The school spirit was greatly admired with the best 80's attire through bright fluorescent colors, sunglasses, hairstyles, leg warmers, and great participation. They were able to celebrate 80 days of accomplishments for the School 6 family.



William F. Halloran School No. 22

Eighth grade student, Antonella Vera, placed second in the *2024-2025 Peace Without Limits* poster contest sponsored by the Lion's Club. Representing our school district, Antonella was chosen to move on to the next level where the District Governor for the Lion's Club International awarded her second place with a beautiful ribbon, gift, and an invitation to be recognized by the districts club.

Madison-Monroe School No. 16

Author Grace Oakley brought a wave of excitement as she read her delightful book, "In My Own Special Way," to eager students from Pre-K through 3rd grade. The interactive read-along was filled with fun and laughter, helping the young readers improve their skills through repetition and sight words. The children were thrilled to create their own unique books using the phrase "I can...in my own special way," sparking their imaginations and boosting their confidence. Grace also shared her journey of becoming a children's book author, inspiring the students to dream big and explore the magical world of writing. It was a day full of creativity, learning, and inspiration!



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Dr. Orlando Edreira Academy School No. 26



Mrs. Sheridan's First Graders and Mrs. Boydston's Third Graders recently met for their monthly Reading Buddies.

For January, they focused on books about inspirational Black American leaders, including Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Students followed up with collaborative learning experiences.

This activity fosters a sense of connection and especially strengthens our International Baccalaureate Learner Profile attribute of being Open-Minded.

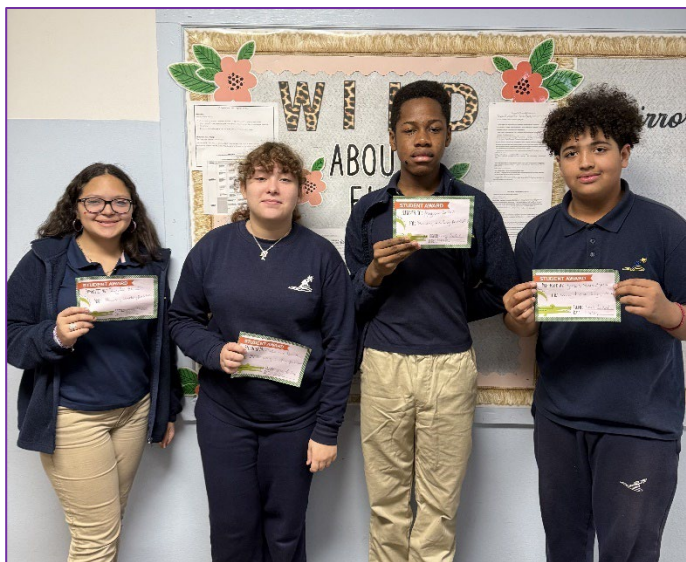
Terence C. Reilly School No. 7

In collaboration with Kean University's Premiere Stages, six 7th and 8th graders from Mr. Culp's mythology class wrote scripts that adapted ancient Greek mythology into modern stories. Under the direction of Peter Fenton, a professional actor, director, and screenwriter, students worked in pairs to bring to life the tales of Pandora's Box, the Twelve Labors of Hercules, and Medusa. This performance, featuring four actors, took place on December 20 for TCR middle school students.



Elmora School No. 12

Congratulations to Mrs. Lopes' talented 8th grade students Allyanah Rodriguez, Jayden Tilus, Josue Lantigua, Kaylee Fiorillo, and Melanie Duran for becoming published authors through Young Writers USA! Their imagination and creative submissions for the mini saga, Fright Club, have earned them a spot in this prestigious collection. This achievement highlights their creativity, dedication and passion for storytelling in only 100 words! School No. 12 is proud of their students' hard work and the incredible stories they've crafted to captivate readers everywhere!



Youth Empowerment Assembly

Officer Michael A. Gonzalez conducted a Youth Empowerment assembly for middle school students throughout the district. Officer Gonzalez and several other members of the Elizabeth Police Department addressed middle school students on various issues including how officers work in harmony with the community, suicide prevention, and advocating for yourself by finding your voice. These topics were approached with great sensitivity and care, ensuring that students were provided with the information they need to better understand these complex subjects. Students were able to ask questions and participate in various activities. Students were given the chance to role play different scenarios which made the presentation fun and engaging.

iPrep Academy School No. 8



Woodrow Wilson School No. 19



Mabel G. Holmes School No. 5

HIGH SCHOOL

Elizabeth High School - Frank J. Cicarell 9th Grade Academy



The learning community celebrated and honored the spirit of Valentine's Day this season by spreading love and friendship. Members of the freshman club worked on decorating and adorning all lockers, classroom doors, and office doors with kind messages of support, affirmation, and adoration. At EHS-FJCA, they are all thankful, capable, and loved!

J. Christian Bollwage Finance Academy

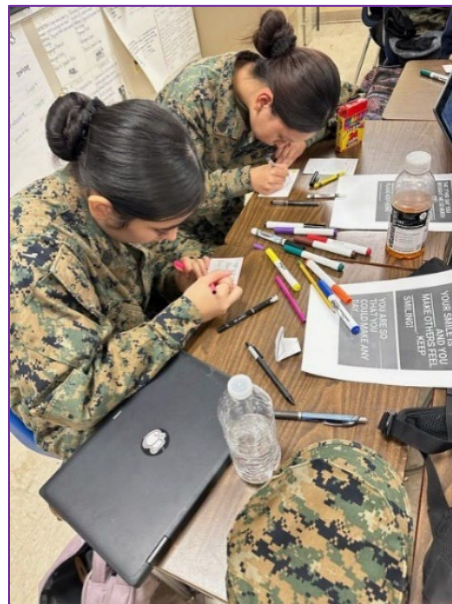


Twenty selected students attended the Deloitte Academy, a signature program connecting Deloitte professionals with high school students, for a two-day student centered, active learning environment with presentations from guest speakers, job shadowing, and interactive finance activities.

The student seminars focused on accounting and deepening students' understanding of what accountants actually do, outlining pathways to accounting careers, and reviewing college and accounting programs.

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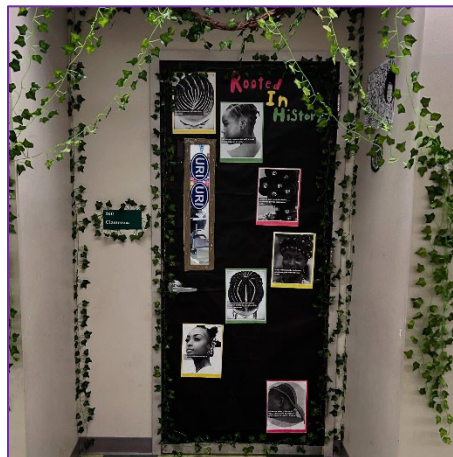
Admiral William F. Halsey, Jr. Health & Public Safety Academy



At Halsey, students participated in engaging activities to honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s legacy, reflecting on how they can contribute to a better world. They explored MLK's vision of peace and equality, learned about the Civil Rights Movement, and connected his message of hope and justice to their personal dreams. Students were inspired by MLK's call for young people to develop purpose, integrity, and direction in life. The 9th graders at the annex created a resolution wall for the year, while the music club has been preparing for the Will Festival at Montclair State University this spring, and the Art Club has been preparing for the Teen Arts competition. In addition, students have been enjoying their social-emotional learning (SEL) lessons. Recently, our Halsey SEL club students from the main campus visited classrooms at the annex to discuss personal challenges, explore different ways to face them, and highlight resources for seeking help.

Thomas Jefferson Arts Academy

Jefferson Academy held a Black History Month Door Decoration Contest. The first-place winner was Ms. Jagot's class, second place was awarded to Mr. Carnevale's class, and third place went to Ms. Guad's class. Congratulations to all the classes and students who participated.



UPCOMING EVENTS

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