

# "A dream deferred is a dream denied."

- Langston Hughes

April is National Poetry Month





#### The MPTCS Mission

Reimagining the Village - Chapter 3



The mission of Marion P. Thomas Charter School is to build culturally rich, transformative educational spaces that cultivate successful, lifelong innovators who use their passions, character, and intellect to better themselves, the greater Newark community, and the world beyond.













The Tiger



# Agenda Reimagining the Village - Chapter 3



#### <u>Agenda</u>

- Opening & Mission
- Attendance Update
- NJSLA Testing Dates
- Staff Recruitment
- Village Highlights
- On the Horizon











## Attendance Data



Performance & Operations



## Average Daily Attendance Keep it 100%



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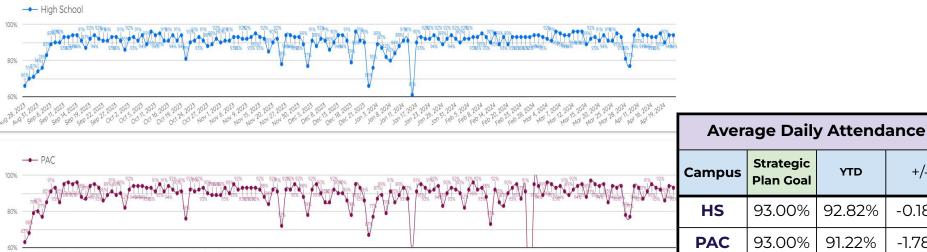
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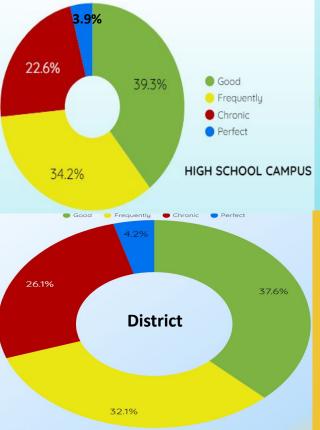


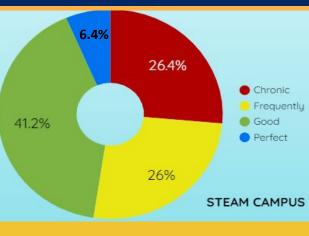
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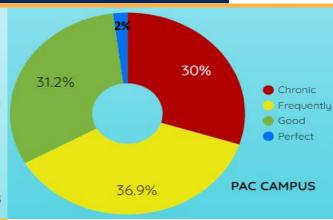


#### Attendance MPTCS Data Trends









April 2022- 46.0% April 2023- 34.1% April 2024- 26.1%



# NJSLA Testing



Academic Update



## NJSLA Testing



Sections	Grade Levels	PAC/STEAM	High School
NJSLA - Science	5th, 8th, and 11th	May 8th and 9th	May 8th and 9th
NJSLA - ELA	3rd through 9th	May 13th and May 14th	May 13th and May 14th
NJSLA - Math	3rd through 9th	May 20th through 22nd	May 20th and May 21st

# Staff Recruitment



Expanding our Village!



### Staff Recruitment MPTCS Village Hiring Fair



























On the spot offers





Our village hiring fair, held on Saturday, April 13th, was a resounding success.

- We welcomed a total of 237 candidates
- 184 individuals pre-registered
- 53 attended as walk-ins.
- From this pool of talented individuals, our school leaders and central office personnel were able to identify 22 potential hires.







A big thank you to Ms. Bray, Ms. Milan, Ms. Wolfe for their hard work and dedication in organizing this successful event. We would also like to extend our deepest gratitude to the volunteers who provided childcare and assisted with other logistical aspects of the fair. Their efforts ensured a smooth operation and a positive experience for both candidates and staff.









# It takes a Village...



Highlights, Initiatives & Events

#### WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR?

Q Best Administrative Assistants





Tajuana Bray
Confidential Executive Assistant
to The Superintendent



IM AN ADMIN ASSISTANT
OF COURSE I MAKE
Miracles Happen
EVERYDAY





Sandra Shanks MPTCHS



Solange Davis
PAC



Vernetta Rivera PAC



Breysky Reynolds STEAM



Danette Purnell STEAM



Congratulations STEAM Soccer Team!



Congratulations to the STEAM Academy Soccer Team on their impressive victory yesterday against Phillips Academy (Paterson).

STEAM 10 - 0 Phillips Academy (Paterson)

STEAM Academy now improves their record to 3-0. They are currently in first place as members of the Charter School Athletic League (CSAL). Kudos to Coach Dwight Palmer for assembling this exciting team of gifted & talented student-athletes.























#### **Excite Reading**

by )) (( Learning Ally

Excite Reading by Learning Ally helps emergent readers bridge the gap between decoding and comprehension by building:

- Vocabulary
- Background knowledge















Ms. Allen's first-grade homeroom at STEAM Academy won the Excite Reading All Star Game, reading an impressive 1,993 minutes during the competition! The contest, which took place from January 16 to February 23, 2024, tracked classes with the highest minutes read in the Excite Reading platform.

Ms. Allen's class received a \$50 gift card to host a well-deserved pizza party on April 11, 2024. Special guests from Learning Ally including CEO Andrew Friedman, Chief Machine Learning & Innovation Officer Jeff Ho, Vice President of Innovation & Impact Programs Erin Walker, and Julie Egan were in attendance to celebrate students' reading achievements.













We're excited to announce that the ribbon cutting for our book vending machine at STEAM took place today! A huge thank you to Director Wilson and Ms. Bray for championing this initiative. We also recognize the incredible support of Principal Silvestre, VP Jackson, and Ms. Ince, Parent Representative of the Board of Trustees, who were present to celebrate in bringing this initiative to life.



Here are a few fascinating science projects by 1B scholars at PAC Academy, showcasing what they have learned about patterns of the sun, moon, and stars in the sky. Their impressive work highlights aligns to astronomy and space exploration.





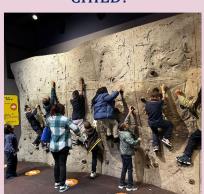








MPTCS PRE K -2ND GRADE SCHOLARS VISITS LIBERTY SCIENCE **CENTER DURING THE** WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD!













## 2024 ECSBA Unsung Heroes Award Recipient





Arisleidy Mora Sanchez has been honored with the prestigious 2024 Unsung Heroes Award by the Essex County School Boards Association (ECSBA), in collaboration with the New Jersey School Boards Association (NJSBA). This accolade celebrates students like Arisleidy who have made exceptional contributions to their schools and communities, yet tend to remain under the radar of conventional student recognition initiatives.

# March Student Spotlight







# March Employee Spotlight







# March Parent Spotlight







## Parent University Raffle



Who will be our lucky winner?

