



District Updates

- **Honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**
 - The district remembers and honors Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in January in recognition of his life's work and the national holiday held annually. Throughout January, district students and staff have been completing instructional activities, participating in service projects, and learning from assemblies related to Dr. King and the many areas of thought and community he influenced. Some of the many activities undertaken are highlighted below in the School Updates section.
- **Social and Emotional Learning Workshop on January 27th**
 - The PTO's of CAS, KRS, and TJS have teamed up to sponsor a presentation by Dr. Maurice Elias about Social and Emotional Learning on January 27, 2022 at 7:30 pm. The workshop will focus on a wide range of topics including emotional regulation, navigating peer conflict, and building resiliency. A [flyer for the event](#) provides additional details. We encourage members of our school community to attend!

School Updates

Madison High School

- Congratulations to senior **Elisabetta Araya** who was recognized by US Congresswoman Mikie Sherrill's 2021 Heroes recognition program. The program was an opportunity to acknowledge the work of everyday heroes who have made a difference in their community over the past year. Elisabetta was nominated by MHS teacher **Ms. Rawding** for her work in Madison Ends Hunger and the Madison Rotary and Interact Clubs.
- The MHS DECA Team had an outstanding performance at this year's DECA competition. 21 students have qualified for the NJ State Conference that will take place at the end of February. Congratulations to the following District Conference Winners:
 - 12th Grade: **John Armstrong, Nicole Cornehl Lima, JJ Dresbold, Caroline Fabiano, Bridget Hanley, Thomas Kenney, Marcella Rindfleish, Adrian Robinson, Mark Ticknor**
 - 11th Grade: **Kavish Arora, Bruna Cornehl Lima, Marina Gobbi, Michael Keller, Ben Preston, Eric Selquist**
 - 10th Grade: **Arman Tektas, Henri Wielandy**
 - 9th Grade: **Samuel Berk, Allison Malloy, Luke Sherman, Anna Silbaugh**
- The 44th Annual AMTNJ High School Math Contest will take place on January 19th. Students will have 45 minutes to complete 9 open-ended math problems covering material from pre-algebra through precalculus. The top five scoring students will form the MHS team.
- Students in MHS' Honors Technology, Engineering, and Design Level III course placed third in the National Trans Options Hydrogen Fuel Cell Challenge by designing and constructing a prototype vehicle propelled using a zero-emissions hydrogen fuel cell drive system.
- Madison High School senior **Meredith Weiner** was among the students honored as the Mayo Performing Arts Center Music Students of the month of November as Outstanding Percussionists. Students were from Florham Park, Chester, Jefferson Township, Morristown, Parsippany, Whippany and Mt. Arlington. Weiner was nominated by **Mr. Batch**.
- Congratulations to **Artha Abeysinghe** (12th grade) and **Colin Mroczo** (10th grade) who auditioned for and were accepted to the North Jersey Region Band on January 8th. Artha finished 5th overall and earned a 2nd chair seat in Symphonic Band. Colin earned a 1st chair seat in the Wind Ensemble earning him the title of best Trumpet performer in North Jersey.

- The Seal of Biliteracy was administered to students on December 9th. 30 students were tested in Spanish, 14 in French, 13 in Italian, and 4 in Chinese. The Seal of Biliteracy is an NJDOE initiative that seeks to encourage students to study languages, certify attainment of biliteracy, provide employers with a method of identifying people with language and biliteracy skills, provide universities with a method to recognize and award academic credit to applicants seeking admission, prepare students with 21st century skills, recognize and promote second language instruction in public schools, strengthen intergroup relationships, affirm the value of diversity, and honor the multiple cultures and language of a community.
- MHS Guidance
- The MHS Guidance Department has processed 2,001 college applications to date. Some of the amazing acceptances for students include Yale University, Brown University, The College of New Jersey, Wake Forest University, Northeastern University, American University, Southern Connecticut State University, Providence College, Centenary University, Colgate University, and Mount Holyoke College.
- The Guidance Department will be hosting 11th Grade Information Night on January 19th and will hold a 10th Grade Information Night on February 16th.
- MHS will be offering the In-School SAT for interested 11th grade students on March 2nd.
- MHS Athletics
 - Congratulations to **Michael McGuire** (12th grade) who is one of eight students within the Super Football Conference up for the overall honor of Steve DiGregorio Young Man of the Year. Michael was originally nominated as the MHS representative for his selfless commitment to his community, school, and teammates. The Super Football Conference is made up of 112 schools from 6 NJ counties. The winner will be announced on January 19th at MetLife Stadium. Good luck Michael!

Madison Junior School

- In honor and remembrance of Martin Luther King, Jr., activities were conducted school-wide and in the classrooms. The Conflict Resolution Club created a wall mural centered on giving back to the Madison community. Students are posting what they are doing for others and our community in honor of this special day. Students also designed morning announcements to share the work of Dr. King. Sixth grade is integrating the learning of MLK day into their interdisciplinary civil rights unit and are reading the novel *Watsons Go To Birmingham*. Social studies units on civil rights will enrich this novel, and students will also be studying the *I Have A Dream* speech and taking this background knowledge into their historical fiction literature circles in English class. Seventh-grade classes will be defining and exploring ideas of prejudice and discrimination as they read passages surrounding civil rights and Rosa Parks. Eighth grade students will be making connections between MLK and Gandhi and analyzing the work and impacts of both leaders. MJS celebrated MLK through an advisory lesson where students learned about the importance of listening to others, compassion, and empathy.
- Tryouts for the MJS Spring Musical *Into The Woods, Jr.* took place at the end of December and the first weeks of January. The show is scheduled to be performed the first weekend in March. Director Mrs. Layman and Assistant Director **Ms. Jordan** are excited to work with students on this performance!
- 12 MJS students have been selected to participate in the NJ Consortium for Gifted and Talented Workshop on the Arts at The Bickford Theatre in Morristown.
 - Vocal Music: **Delilah Rowe, Lyla Sackin, Josephine Loesch**
 - Instrumental Music: **Noah Hsu, Amal Fakhar**
 - Drama: **Becca Axler, Mia Snider, Samantha Berkowitz**
 - Art: **Daania Fakhar, Sharon Park, Cecilia Timmons**
 - Creative Writing: **Elizabeth Elden**

Central Avenue School

- CAS welcomes the *Tales From A Bicycle Seat* assembly on January 19th. Multi-media storyteller, musician, and adventure cyclist George Maurer presents a cultural exploration of his epic journeys across the US, Iceland, Patagonia, Sri Lanka, Canada, and Vietnam. Maurer touches on diversity, cultural exchange, character education, growth mindset, cultural geography, and more.
- CAS celebrated Martin Luther King Jr. Day through many different [activities](#).
- CAS is planning assemblies to recognize and celebrate the Chinese New Year on February 1st. The celebrations will tie directly into the special areas. Each grade will participate in stations focused on Chinese Culture and the New Year! ESL students will also participate and share information about culture and fun facts!
- The CAS PTO is planning a Virtual Family Bingo Night on January 28th. The PTO and Student Council have organized prizes and **Mr. Liss** will be the emcee!

Kings Road School

- Shanna Truffini will present her *Pull Your Weeds* program to KRS students during the mornings of January 18th and 19th. Truffini's program embraces the power of the words "flowers," "weeds," and "seeds." This universal language helps create a new narrative for children to identify, communicate, and manage their emotions through an empowering process to help them proceed confidently and calmly.
- KRS students had a Day of Service Project in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Students and their families donated supplies to create "Birthday in a Box" kits to donate to those in need. Students will assemble the kits on January 18th.
- The KRS students are engaging in a variety of [activities](#) to honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and for Black History Month.
- The KRS Data Team will convene in the month of January with grade level teams meeting to discuss the Star assessment student data results. The focus of the meetings will be to make data-informed decisions about how to support students with interventions within the Madison Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS) model.

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- In honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day, all students will participate in a "Choose Respect" Day. The 5th Grade Peer Leaders, under the guidance of **Mrs. Bletcher** and **Mrs. Lade**, will be creating pull-off signs that will challenge each student to complete a meaningful act of respect throughout the school day. All grade level teachers are also coordinating meaningful learning activities to address the importance of Dr. King.
- In January, TJS launched the first and fifth-grade lunch groups with **Mrs. Bletcher**. Whole class counseling lessons were also recently taught in all third grade classrooms with the objective to understand the difference between healthy friendship groups and cliques.
- The PTO sponsored an enrichment opportunity for Kindergarten students, a program by the Great Swamp where students learned about different NJ animals' survival methods in the winter world.