

Martin Luther King School

“Where our students and staff are Poised, Positive and Productive”

Dr. Gray’s Sunday Snapshot

Week of January 11, 2021



Good Evening King School families, this is Dr. Gray, with your Sunday Snapshot for the week of January 11th.

- **MLK Day of Service** (Monday January 18th)
Students and families, on Monday January 18th we will pause as a nation to celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day. In 1994 King Day was officially dedicated as a National Day of Service. To appropriately honor the legacy of Dr. King, and all the day should mean to each of us, we will be hosting our 3rd Annual King School Day of Service. For the past two years we have opened up the doors of our school so we can all come together to engage in acts of service to support those in need. Although we won’t be able to come together at school this year, we will be asking all families (including families of our staff) to set aside time on January 18th to engage in acts of service at our respective homes.
 - Later this week we will send everyone a “menu” of service activities that families can engage in at home.
 - We will ask families to make a commitment to engage in a certain number of hours of service on January 18th.
 - On this Friday during WIN (Dr. Martin Luther King Jr’s birthday), homeroom teachers will be using WIN time to talk to classes about the MLK Day of Service and to share details and information in preparation for Monday.

Despite this pandemic, we all can still honor Dr. King’s legacy by making a commitment to serve others!

- **School Procedures Reminders:**
Parents, just a reminder that despite us being fully remote, we ask that you continue to follow normal school procedures when your child will miss school due to illness or for any other reason, or may need to sign in late to Zoom or sign out early. Specific details will be included in the Sunday Snapshot email.

- Absences: Please call our main office attendance extension to report the absence. Ms. Mueller (732) 699-1563 x5444
- Sign-in Late or Sign-out Early: Please email your child's homeroom teacher.
- Special Medical Information: Please contact Ms. Fink our School Nurse (732) 699-1563 x5443

- **Messages From Dr. Ranelli:**

Parents, if you haven't done so already, please read the letter shared this past Friday from Dr. Ranelli. Here are a few of the items he addressed:

All schools will remain on an all-remote learning model through Friday, January 29th.

All schools will return to an in-person hybrid model learning model on Monday, February 1st.

Families who wish to change their learning plan option may do so by contacting our main office by this Friday, January 15th.

- **Weekly Schedule:**

Parents and students, just a reminder that until further notice every Monday and Friday will continue to be early dismissal days for students, and their Zoom classes will end at 12:25pm.

On Mondays and Friday from about 1:00-2:20pm teachers will continue to be available to support students in various ways, which may include students signing back into their Zoom sessions to interact with teachers. Teachers will make sure students understand their availability and what they can expect to take place during those afternoon hours.

- **MLK Sprit Wear:**

Students and parents, the MLK PTO is selling MLK spirit wear from now until the end of January. Please take advantage of this opportunity to purchase your first ever King School spirit wear item (grade 4 students and parents), or add to your existing King School spirit wear (grade 5 students and parents).

Please note that the PTO updated the spirit wear options to include youth sizes in addition to the adult sizes. For those who still need to make a purchase, the link remains the same and will be included again in tomorrow's Sunday Snapshot email. If you already placed an order and now want to modify it, or have any other questions, please contact the PTO directly at mlkpto@gmail.com

MLK "revised" Spirit Wear Link: <https://my.cheddarup.com/c/mlk-spirit-wear>

- **PTO Facebook:**

Parents, the MLK PTO invites you to join their Facebook group. The information will be shared in tomorrow's Sunday Snapshot email.

PTO Facebook Link: <https://www.facebook.com/MLKPTOPiscataway>

- **Yearbook Photos:**

Students and parents, the MLK PTO is continuing to collect photos for our 2020-2021 yearbook. The MLK PTO has created a Dropbox account where you can share your spirit day or other school photos virtually so we can use them throughout the yearbook. The Dropbox link will be included in the Sunday Snapshot email.

Dropbox Photo Link: <https://www.dropbox.com/request/JPYQbPSLoOihDHHudtj0>

- **PTO Membership & PTO Amazon Smile Fundraiser:**

Parents, just a reminder that information about PTO membership and supporting King School through Amazon Smile will be included in the Sunday Snapshot email. All proceeds from membership and Amazon Smile will be used to support our students.

*The PTO is continuing to accept membership through the Cheddar Up website. The direct link to Cheddar Up is below:

MLK Cheddar Up Link: <https://mlk-intermediate-membership.cheddarup.com>

*Parents, if you shop on Amazon, why not help King School in the process by signing up for Amazon Smile. The Amazon Smile link is below:

Amazon Smile Link: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/83-3271165>

- **Virtual Academic Helpdesk:**

Parents and students, the district is continuing to offer Virtual Academic Helpdesks for students to receive immediate feedback and direction directly from content area teachers on designated days and hours. Details and links are always included in my Sunday Snapshot

email and can also be found under the Curriculum and Instruction tab on the district website.

Below are the content areas, days, times, and links:

4-5 ELA	T, TH, 4:30pm-5:30pm	45ela@pway.org
4-5 Math	M, W, 3:30pm-4:30pm	45math@pway.org
4-5 Science	T, TH, 2:30pm-3:30pm	45sci@pway.org
4-5 Social Studies	M, W, 2:30pm-4:30pm	45soc@pway.org

- **Friday Spirit Day:**

Friday's school spirit day will be "**Animal Print Day.**" Animal print hasn't yet found a way into my wardrobe, however, I look forward to seeing what types of animal prints students will be wearing on Friday.

I hope you and your families have a positive and productive week.

"Let's Continue to Stay Connected in 2021"

Upcoming Important Dates

January

- WIN Period – Share MLK Day of Service Info. January 15
- Dr. Martin Luther King's Birthday January 15
- Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day (schools closed) January 18
- MLK Day of Service (virtual) January 18
- Last Day of Full-Remote "only" Learning January 29
- Last Day of MP-2 January 29

February

- In-Person Hybrid Learning Begins February 1
- National School Counseling Week Week of February 1
- First Day of Marking Period 3 February 1
- President's Day (Schools Closed) February 15
- Report Cards Available in Genesis for parents February 19