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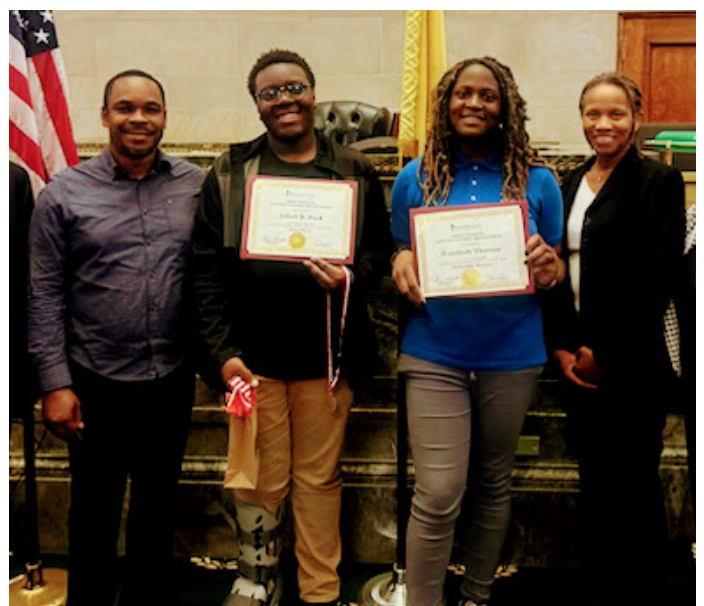
FROM THE DESK OF SUPERINTENDENT ANGELA MINCY

Welcome to June Village!

As we approach the end of another school year, I find myself reflecting on the many incredible moments we've shared as a community. One of the cherished symbols of our crest, the Sankofa, beautifully captures this sentiment. The bird flies forward while looking backward to symbolize using past wisdom to create a brighter future.

Looking back on this school year, I am proud of the wonderful events and activities that have brought us together. From inspiring classroom projects to a variety of memorable extracurricular activities, our students have shown tremendous growth and resilience. Despite any challenges, our Village has emerged stronger and more united than ever, for every year has been better than the last.

As we close this chapter, we look ahead with excitement! It is a time of celebration and transition for many of our scholars. We will cheer on our Pre-k and kindergarteners, as they move up, while applauding our 8th graders transition to high school. We will also bid a heartfelt farewell to our senior graduating Class of 2024, as they embark on their next endeavors. We are so proud of our scholars. These milestones are a testament to their hard work and your ongoing support because "It takes a Village." (continued on page 4)



Pictured from top to bottom: The Ujamaa Cafe community fridge makes its debut at the high school; HS scholar, Awa, wins 3rd place at the NAACP ACT-SO Culinary Competition; Law Day Competition: HS senior, Jahell, takes home 1st place art award and Alyssa and Shaniyah win an honorable mention for podcast.

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Please remember that we still have a few days of school left, and your child's attendance remains important. Let's use this time wisely and end the year on a high note.

I wish each of you an enjoyable and restful summer. Thank you for being such an essential part of our Village. We need your help to “Build the Best” and I look forward to working with each of you to do just that when we return in August.

In Solidarity,

Angela Mincy

Angela Mincy
Superintendent
Marion P. Thomas Charter Schools



Pictured from top to bottom: HS Sr. Arisleidy receives the 2024 Unsung Heroes Award; Sr. Quran receives an award during Decision Day; HS seniors announce their decisions regarding their plans following graduation during Sr. Decision Day; and the STEAM Soccer team is headed to the PlayOff semi-finals



PARENT MEETING

What: Village Parent Meeting
When: Wednesday, June 5th
Where: [Zoom Link](#)
Time: 6:00 PM

Join us for the final Village Parent Meeting of the year! We'll discuss year-end activities, exciting summer opportunities, and provide a platform for your questions and feedback on the 23-24 school year.

Let's wrap up the year together!

Events, Activities, Workshops & Meetings

What: ESL Adult Class Celebration
When: [Wednesday, June 5](#)
Where: STEAM Academy
370 S. 7th St.
Time: 5:30-7:00 PM

Congratulations to all the incredible parents who participated in our inaugural ESL Adult Classes!

Your determination and hard work have paid off, and we look forward to celebrating you on June 5th. You now have a better command of the English language, opening doors to new opportunities. Well done!





What: American Young Voices Concert

When: Thursday, June 6th

Where: Prudential Center

Time: 7-8:30 PM

Music students from PAC and STEAM Academies have been working hard to prepare for the American Young Voices Concert. They will join students from schools throughout the state to form the largest New Jersey children's choir.

Parents, please make sure you attend this special event to cheer on our participating students. It promises to be an exciting event and phenomenal experience for our scholars.

Events, Activities, Workshops & Meetings

What: Summer Enrichment

**When: Registration deadline:
June 7, 2024**

Time: 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

The Summer Enrichment program is designed for students in PreK to 8th grade. This FREE program will offer an opportunity for MPTCS students to continue to learn and explore throughout the summer while having fun with a variety of engaging activities.

The summer curriculum will reinforce concepts learned throughout the school year. Research proves summer academic programs help prevent the "summer slide," which is the loss of academic skills and knowledge during the summer break.

Please contact cwolfe@mptcs.org should you have any questions. To register scan the QR code or [click here](#).

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THE VILLAGE
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Summer

ENRICHMENT
PROGRAM

OPEN TO STUDENTS IN GRADES PK-8

Save The Date

EXTENDED LEARNING WITH
ACADEMIC & ENRICHMENT
OFFERINGS!

DATES: JULY 1ST - JULY 26TH
TIMES: 8:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.

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FREE PARENT WORKSHOPS AT THE VILLAGE FEST SATURDAY

JUNE 8, 2024
MPTCS HIGH SCHOOL
125 SUSSEX AVE.
NEWARK, NJ



**SIMPLIFYING
HEALTHY EATING**
MPTCS Culinary Team



**IMPROVE YOUR
FINANCIAL HEALTH**
Rev. Shaunda Sutton
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**BECOMING A
HOMEOWNER**
Industrial Bank

REGISTER TODAY!

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EMPOWERMENT SESSIONS

Score High: Learn to boost your Credit Score
PNC Bank
9-10 AM

Wellness Weeknights: Healthy Eating for Busy Families
Chef Bernardino & Chef Clark
9-10 AM & 10-11 AM

Unlocking the Doors: The Keys to Homeownership
Industrial Bank
9-10 AM

Newark Women Moving Forward: Financial Literacy Campaign
Rev. Sutton | dFree Financial Freedom Movement
10-11 AM

Plus, food, fun and entertainment for the entire family!
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

MARION P. THOMAS CHARTER SCHOOL

Presents

The Village Fest

SATURDAY, JUNE 8TH
9 AM - 1 PM

HIGH SCHOOL OF CULINARY &
PERFORMING ARTS
125 SUSSEX AVE, NEWARK

FREE TO ATTEND
OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY

LEARN. EAT. NETWORK.SHOP



The Village Fest promises an enriching experience, engaging activities, and invaluable insights for everyone in the community. Join us for a day filled with fun, learning, and community connections!

EVENTS OF THE DAY

- Farmer's Market
- Tunes by DJ Vernon Freeman
- Live Performances featuring E.V.O Crew and Essex County Marching Band
- Voter Registration with the City of Newark
- Network with Marion P for staff & student recruitment
- Food trucks featuring The Jamaican Food Truck
- Magicians & Balloonist
- 20+ Craft & Apparel Vendors

WORKSHOPS

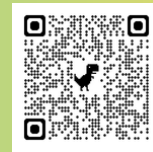
Registration for the Experience Workshops is required. Complete the Attendee Registration Form.

- Score High: How to Increase your credit score and improve your financial reputation hosted by PNC Bank - 9-10 AM
- Wellness Weeknights: Simplifying Healthy Eating for Busy Families hosted by Chef B & Chef Clark - 9-10 AM & 10-11 AM
- Unlocking the Doors: Discover the Key Steps to Becoming a Homeowner hosted by Industrial Bank - 9-10 AM
- Newark Women Moving Forward: A Financial Literacy Empowerment Campaign hosted by dFree Financial Freedom Movement - 10-11 AM



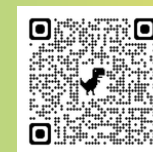
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WANT TO BE A VENDOR?
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text: 973.847.7656

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What: PAC Academy Spring Arts Festival

When: Tuesday, June 11, 2024

Time: 2:00 PM

PAC Academy will host a Spring Arts Festival on Tuesday, June 11th at 2 p.m. Parents are invited to witness "time travel through the decades," featuring dance, music, spoken word, culinary arts and more.

Parents, please come out to support scholars and staff as they showcase culture and art from the past and present.



Events, Activities, Workshops & Meetings



“Remember to
celebrate
milestones, as you
prepare for the
road ahead.”

*~Nelson Mandela | Former president of
South Africa, Anti-Apartheid Activist*



What: PreK, Kindergarten Moving Up Ceremonies

When: Thursday, June 13, 2024

Parents of PreK and kindergarten students are invited to attend their Moving Up ceremonies to applaud our youngest students! Ceremonies are scheduled for:

Thursday, 6/13 @ PAC Academy

Kindergarten Moving Up - 9:00 AM

PreK-4 Moving Up - 11:00 AM

Thursday, 6/13 @ STEAM Academy

PreK-4 Moving Up - 9:00 AM

Kindergarten Moving Up - 11:00 AM



Moving Up & Graduation Ceremonies



What: 8th Grade Moving Up & HS Graduation

When: June 14 & 17, 2024

Our 8th-grade scholars and High School seniors will make important transitions this month. To celebrate this important milestone, parents are invited to the 8th-grade move-up ceremonies and the high school commencement. Following are the details:

Friday, June 14th

STEAM Academy 8th Grade Moving Up - 9:00 AM

PAC Academy 8th Grade Moving Up - 10:00 AM

Monday, June 17th

The Class of 2024's graduation ceremony will take place at Essex County Community College at 6 PM.

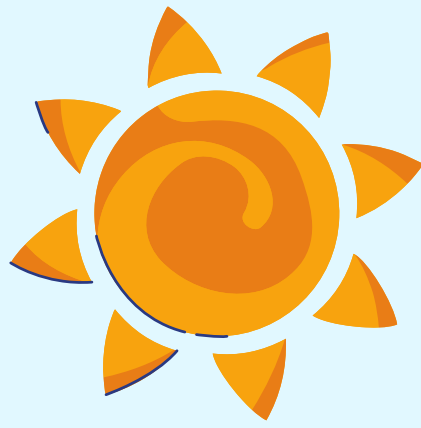
NOTE: Tickets are required for parents and families.



**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!
JUNE 16, 2024**



Wishing a Happy Father's Day to all the Dads in our Village! May your day be filled with cherished memories and meaningful moments spent with your loved ones. Thank you for all the love, support, and strength you bring to our school community.



Enjoy the
SUMMER
BREAK!





Michele Griffin
Parent University
Managing Director

MPTCS' central office is open during the summer, and we'd love to hear from you. Have an idea for a parent event or activity for the 24-25 SY? Want to share feedback regarding a past program or initiative? Please contact us with your ideas, suggestions, and opinions and it will help inform our schedule of events for the upcoming school year.

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