

BBOED News & Notes

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Dear Bayonne School District & Family,

On the third Monday of January, Americans celebrate the life and achievement of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr. King was a leading force in the drive for civil rights in the United States. Students will most likely be familiar with the quote, "I Have a Dream", which was taken from Dr. King's August 28, 1963 speech on the *March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom*. However, "I Have a Dream", is only one of the exemplary quotes that mark Dr. King's legacy.

The Bayonne Board of Education school district is honoring and commemorating Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. this week. Students are taking part in a number of enriching activities in an effort to understand the impact Dr. King had and continues to have upon our country and local community and his significance to American culture and history.

Furthermore, some of the enriching activities that will take place at our elementary schools around the district include the following: discussing the role and importance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., creating mobiles that demonstrate the key highlights MLK legacy, developing skits and plays in honor of Dr. King, as well as completing illustrative depictions.

At the high school level, Bayonne High School Social Studies teacher, Mrs. Westpy, and her African-American History class recently embarked on a project to build awareness and knowledge of African and African-American history. As part of this project, Mrs. Westpy's students have been conducting research and have provided folk tales, research topics, other readings, and even coloring pages for elementary school students.

Additionally, you can watch our B.H.S. student presentation of the "Greensboro Four" over the next two months on BEN-TV. The Greensboro four were a group of young college students that organized a non-violent protest at a segregated Woolworth's lunch counter in Greensboro, North Carolina, that sparked a sit-in movement. Their actions made an immediate and lasting impact, forcing Woolworth's and other establishments to change their segregationist policies.

In closing, the Bayonne School District, as well as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr, believed in having a dream and thus community involvement was one key component which we embrace in our classrooms and schools daily.

Sincerely,

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Patricia L. McGeehan, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

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