

POINTS OF PRIDE

LMS NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 25, 2019

From the Principal's Desk

I would like to thank all of the participants who performed in our Musical Tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The program was fantastic, and I am so proud of each student who participated. I am looking forward to more programs and performances in the future. LMS is full of talented students just waiting to shine! Thank you to everyone who helped make the program possible!

With half of the year "under our belt", we are moving right along in the second semester. Please take the time to set up a parent/teacher conference with your child's teacher if your child is not passing. Now is the time to improve, and the end of the year will be upon us very soon!

As always, please feel free to contact me at debra.morris@lattavikings.com if you have any concerns or questions.

~Debra Morris, Principal

Calendar of Events

January 24.....	Report Cards
February 15.....	Make-Up Day
February 26.....	Progress Reports
March 14.....	Parent Conferences 4:00-6:00
March 15.....	Make Up Day
April 2.....	Report Cards
April 11.....	Spring Pictures
April 15-19.....	Spring Break
April 30.....	Progress Reports

Business Partners

Pee Dee Skateland

4524 Hwy. 76, Marion 843-423-1802

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102 N. Richardson St, Latta 843-752-4271

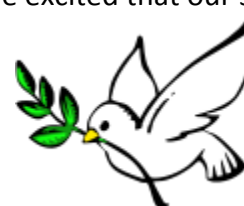
Dance Showcase

The Dance Education students did a fantastic job during their dance performance. As they "danced through the decades", it was so nice to see many different genres of music represented along with the dances. Thank you to Mrs. Branham and her students for all of their hard work!

A Musical Tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

On January 18th, Latta Middle School hosted a Musical Tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The tribute included singers, instrumentalists, dancers, and two fabulous speeches. John Gasque and Z'nya McClellan were the emcees, and they kept the program on track. Jakoby German, Daquavious Williams, and Montana McClellan opened the program with a beautiful trio singing "There's a Blessing in This House". They also sang "Take Me to the King" later in the program. Katelyn Johnson, Alyssa Brigman, and Janie Nolan sang "Amazing Grace" accompanied by Cayden Mishue on the piano. Katelyn and Alyssa also sang "Come Alive". Clarinetists Kayden Dew and Jasmine Hardnett and flutist Reese Hyatt played "Just a Closer Walk with Thee" and "We Shall Overcome". Blessed Burgess did an interpretive dance to Mariah Carey's "Hero". Alyssa Brigman, Madison Griffey, Clara Johnson, and Katelyn Johnson showed a presentation about the life of Dr. King which was very informative. Julian Morris recited Dr. King's "I Have a Dream" speech with much emotion and poise, and Preston Brown, LMS Writing Contest Winner, read his "I Have a Dream" speech talking about a world with more peace and understanding and less violence. Jada Vereen closed out the program with a very powerful and moving interpretive dance to the song "Better".

As guests arrived at the EPAC, they had the opportunity to view a beautiful art display created by Miss Anna Rogers' Art students. The art work was a perfect touch to add to the program. We are very proud of our Arts programs here at LMS! We have a lot of talent, and we are excited that our students want to show it off!



Spelling Bee

We recently held our annual Spelling Bee, and it was very competitive.

5th Grade Winners

Lydia George, Mason Seals, Dondrae Blue, Reese Rouse, & Jaelynn Truman

Grade Level Winner-Lydia George

6th Grade Winners

Harrison Stubblefield, Preston Brown, Riley Covington, Thomas Jones, & Madison Kersey

Grade Level Winner-Riley Covington

7th Grade Winners

Alazia Birch, Jacob Mijalli, Mackenzie Coker, Bryson Hyatt & RJ Woodle

Grade Level Winner-Jacob Mijalli

8th Grade Winners

Savannah Miller, Tanner Bedinger, Diamond Johnson, Jordan Purnell, & Zachary Peacock

Grade Level Winner-Zachary Peacock

Our grade level winners competed to see who would represent Latta Middle School at the regional spelling bee in February at Francis Marion University.

The school winner was Jacob Mijalli!

Congratulations Jacob! We know you will represent us well!

Positive Office Referrals

Lydia George-honesty

Grayson Hayes-honesty

Adrian McDonald-positive attitude and good sportsmanship

Zackarias Page-responsibility and taking initiative

Rebecca Stephenson-honesty

Tristian Lambert-making improvements on her grades

Samantha Brigman-respectful and being her best

LeAnn McKenzie-respectful and being her best

**Great job ladies and gentlemen!
Thank you for going above and
beyond what is expected!**

Martin Luther King, Jr. “I Have a Dream” Writing Contest

In honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., our student body was asked to write their own “I Have a Dream” speech that included their dreams for our nation. The students watched Dr. King’s speech, and learned about his life and his mission. The winners of the contest are as follows:

5th Grade

Gabriel Smith, Lydia George, Ashley Williamson, Candice Jones, & Jaelynn Truman

5th Grade Overall-Lydia George

6th Grade

Ikia Wilson, Caleb Dixon, Riley Covington, Lindsay Webster, & Preston Brown

6th Grade Overall-Preston Brown

7th Grade

Tony Williams, Kristina Williamson, Will Kirby, Jacob Mijalli, Jasmine Hardnett, & Samantha Brigman

7th Grade Overall-Jasmine Hardnett

8th Grade

Amber Hayes, Dawson Hyatt, Tanner Bedinger, Brook Jones, Ke’yon White, TaRanda Faircloth, Jordan Purnell, Ja’Shad Smith, Ava Rogers, & Sarah Bracey

8th Grade Overall-Ava Rogers

School Winner-Preston Brown

Preston read his speech during our Musical Tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. held on January 18th in the Ellis Performing Arts Center. All of our students have dreams to make this world a better place, and we are so proud of the writing that our students produced.

Yearbooks for Sale

The last day to purchase a yearbook is February 22nd. This is earlier than previous years because we are using a different yearbook company. The basic cost of a yearbook is \$40. Students can personalize their yearbook for an additional fee. Parents can use the website jostensyearbooks.com or return the yearbook form to the homeroom teacher. Forms are available in the office if needed.