



**MILWAUKEE
PUBLIC SCHOOLS**



Superintendent’s Report – January 2023

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.

Monday, January 16, 2023, was the formal observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s birthday. Milwaukee Public Schools students and teachers observed Dr. King’s birthday and learned about his legacy throughout the week, and they will continue to do so. Dr. King would have been 94 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 16, 2023, Dr. King’s birthday was highlighted with the 39th annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Celebration, which was held at the Marcus Performing Arts Center. This annual event included recognition of the participants of the 39th annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Art, Speech, and Writing Contest.

This year’s contest theme was “Working Toward a World of Peace,” and Milwaukee Public Schools students demonstrated what that meant to them as they performed, delivered speeches, and shared artwork during this year’s event.

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

39TH ANNUAL DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. CELEBRATION – ART CONTEST			
Category	Student	Place	School
K–2	Jayla Santana	1st	Trowbridge
	Hazel Pacheco Chapman	2nd	Milwaukee German Immersion
	Matias Reyes Castillo	3rd	Riley Dual Language Montessori
3–5	Marra Chrara	1st	Milwaukee Academy of Chinese Language
	Brielle Duncan	2nd	Richard Kluge
	Jaiiden Suarez Otero	3rd	Riley Dual Language Montessori
6–8	Yuritzzy Sanchez Mendoza	2nd	Manitoba
	Eleanor Lawton	3rd	Milwaukee Parkside
9–12	Angelina Xiong	2nd	Rufus King High School
	Raylen Jones	3rd	MacDowell Montessori

39TH ANNUAL DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. CELEBRATION – SPEECH CONTEST			
Category	Student	Place	School
K–2	Ashe Henry	1st	Lowell Elementary
	Rosalie Pakalske-Buchanan	2nd	Craig Montessori
	Ariah Shanklin	3rd	Forest Home Avenue
3–4	Priscilia Nsau	1st	Lowell Elementary
	Raymond Mitchell	2nd	Forest Home Avenue
	Grace Wierer	3rd	Craig Montessori
5–6	Christian Lara	1st	Lowell Elementary
	Kingston Pearson-Lockett	2nd	Samuel Clemens
	Adenike Precious Olowu	3rd	Golda Meir
7–8	Kayle Phillips	1st	Golda Meir
	Marceana Akins	3rd	Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Elementary
9–10	Harmony Allen	1st	Riverside University High School
	Chanerion Mike	3rd	Barack Obama SCTE
11–12	Malcolm Bishop	1st	Vincent High School
	Brandon Gorton	2nd	Ronald Reagan IB High School

39TH ANNUAL DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. CELEBRATION – WRITING CONTEST			
Category	Student	Place	School
2–3	Khyei Thang	1st	Richard Kluge
	Lizmarie Soto	2nd	Richard Kluge
	Brielle Denson	3rd	Trowbridge
4–5	Mahogany Hill	1st	Samuel Clemens
	Leigha Stewart	2nd	Samuel Clemens
	Isaiah Price	3rd	Samuel Clemens
6	Harper Edmonds	1st	Milwaukee Parkside
	Milan Hardrick	2nd	Milwaukee Parkside
7–8	Sy’Ria Winston-Robertson	1st	Hi-Mount Community
	Kaleigha Weber	2nd	Milwaukee School of Languages
	Lilyana Sanders	3rd	Manitoba
9–10	Taliyah Grant	1st	Riverside University High School
	Auggie Hoffman	2nd	Riverside University High School
	Donavan Coleman	3rd	Riverside University High School
11–12	Tatiana Dockery	1st	Riverside University High School
	Darius Solomon	2nd	Riverside University High School
	Jennifer Adongo	3rd	Bay View High School
K–1	Group Project Teacher: Constance Michaud	1st	Fairview School Grade 1
Jada Biddle, Sienna Brenaman, Sara Chavez-Madrigal, Jonael Colon-Morrobel, Mason Correa Reyna, Naomi Cruz, Mason Erving, Esmeralda Estrella, Jasmine Flowers, Alan Fregoso, Addilyn Gostomski, Jaden Green, Aviana Herbert, Finch Johnson, Arya Kreischer, Angel Lara, Jr., Brielle Lewitzke, Derek Martinez Acevedo, Alma Mutsch, Kaylani Navarrette, Finley Pierce, Declan Rzasz, Nehemias Santana, Brayden Schlicke, Brighton Schwartz, Chemistry Sims, Abel Stewart, Olivia Vinson, Amelia Webber			

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

Hats Off to Milwaukee Public Schools Winter Graduates!

On January 7, 2023, MPS hosted a winter graduation ceremony that recognized more than 100 graduates.

Graduation is a time of celebration and of planning next steps. To assist in the planning process, graduates still 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 2023–24 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.

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

MPS Kindergarten Enrollment Fair Coming February 4, 2023



MPS will host its annual Kindergarten Enrollment Fair at North Division High School where families can learn about individual schools, meet school administrators and educators, make a school selection, and enroll their child or children.

Mark your calendar to attend on Saturday, February 4, 2023, 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. Transportation is available.

Kindergarten

Three-year-old kindergarten: Programs are available at some schools. Children must turn three by September 1, 2023, to be eligible.

Four-year-old kindergarten: Programs are available at most schools across the district. Children must turn four by September 1, 2023, to be eligible.

Five-year-old kindergarten: Programs are available at most schools across the district. Children must turn five by September 1, 2023, 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.