

### Superintendent's Report –January 2022

The Superintendent's Report is designed to provide the Milwaukee Board of School Directors and the MPS community with an update on current activities underway 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.

Monday, January 17, 2022, was the formal observance of the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Milwaukee Public Schools students and teachers observed Dr. King's birthday and learned about his legacy throughout the week and will continue to do so. Dr. King would be 93 years old this year.

Students and educators observe Dr. King's Holiday by participating in virtual celebrations and services, reading books or watching videos about Dr. King's life and legacy, listening to one of Dr. King's speeches, or discussing the Civil Rights Movement.

On Monday, January 17, 2022, Dr. King's birthday was highlighted with the 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. virtual celebration, sponsored by the Marcus Center for the Performing Arts. This annual event included recognition of the 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Art, Speech and Writing Contest participants.

Milwaukee Public Schools students performed, delivered speeches, and shared artwork during this year's event, which was livestreamed. This year's contest theme was "We Must Speak."

The following are the M	MPS students who	placed in the contest:
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38 <sup>th</sup> A	38th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Celebration: Art Contest				
Category	Student	Place	School	Teacher	
K-2	Donald Mason	1 <sup>st</sup>	Fratney	Elizabeth Kremer	
	Dakota Ellis	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Goodrich	Rosalind Knight	
	Bella Marie	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Spanish Immersion	Tracy Matel	
	Calderon				
3-5	Devion Hardin	1 <sup>st</sup>	Alcott	Valerie Erby-Walker	
	Niles Janzen	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Fernwood	Laura Zimmerman	
	Dyani Mendoza	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Montessori	Tracy Matel	
			Spanish Immersion		
6-8	Skye Arnold	1 <sup>st</sup>	Wedgewood Park	Margaret Fish	
	Nandar Oak	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Wedgewood Park	Margaret Fish	
	Andrea Correa-	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Wedgewood Park	Margaret Fish	
	Resendiz				
9-12	Camorra Forrest	1 <sup>st</sup>	MHSA	Kaitlynn Radloff	
	Odalis Garcia	3 <sup>rd</sup>	MHSA	Kaitlynn Radloff	
38 <sup>h</sup> Ann	ual Dr. Martin Luther	King, Jı	=	n: Speech Contest	
Category		Place	School	Teacher	
K-2	Trinity Gentry	1 <sup>st</sup>	Craig Montessori	Susan Starkman	
	Haley Johnson	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Elm Creative Arts	Therese Kroll	
3-4	Madison	1 <sup>st</sup>	Gold Meir	Tracey Joan	
	Kruczkowski	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Forest Home	Fecteau	
	Melvin Morris			Laurie Hett	
5-6	Aniyah Lewis	1 <sup>st</sup>	Alcott School	Valerie Erby-Walker	
	Antonio Deal	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Samuel Clemens	Rakia Jones	
	Dahlia Santiago	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Golda Meir	Nicole Price	
	Isabella Krieger	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Fernwood	Jean Vogel	
	Silva		Montessori		
7-8	Aida El-Hajjar	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Maryland Ave.	Gina Follstad	
	Isaac Feng	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Montessori	Amrit Kaur	
			Victory School		
9-10	Leila Muhammad	1 <sup>st</sup>	Reagan High School	Carrie Baker	
	Bujana Ntabala	3 <sup>rd</sup>	MHSA	David Powell	
11-12	Amillia Bell	1 <sup>st</sup>	King IB High School	Camilla Sparks	
	Malcolm Bishop	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Vincent High School	Jennifer Koss	

38 <sup>h</sup> Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Celebration: Writing Contest				
Category	Student	Place	School	Teacher
2-3	Jasper Goochey	1 <sup>st</sup>	Trowbridge	Desire Tyler
	Aarya Rodriguez	2 <sup>nd</sup>	I.D.E.A.L.	Jennifer Kolatski
	Isabella Doyle	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Fratney	Elsi Mercado
4-5	Aaliyah Cooper	1 <sup>st</sup>	Clemens School	Aruna Halala-
	Durant	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Golda Meir	Vishudh
	Kennedi Chapman	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Hi-Mount	Alexandra Schley
	Deonna Jones			Mary Seewald
6	Eleanor Lawton	1 <sup>st</sup>	Parkside School	Erica Zitzke
	Emerson Schaber	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Bay View	Emma Gunderson
	Emilio Carro	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Montessori	Tyra Merriweather
			Green Tree Prep	
			Academy	
7-8	Victoria Kona	1 <sup>st</sup>	MACL	Bianca Gasparri
	Jayla Harris	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Morse Middle	Laura Hopps
	Claire Wise	3 <sup>rd</sup>	I.D.E.A.L.	Aimie Rognsvoog
9-10	Jesabelle Cruz	1 <sup>st</sup>	MHSA	Peter Whalen
	Jacob Britton	2 <sup>nd</sup>	King IB High School	Dawn Schlipp
11-12	Jayda Lee	1 <sup>st</sup>	Riverside	Cara Slingerland
	Lamont Johnson	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Riverside	Cara Slingerland
	Evelinda Arteaga	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Riverside	Cara Slingerland



Happy Birthday, Dr. King. Congratulations to all of this year's contest participants.

# Congratulations, Milwaukee Public Schools winter graduates!



On January 15, 2022, MPS hosted an in-person ceremony that was livestreamed to recognize the more than 100 winter graduates.

Milwaukee Public Schools congratulates these graduates and wish them a bright and successful future!

## MPS Virtual Kindergarten Fair February 5, 2022, from 9:00 – 12:00 p.m.

MPS will host a Virtual Enrollment Kindergarten Fair allowing families to view schools, meet with school administrators and educators, make a school selection and enroll their child(ren). Mark your calendar to attend February 5, 2022, from 9:00 – 12:00 p.m.

Register for the Virtual Kindergarten Enrollment Fair at: http://mpsmke.com/enrolltoday

#### **Head Start**

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

#### Kindergarten

3-year-old Kindergarten: Programs are available at some schools. Children must turn 3 by September 1, 2022, to be eligible.



4-year-old Kindergarten: Programs are available at most schools across the district. Children must turn 4 by September 1, 2022, to be eligible.

5-year-old Kindergarten: Programs are available at most schools across the district. Children must turn 5 by September 1, 2022, to be eligible.

#### To apply for Kindergarten enrollment, please complete the following steps:

- 1. Visit: <u>https://mps.milwaukee.k12.wi.us/en/Schools/How-to-Apply/Kindergarten-Enrollment.htm</u>
- 2. Go to: To Complete Your Enrollment
- 3. Select the link that descripes you; "current" family or "new" family
- 4. Current families will need their log in information and new families will need an
- 5. email address

## Additional Health and Safety Guidance in MPS

In order to help mitigate COVID-19, MPS expanded COVID-19 vaccine clinics in schools. In collaboration with the Milwaukee Health Department, the district continues to provide access in schools to help protect students, staff, and families.

The district remains committed to providing appropriate masks for students and staff. We would like to recognize Governor Ever's for supporting the district by providing 100,000 N95 masks and the City of Milwaukee for providing 300,000 additional N95 masks. We will all do our part to help support a safe and healthy community.



School	Clinic Dates	Clinic Time
Alexander Mitchell Integrated Arts School 1728 S. 23rd St., Milwaukee, WI 53204	January 19, 2022 and February 9, 2022	1 – 4 p.m.
Morse Middle School for the Gifted and Talented 6700 N. 80th St., Milwaukee, WI 53223	January 20, 2022 and February 10, 2022	2 – 5 p.m.
Clement J. Zablocki School 1016 W. Oklahoma Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53215	January 21, 2022 and February 11, 2022	1 – 4 p.m.
Grant Gordon Learning Center 921 W. Meinecke Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53206	January 24, 2022 and February 14, 2022	1 – 4 p.m.
Hayes Bilingual School 971 W. Windlake Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53204	January 25, 2022 and February 15, 2022	2 – 5 p.m.
Auer Avenue School 2319 W. Auer Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53206	January 28, 2022 and February 18, 2022	1 – 4 p.m.
Clarke Street School 2816 W. Clarke St., Milwaukee, WI 53210	January 31, 2022 and February 21, 2022	1 – 4 p.m.
Jackson Early Childhood and Elementary School 2121 W. Hadley St., Milwaukee, WI 53206	February 3, 2022 and February 24, 2022	1 – 4 p.m.
Starms Discovery 2035 N. 25th St., Milwaukee, WI 53205	February 4, 2022 and February 25, 2022	2 – 5 p.m.
Longfellow School 1021 S. 21st St., Milwaukee, WI 53204	February 7, 2022 and February 28, 2022	1 – 4 p.m.
Hopkins-Lloyd Community School 1503 W. Hopkins St., Milwaukee, WI 53206	February 8, 2022 and March 1, 2022	1 – 4 p.m.