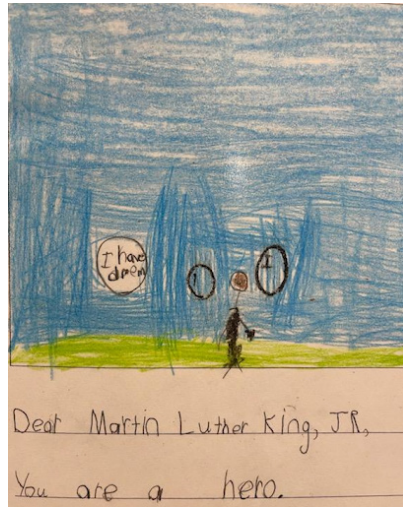
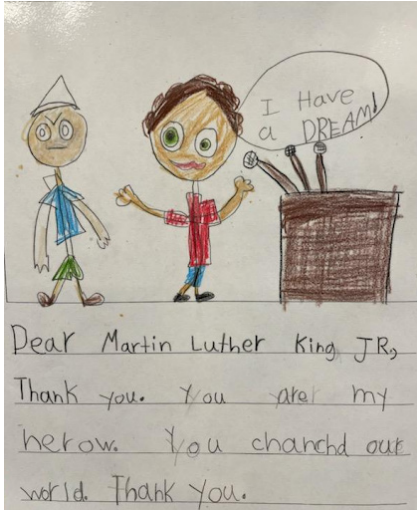


January 19, 2023

PARKWAY PANTHER PRESS



Hello Parkway Families and Caregivers,

I hope everyone enjoyed the extended weekend as well as had the opportunity to reflect on Martin Luther King Jr., his hopes, dreams and contributions to society. Martin Luther King Jr. dedicated his life to the nonviolent struggle for civil rights in the United States. King's leadership played a pivotal role in ending entrenched segregation for African Americans and to the creation of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, considered

a crowning achievement of the civil rights era. King was assassinated in 1968, but his words and legacy continue to resonate for all those seeking justice in the United States and around the world. As King said at the Washington National Cathedral on March 31, 1968, "Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that." - *Dr. Smith*

PANTHER PRIDE!

In the month of January, our students are learning about the word Perseverance. It is the last character word that we are introducing for the year. We plan on revisiting our other PRIDE words for the rest of the school year. So far this year we've learned about...


- Responsibility
- Kindness
- Problem Solving
- Honesty
- Perseverance

Shout out to _____ in _____ grade for showing...

responsibility kindness problem solving honesty perseverance

when you... _____

From _____



In order to celebrate our students demonstrating these characteristics, we have started passing out Panther PAWs to those students demonstrating responsibility, kindness, problem solving, honesty and perseverance (See Right). Your student might be coming home with a Panther PAW that they can share with their loved ones. Be on the lookout!



Parkway Pajama Day



Our Parkway students have worked so hard to demonstrate their Panther Pride that collectively, the students have received well over 100 Panther Paws which means it's time to celebrate. Tomorrow, Friday, January 20, 2023 we are having a Pajama Day. Please encourage your students to wear their pajamas to school.



We recognize that birthdays are a special event for students. This is a gentle reminder that teachers aren't able to pass out birthday invitations to students unless the student is inviting every student within their classroom setting to the party. Please refrain from bringing in homemade treats to share, birthday treats must be store bought and the label must indicate that the treat does not contain peanut or nut products. Presents are exciting for a child, however, we ask that you provide your student with presents at home and refrain from bringing in balloon bouquets, flowers etc. Thank you for considering the needs of all of our students.



Mr. Tilley and Ms. Bailey are excited to teach the kids at Parkway about **Celebrating All Abilities**. This week, the students participated in book readings, activities, and discussions so that each student could learn about each other's abilities and how to help support one another. The lessons were also designed to help the students learn about adaptations and to gain an understanding of how to focus on what people with disabilities can do instead of what they can't do.



Important Dates



FEBRUARY 20, 2023
NO SCHOOL
FOR STUDENTS



YOU ARE INVITED!

Attention!! Attention!! 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grade families YOU ARE INVITED to attend a gymnastics performance during your student's PE class! Please see the linked **INVITE** for specific class times! Hope to see you there!

