



Bucketful of News...



Francis T. Bresnahan School
333 High Street Newburyport, MA 01950

Important Dates:

January 18

Bring Your Parent to Lunch Day, Grade 1: Mrs. Ahern, Mrs. Boucher, and Mrs. Platt only.
PTO Meeting, 7 PM
STEM Room 235

January 17-20

Priority Preschool Registration for Returning Students and Siblings

January 25

PK/K Progress Reports

2017-2018 Preschool and Kindergarten Information Night
Bresnahan Gym
Preschool @ 6 PM
Kindergarten @ 7 PM
Snowdate is January 26th

January 30-

February 17

Preschool and Kindergarten Registration

February 1

Bring Your Parent to Lunch Day, Grade 1: Mrs. Dow, Mrs. Doyle, Mrs. Harrington, Mrs. Mailloux

Principally Speaking...

Kindergarten Tributes to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. from Mrs. O'Malley's Class

Please enjoy some of our kindergarten students' writing in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The students in Mrs. O'Malley's class learned about Dr. King last week. First, they watched the following video narrated by "Kid President" about Dr. King's life.

[The Story About Martin Luther King, Jr by Kid President](#)

The students then listened to a story about shapes and learned how shapes need each other to make fun thing. The students used paper shapes to create and share their understanding of Dr. King.

They also did an experiment with white and brown eggs to show kids that we are different on the outside but what matters is who we are on the inside that counts. They learned the MLK pledge which focuses on finding acts of peace, kindness and love. Students wrote about their ideas in their writing journals and created a chain of love with their thoughts.

Please enjoy a couple of the writing samples from Mrs. O'Malley's class:

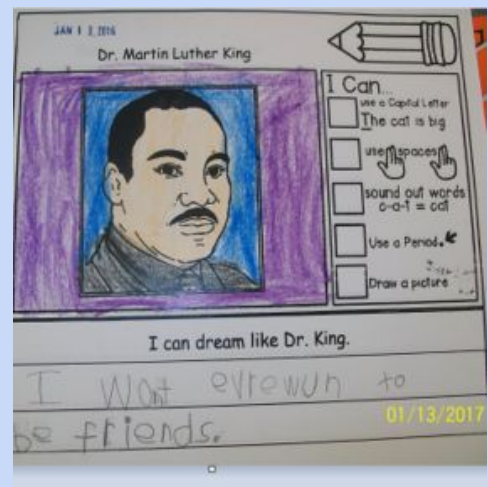
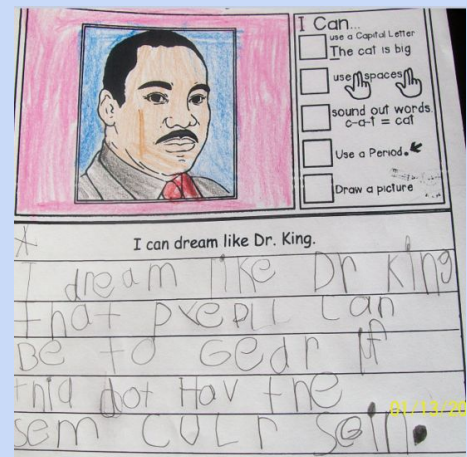
"I dream like Dr. King that people can be together if they do not have the same color skin."

"I want everyone to be freinds."

Here are five fun facts from parenting.com that you may wish to share with your child to expand their knowlede about Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

1. Martin Luther King, Jr. didn't just become the leader of the civil right movement: He helped to start it.

In response to Rosa Parks' famous refusal to give up her seat on a bus for a white passenger, King led the black community in Montgomery, Alabama, in the first nonviolent civil rights demonstration in the United States in 1955. Their bus boycott lasted for 382 days (that's more than a year of finding another way to



February 2

Early Release

Dismissal Times:

Preschool: 11:15 AM

K-Grade 3: 11:40 AM

No PM Preschool

February 13

School Council, 3:15 -

4:30

February 15

Bring Your Parent to

Lunch Day,

Kindergarten: Mrs.

Carroll, Mrs. Doyle, Mrs.

Gershuny, and Mrs.

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March 15th.

February 20-24

No School,

February Winter Break

March 1

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get to work!), until the United States Supreme Court ruled that laws segregating buses were unconstitutional.

2. In his efforts to fight segregation and inequality, King traveled more than six million miles and spoke more than 2,500 times.

As he noted in his famous "Letter from a Birmingham Jail" (read the full text) King served as president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, which had more than 80 affiliated organizations throughout the South. Why not just telephone, instead of constantly being on the road? "I cannot sit idly by in Atlanta and not be concerned about what happens in Birmingham," King wrote. "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."

3. He was a preacher, an orator, a community organizer—and a dad.

Martin Luther King, Jr. and his wife Coretta Scott King had four children: Yolanda Denise, Martin Luther III, Dexter Scott and Bernice Albertine. He gave them a beautiful shout-out in his famous "I Have A Dream" speech: "I have a dream my four little children will one day live in a nation where **they will not be judged by the color of their skin**, but by the content of their character."

4. King didn't just focus on civil rights.

In 1966, he **began a campaign** against poverty and urban inequality. A follower of Gandhi's non-violent principles, King also objected to the United States' participation in the Vietnam War. And it was his support of a sanitation workers' strike that took him to Memphis, Tennessee, where he was assassinated on April 4, 1968.

5. MLK is the only non-president with a national holiday in his honor.

Warmly,

Amy B. Sullivan

Principal of PK/K

Kristina Davis

Principal of 1-3

Karina Mascia

Assistant Principal



PTO Highlights

1. PTO General Meeting will be tomorrow, 1/18, at 7 p.m. at the Bresnahan in the NEW Strem STEM Room!



2. Wednesday, 1/25, Metzzy's will contribute a portion of the proceeds from all orders to the PTO. Good for lunch and dinner, eat in, take out, or delivery!



3. Interested in helping with the Spring 5K? Email amanda.bugli@gmail.com to find out more.



4. PTO is looking for an **Assistant Treasurer** and someone to take on the **After School Enrichment Program** next year.



5. The Grades 1-3 Dance originally scheduled for 1/20/17 has been moved to 2/10/17. Stay tuned for details!

6. Gather up those Box Tops! Collection **coming soon!**



7. Pick up of Spirit Wear will be at the Bresnahan School on Thursday from 5-7 pm. Enter through doors from main parking lot off N. Atkinson Street.



7. Can **YOU** represent your country of origin at the PTO Multicultural Night? Volunteers needed for Country Booths!



8. Winfrey's Fudge Fundraiser - details in Take A Look Tuesday.

