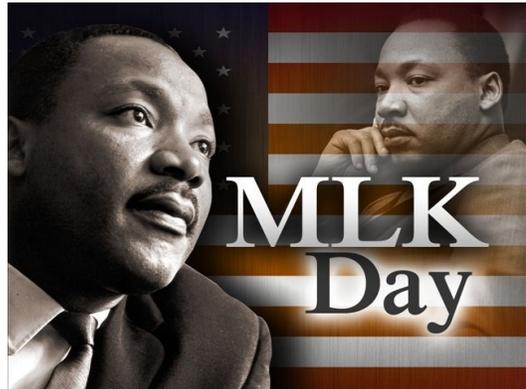


Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Activities

Listed below is a sampling of just some of the activities taking place in our schools to celebrate the life and honor the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Cranberry Station Elementary School

- First grade students will begin to identify events in the life of Dr. King through big books and small reading group materials. They will read and discuss *The Story of Martin Luther King, Jr.* in order to understand his contributions to America.
- Second graders will be participating in small reading groups and whole group read aloud, including a Scholastic news article.



East Middle School

- Social studies teachers Kayla Piechowiak and Mike Leader will compare Dr. King to Gandhi because they are in the India unit and have learned about Hinduism.
- Mr. Leader has created biographies on both Gandhi and King. Students will read the biographies and compare their lives and achievements with a focus on nonviolence.

Ebb Valley Elementary School

- The Kindergarten team is reading a book about MLK and teaching a lesson using Google slides.
- Grade 1 is reading informational stories and writing "dreams for a better world."
- Grade 2 will be watching the Pebble Go information about Martin Luther King and then discussing his contributions.
- Grade 3 is using MLK text to teach main idea and cause and effect.
- Grade 5 will view a MLK Google Slideshow, complete a chart about why we celebrate, important events, a quote to remember, and "One dream I have for this year is..." Students will also complete a writing prompt: "In what ways is Martin Luther King Jr's dream still alive today? What are some things you can do to ensure the dream lives on?"

Francis Scott Key High School

- Social studies Dave Smith weaves Dr. King's narrative into appropriate World/Euro content such as Apartheid, women's movements, and serfdom. He also connects Dr. King's "I Have a Dream" speech with 19th century European philosophy and post-modernism, specifically the quote, "I have a dream that 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."
- Social studies teacher Ryan Kimble has put together videos about Dr. King's last speech ("Mountain Top"). Students will discuss whether we have reached the mountain top and what needs to happen for us to get there. He will relate the brilliance of that speech to our current situation.

Friendship Valley Elementary School

- Kindergarten is using BrainPOP videos and Go Pebble to share and discuss Dr. King's great accomplishments.
- Grade 1 is teaching a lesson using Google slides.
- Grades 3-5 are having MLK read-alouds.
- Grade 3 created a PowerPoint showcasing student work/writing.

Gateway School

- Students in Dave Herman's social studies class will read *Letter from Birmingham Jail* and look at the context of Dr. King's ideas on non-violent protest and racial equality.
- Lauren Ricketts will use material from PBS, show the speech, and discuss examples of social injustice before the 1964 Civil Rights Movement and compare to similarities of what's going on in our society today. Classes then will discuss ways they can try to promote change in our society. In addition, the Student Government Association is responsible for the video announcements and will be creating a segment to show next week to the whole school.

Hampstead Elementary School

- Pre-K viewed a short video by kid president and reviewed an emergent reader about Martin Luther King, Jr.
- Kindergarten participated in All About Martin Luther King PPT activities.

Linton Springs Elementary School

- ELA teachers Loel Romeo and Tammy Showman are working with students to read two texts on Dr. King while focusing on the causes and effects of his actions.
- The fourth grade students are also creating "How Can I Promote Peace" T shirts at home/at school/in the community to display on a hallway bulletin board.

Manchester Elementary School

- Dr. King's birthday was highlighted on Friday's announcements, which are posted in the Google Classrooms.
- Teachers suggested a "sit at the table of brotherhood" dinner and act of kindness this weekend or Monday. To honor Martin Luther King, Jr.'s emphasis on diversity, plan a dinner where foods from many different ethnic origins are served. A sample menu could include a French crudité platter as an appetizer, bobotie (a kind of fancy meatloaf) from South Africa for the main dish, Moroccan couscous as the salad course, followed by baklava from Greece, served with Turkish coffee. Extra credit: set up an international music playlist to accompany your feast.
- Grade levels will share a slide with links to stories, videos, and the "I Have a Dream" speech, as well as a writing prompt with students identifying the qualities of a good leader and how Dr. King showed those traits for teachers to use throughout next week.
- The school's Equity Liaison put up 2 bulletin boards at the beginning of the month.

Manchester Valley High School

- Tony Roman, social studies teacher, will be doing a short highlight on the life of Dr. King at the start of each class.
- Advocacy groups created a slide for the morning announcements on how to honor the work of Dr. King each day of the year.
- AP Language will be studying *Letter from Birmingham Jail* and multicultural literature in each unit.
- LFI students will be learning about the work of Dr. King.
- During the week of January 18th, English 12 students will be connecting themes of equity, identity, and justice between the extended text, *The Other Wes Moore*, and Dr. King's legacy. Students will examine how Moore and King promoted unity and peaceful partnership through oration, literature, and positive example. An analysis of both humanitarians will precede the reading of the final chapter of *The Other Wes Moore* and corresponding Socratic seminar-- a speaking & listening assessment aimed to shed light on our book's sociocultural implications.

Mt. Airy Elementary School

- Grade 5 is teaching a lesson using Google slides on "How can we honor his legacy?"
- Students will view a video from BrainPop about MLK, followed by an interactive quiz.

Mt. Airy Middle School

- Several bulletin boards recognizing African American leaders are placed around the school.
- In sixth grade social studies, students are listening to songs written about Dr. King's legacy that include archival footage of his life, listening to parts of his famous speeches, investigating Jim Crow laws here in the state of Maryland, and identifying what dreams students would like to share that will lead to a greater, more inclusive America.

Northwest Middle School

- Social studies teacher Jen Borcik is doing a quick drill about speeches since she is currently teaching George Washington's Farewell Address. She will show a clip of the "I Have a Dream" speech, which is very on topic since students have been discussing the Constitution, democracy, rights, freedoms, and equality.

Oklahoma Road Middle School

- Bethany Mazalewski, social studies teacher, will conduct a mini lesson for 6th graders. They will watch a short video and analyze a few of Dr. King's famous quotes. She will tie his beliefs to Gandhi and Hinduism since the class is in their ancient India unit.
- The Equity Club is creating morning announcements to be shared during the week.

Parr's Ridge Elementary School

- Teachers presented three social studies lessons on Dr. King during the week of January 8th. The lessons focused on his life, his dream, and how we could make a difference with our own dreams.
- Kindergarten students viewed Google slide decks on Dr. King's life and dream.
- First graders are reading the book *I am Martin Luther King, Jr.* by Brad Meltzer.
- Second graders are reading a PebbleGo article, watching Discovery Ed video, and creating timeline of this his life.

Runnymede Elementary School

- Grade levels included read-alouds of books on MLK, MLK writing, and ELA tasks in Google Classroom, use of PebbleGO for instruction.
- Kindergarten sang songs that talk about MLK as well as basic facts about his life.
- Dr. King was recognized on morning announcements throughout the week.
- Students' work and pictures will be added to the Stream the week of January 15th.

Sandymount Elementary School

- Grade 5 created a PowerPoint presentation and had a discussion.

Shiloh Middle School

- Dr. King is being recognized during morning announcements and Words of Wisdom.

South Carroll High School

- Robert O'Neal's social studies students are studying the Civil Rights Movement and will be discussing Dr. King.

Spring Garden Elementary School

- Individual classes are reading stories about Dr. King and completing writing assignments.

Taneytown Elementary School

- The first grade team is teaching about Dr. King, specifically his message and how we can apply his teachings to our daily lives.
- Students learned about Dr. King the week of January 8th and will spend time in morning meeting the week of January 15th to brainstorm how we can apply his teachings to how we live our lives each day.

West Middle School

- Leisl Piper, a social studies teacher, will share a short video on Dr. King (<https://bit.ly/2LVRaVv>) and lead a discussion with her eighth grade students.
- Social studies teacher Susan Burke showed the first 3 minutes of a video highlighting MLK Day as a day of volunteering and encouraged students to think about how they are giving back to their communities through their service hours. She will follow up with the ideas presented in the video on January 19th.
- Andrea Stowe, social studies teacher, has shown students a broadcast on CNN 10 featuring Dr. King. She used the broadcast as a warm-up to prompt a discussion.
- Sixth grade students will participate in a Discovery Ed – MLK Exploration.
- Seventh graders will take a Virtual Field Trip to Washington, DC.
- Eighth grade students will participate in a MLK Exploration as it relates to Civil Rights.

Westminster Elementary School

- Grade 1 is using the Social Studies curriculum to teach about Dr. King.
- Grade 2 has lessons using texts and videos to learn about the important events in his life and why we have a day off in his honor.
- Grade 4 will be reading about Dr. King's achievements and they are going to write their own "I Have a Dream Speech" for our country.
- Grade 5 is reading a text about Dr. King and completing a timeline and a cause and effect graphic organizer.
- Music classes discussed Dr. King and explored the form of "call and response" in songs about MLK. All classes had a rhythm match activity in which they matched phrases about MLK to the rhythm that matches the phrase. Grade 5 discussed protest music (in regards to MLK being a peaceful protestor) and listened to a few examples, one of which was a virtual choir mix of *Amen* and *We Shall Overcome*.

Winters Mill High School

- Christy Kennedy, a social studies teacher, is highlighting Dr. King and the Civil Rights Movement in connection to the Cold War. Classes are discussing the impact of the use of Red Scare to diminish efforts, as well as the ideas of postwar Democracy and the need to reflect to reflect ideals as the U.S. influences others.