

FOOD PANTRY

Is open to all MLK families on Fridays from 2:30-3:30. If that times doesn't work get in contact with Tiffany Robinson to set up a time that works for you .

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MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS AND HELP OUR LOCAL SCHOOL AT GARDEN CLEAN-UP DAY

Where: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary School 4906 NE 6th Avenue

When: Saturday, October 12th 9 AM to 12 PM Even if you have only one hour to volunteer, we'll be happy to see you. Please join us! If you have garden gloves and a favorite garden tool, bring them along. If not, we'll have garden gloves and garden tools on site for you to use.

Hosted by the King Neighborhood Association, Green King, and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary

Dr. MLK, Jr.



Dr. Martin Luther King Jr School was accepted into the district's Techsmart grant, giving us access to programs, hardware, and upgraded wifi. The purpose of the grant is to support meeting grade level literacy through instruction that is strengthened with technology. For example, some classrooms are using Seesaw, which is an online portfolio, to do book reviews. This grant is specifically for K-3. However, many of the programs are available for all grade levels. The grant also included many new chromebooks, which, combined with those we had, has allowed classrooms to each have enough devices for every student!

We still have access to MyOn, an online library, and Core5, which is support for reading. We are moving from Dreambox to ST Math for our online math program. As always, we are focusing on purposeful implementation, so that all screen time is deliberate and purposeful. At home, you can access these programs. The new district student portal is bit.ly/PPSTechsmart and students' emails have changed to end with @student.pps.net

Matthew Kertesz
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Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. School

TOOLBOX



What is TOOLBOX?

Toolbox is a Social Emotional Learning program that supports children in understanding and managing their own emotional, social, and academic success. The foundation of Toolbox is 12 human capacities that reside within all of us. Through its simple metaphor of Tools inside us, Toolbox brings forward a set of skills and practices that help student access their own inner resilience at any time, in any context.

Children learn 12 simple yet powerful Tools. With practice, these Tools become valuable personal skills: self-awareness, self-management, and relationship-building which, in turn, foster responsible decision-making. Because the "practices" are simple and the 12 Tools become a common language that is shared, children adopt the Tools and master them quickly.

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"MENTORS Making a Difference"

Can you, or someone you know, commit 2 hours a month to our kids?

We are looking for **Mentors**, from our school and our community, to volunteer here at Dr. MLK, Jr. School, and "**Make a Difference**" in our students' lives. The goal is to provide positive role models for our students, especially our dads, uncles, grandpas, family friends, etc., and strengthen our relationships in our community.

FUN Friday will be held on the first Friday of every month, and our first one is coming up on **** **October 4th** ****

Mentors get to choose the 2 hour time block that works with their schedule (8-10AM, 10-12PM, 12-2PM, or 2-4PM). You'll get to do things like being a Morning Greeter, a P.E. Assistant Coach, a Brain Break(recess) Gamer, a Lunch Helper, and more!

All you will need to do is contact me at amontfor@pps.net or (503)916-6456, complete the PPS Volunteer Application online at www.pps.net/volunteer, and then show up at your Mentor time and have FUN!

So if you would like to become a **Dr. MLK, Jr. MENTOR Making a Difference**, or if you have any questions, please call or email me and I'll get you started.

Thanks,
Mr. Monty

DATES TO REMEMBER:

SUN School start	10/07	Run Toward the Dream	10/15
PTA Meeting	10/08	Jin Ren Meeting	10/16
No School	10/11	Success Assembly	10/29
Planning Day/No school 11/01			



DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2019

Greetings Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Families,

Happy Fall! We are back into the swing of things and the year has started off great! We have so many things happening around here to share with you.

-First of all, thanks to the efforts of our volunteer parents, Mr. Ian and Mr. Montfort we have a safety patrol operating in two locations around the school before and after school. Our student leaders are serving as the crossing guard and are doing a great job. The first crew has already completed a tour of duty and we have recruited new students to help out.

-Next, we have also started to build practices to improve the environmental impact of our cafeteria. The kitchen is composting all left over food product, the students are separating their silverware, trash and food waste and we are minimizing additional disposable waste. Once we are in the hang of separating out all parts we will introduce silverware for students that will be washed daily. Students participating in the "Race toward the Dream" will receive a water bottle that we can use in the cafeteria for water instead of plastic cups. Our goal is to eventually compost all organics in the cafeteria as well. Thank you to the nutrition services staff, custodial staff and our great parent volunteers who are spearheading this effort!

-Our school name is officially Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in the books of both Portland Public Schools and the State of Oregon. The next step is to finalize the mascot work and change to the Dream.

-The Race toward the Dream is October 15th! Students are focusing on growing in their lap totals and getting as many pledges as possible. The pledge forms will be coming home this week. We hope everyone can share this fundraiser with their support networks to bring in funds for the school. These funds support field trips, teacher supplies, and arts experiences for all of our students.

Announcements:

-We have big goals for student achievement in reading and math this year and we need your help! We love to celebrate your children and we know that parties at school are fun, however, they also have some unintended consequences. The sugar rushes that come from the sweet treats make it difficult to get back to work or impacts behavior at our after school partners. The time for parties also means less learning time. We are asking that families celebrate birthdays either outside of the school day or with healthy snacks during snack time for the classroom. We appreciate your understanding about this matter.

-Attendance Matters! Students arriving after 9:30 are marked as absent. This learning time in the morning is some of the most valuable time of the day for learning. Please make sure that students are here and ready to learn by **8:40!** There is no substitute for time in the classroom ☺.

-After school pick up: We know that every once in a while things happen and families aren't able to pick up students right at 3:00. Unfortunately, we do not have staffing to supervise students after 3:00. Please make back up plans with friends and family for pick up in times of emergencies. Families with repeated late pick up will need to meet with school staff to come up with a permanent solution to the late pick-ups. Please contact the office if you would like to discuss potential community resources for support.

Have a great October and we hope to see you at PTA on October 8th and/or the Race toward the Dream on October 15th.

With gratitude,

Jill Sage
Principal
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. School PK-5
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Run toward the DREAM

START COLLECTING YOUR PLEDGES FOR OUR ANNUAL FUNDRAISER! LOOK FOR THE NEON ORANGE PACKET IN YOUR CHILD'S RED FOLDER

RUN DATE

OCTOBER 15TH, 2019

