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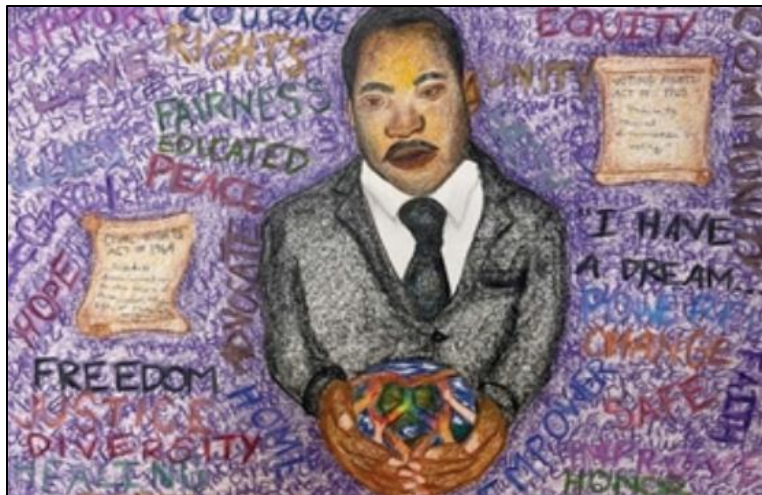


Superintendent’s Report – January 2024

The Superintendent’s Report is designed to provide the Milwaukee Board of School Directors and the MPS community with an update on current activities under way to support the district goals of academic achievement; student, family, and community engagement; and effective and efficient operations as they are aligned to the district’s strategic objectives and the Five Priorities for Success.



MPS Celebrates the Birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



January 15, 2024, was Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s birthday. This national holiday was observed throughout the country with a variety of celebrations including speech contests, arts programs, and community outreach. Dr. King would have been 95 years old this year.

MPS students and families observed this important holiday by participating in honorary services,

attending celebrations, reading books, watching documentaries, and engaging in conversations about Dr. King’s legacy.

On January 15, Dr. King’s birthday was highlighted with the 40th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration, sponsored by the Marcus Center for the Performing Arts. This annual event included recognition of the 40th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Art, Speech, and Writing Contest participants. Milwaukee Public Schools students participated and engaged in this magnificent opportunity. This year’s contest theme was “What Affects One...Affects All.”

The following are the MPS students who placed in the contest:

40TH ANNUAL DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. CELEBRATION – ART CONTEST			
Category	Student	Place	School
K–2	Akeela Walker	1st	Milwaukee German Immersion
	Faith Skreland	2nd	Milwaukee German Immersion
3–5	Amya Ramos	1st	Burbank Elementary
	Rana Arlwais	2nd	I.D.E.A.L. School
	Emma Vang	3rd	Kluge Elementary
6–8	Rinlanee Xiong	1st	Wedgewood Park International
	Claire Cruz	2nd	Wedgewood Park International
9–12	Geraldine Maldonado	1st	Obama SCTE
	Paw Wah Ker Boh	3rd	Milwaukee High School of the Arts

40TH ANNUAL DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. CELEBRATION – SPEECH CONTEST			
Category	Student	Place	School
K–2	Cameron Barki	1st	Lowell Elementary
	Haniah Cross	3rd	Craig Montessori
3–4	Eddie Smith	1st	Craig Montessori
	Zebdee Larfeeva	2nd	Golda Meir School
	Ashe Henry	3rd	Lowell Elementary
5–6	Zaida Smith	1st	Clemens Elementary
	Renad Kabashi	2nd	Golda Meir School
	Priscilla Nsau	3rd	Lowell Elementary
7–8	Victoria Gagliano	1st	Alcott Elementary
	Dahlia Santiago	2nd	Golda Meir School
	Bibi Mohamed Yunus	3rd	Victory Elementary
9–10	Dadria Veal	3rd	Golda Meir School
11–12	Nevaeha Tarver	1st	Golda Meir School
	Jonah Denae	2nd	Milwaukee High School of the Arts

40TH ANNUAL DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. CELEBRATION – WRITING CONTEST			
Category	Student	Place	School
2–3	Khalise Warren	1st	Kluge Elementary
	Lore’al Douglas	2nd	Kluge Elementary
	Gianna Rivera	3rd	Honey Creek Elementary
4–5	Journee Grandberry	1st	Clemens Elementary
	Amere Brewer	2nd	Clemens Elementary
	Renad Kabashi	3rd	Golda Meir School
6	Meadow Mertes	1st	Fernwood Montessori
	June Rickman	2nd	Fernwood Montessori
	Layla Parker	3rd	Fernwood Montessori
7–8	Mylah Monk	1st	Congress Elementary
	Gu Za Nar	2nd	Victory Elementary
	Michael Tempesta	3rd	Burdick Elementary
9–10	Isaiah Washington	1st	Riverside University High School
	Abdul Sarip	2nd	Riverside University High School
	Bruce Harris	3rd	Riverside University High School
11–12	Kimberly Martinez-Sierra	3rd	Golda Meir School

Happy birthday, Dr. King. Congratulations to all of this year’s contest participants.

Hats Off to Milwaukee Public Schools Winter Graduates!

On January 20, 2024, MPS hosted the winter graduation ceremony, recognizing more than 120 graduates.



We remind students that graduation is a time of celebration and planning next steps. To continue supporting our graduates during this time, graduates will continue to have access to the College and Career Centers, where they can receive assistance with completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) application; applying for college admissions, grants, and scholarships; and exploring opportunities such as building trades, military service, and youth apprenticeships.

We encourage all students and graduates to complete the 2024–25 FAFSA to take full advantage of the process and to get their forms in as soon as possible to help maximize the offers they receive.

MPS congratulates these graduates and wishes them a bright and successful future!

The City Review – Milwaukee City Conference



The Milwaukee City Conference hosted the ninth edition of The City Review on January 20 at Marquette University's Al McGuire Center.

Participating in The City Review is one of the highlights of the season for everyone involved, including student-athletes, coaches, parents, referees, fans, and sponsors. The atmosphere was electrifying as the crowd cheered and music resonated throughout the gymnasium. Energy was

high, and the audience let it be known who they came to see.

This year's competing teams:

- Golda Meir Owls vs. Hamilton Wildcats (girls)
- Audubon Cardinals vs. Golda Meir Owls (boys)
- Washington Purgolders vs. Milwaukee School of Languages Hawks (girls)
- Rufus King Generals vs. North Division Blue Devils (boys)
- Marshall Eagles vs. Carmen Northwest Eagles (boys)

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The teams fought valiantly for a win! Congratulations to this year's City Review winners. We commend all of our teams for their sportsmanship and determination for a win.

We are already looking forward to next year's City Review and double the number of fans.

MPS Kindergarten Enrollment Fair Coming February 3, 2024

MPS will host its annual Kindergarten Enrollment Fair at South Division High School, where families will learn about individual schools and meet the school's administrators and educators. Families will also be able to make a school selection and enroll their children at the fair.

Mark your calendar to attend on Saturday, February 3, 2024, from 9:00 a.m. to noon.



Head Start

Preschool is available through the federal Head Start program for families that meet income limits. Head Start prepares children for school and teaches important early skills.

Kindergarten



Three-year-old kindergarten: Programs are available at some schools. Children must turn three by September 1, 2024, to be eligible.

Four-year-old kindergarten: Programs are available at most schools across the district. Children must turn four by September 1, 2024, to be eligible.

Five-year-old kindergarten: Programs are available at most schools across the district. Children must turn five by September 1, 2024, to be eligible.

To apply for kindergarten enrollment, please complete the following steps:

1. Visit <https://mps.milwaukee.k12.wi.us/en/Schools/How-to-Apply/Kindergarten-Enrollment.htm>.
2. Go to the section titled **“To Complete Your Enrollment.”**
3. In the bullet point titled **“Online,”** select the link that describes you: “current” family or “new” family.
4. Current families will need their log-in information, and new families will need an email address.