

# MERRY EVERYTHING!

*Reimagining the Village*

Superintendent's Report

December 8, 2025

Ms. A. Mincy, Superintendent





# The MPTCS Mission

*Reimagining Education - It takes a Village!*



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 Tree of Knowledge*



*The Torch*



*The Sankofa*



*The Tiger*



# The MPTCS Mission Agenda



## Agenda:

- *Welcome & Mission*
- *Attendance Updates*
- *Highlights & Recognitions*
- *On the Horizon*
- *Closing*



*The Tree of Knowledge*



*The Torch*



*The Sankofa Bird*



*The Tiger*

# Digging Deep

## DataDive

LOOKING AT ATTENDANCE





# Chronic Rate

## CHRONIC ABSENTEEISM (YTD)

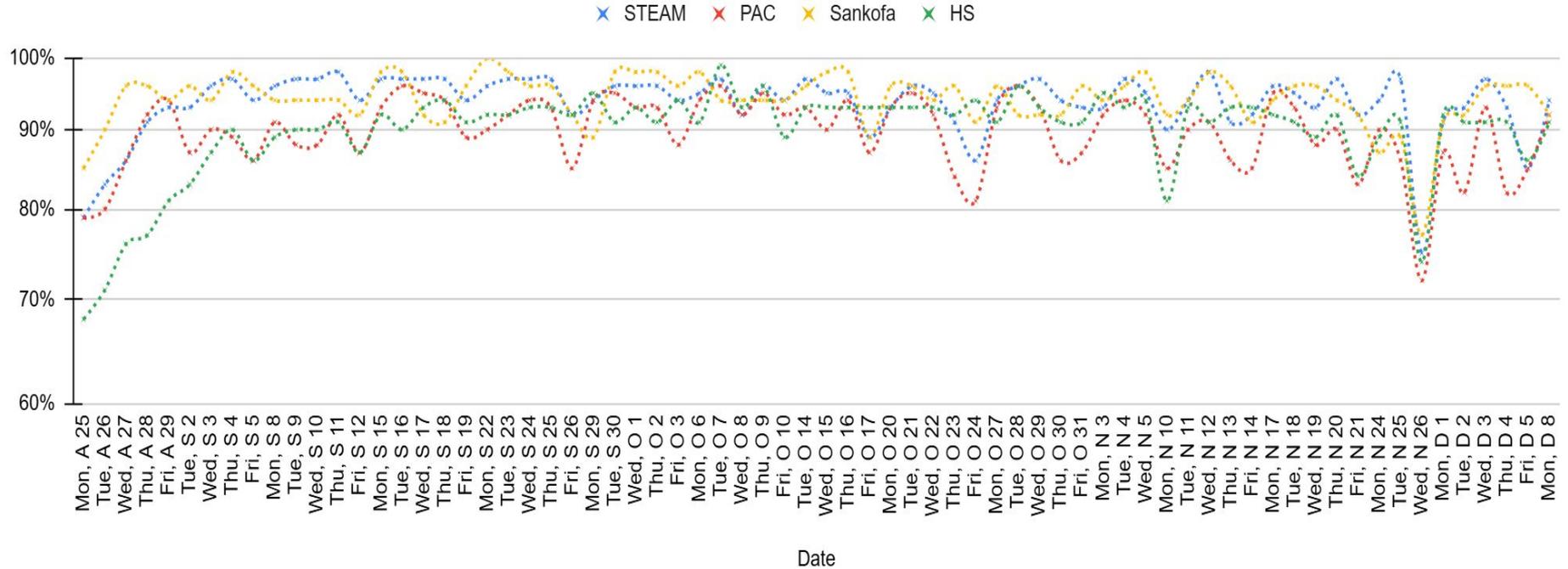
Campus	December 2021	December 2022	December 2023	December 2024	December 2025
HS	54.10%	35.10%	29.10%	21.84%	24.30%
PAC	52.72%	31.71%	30.10%	22.55%	30.50%
STEAM	40.29%	28.01%	28.80%	22.76%	16.25%
Sankofa	N/A	N/A	N/A	19.05%	14.10%
District	47.00%	33.60%	29.30%	22.17%	22.24%



# Average Daily Attendance

## AVERAGE DAILY ATTENDANCE

Village YTD Average: 93.65%



# Highlights

## OurVillage!

EVENTS & RECOGNITIONS





Breast Cancer Awareness Month at PAC 2025





Breast Cancer Awareness



### Breast Cancer Awareness Walk

Sankofa Academy showed powerful unity during our annual Breast Cancer Awareness Walk. Students, families, and staff wore pink and walked in support of survivors and those currently fighting.

### 2nd Grade Writing Showcase

Students proudly presented their essays to kindergarten students, demonstrating confidence, clarity, and leadership.

### PreK-2 Reading Celebration

Mrs. Moore organized a joyful PreK-2 Reading Celebration, welcoming families and community members to read aloud and spark a love of reading.

### Friendsgiving Celebration

Sankofa closed the season of gratitude with a school-wide Friendsgiving featuring music, games, line dancing, and a delicious Aramark-catered meal for students, families, and community.



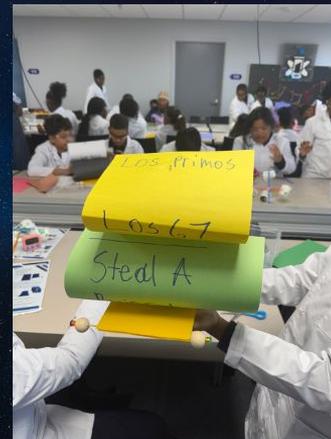


### **October Perfect Attendance Ice Cream Social**

STEAM's Ice Cream Social built pride and belonging for scholars who met attendance goals. It strengthened relationships and reinforced our core values of respect, responsibility, and integrity as students celebrated achievement together.

### **November Perfect Attendance Cider and Donuts**

STEAM recognized scholars with strong attendance and character through a seasonal Cider and Donuts celebration, reinforcing that dedication, kindness, and consistent effort are central to our culture of excellence.



## Students 2 Science

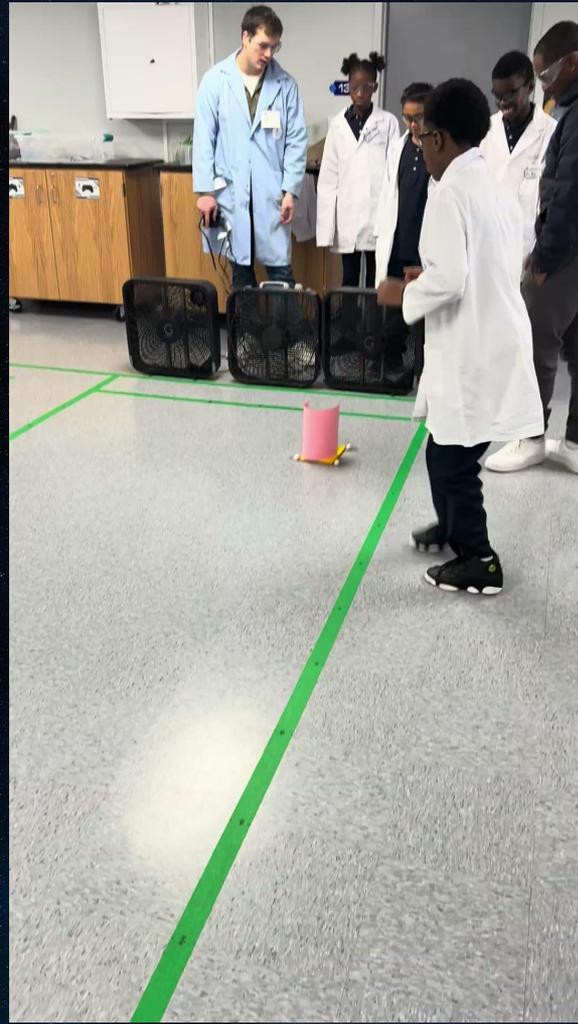
Scenes of our PAC & STEAM scholars exploring the Students 2 Science lab in Whippany. They engaged in real-world experiments, used professional lab tools, and experienced science in action.





## Students 2 Science

Our 5th grade students at PAC and STEAM engaged in hands-on experiences which highlight to them that “science is cool” and is the foundation for future success in STEM. Students engaged in activities about Power of Wind (drones/wind) and Earth & Water (landscapes/hydrology).





## *Robotics Club Launch*

The high school held its first Robotics Club meeting, led by Advisor Kevin Li. Scholars used the Arduino platform to run their first circuit sketch and explore LED light-emission frequencies.

This launch was supported by a strong NJIT partnership secured by Ms. McLain and Mr. Khalid.



# MPTCS Thanksgiving Food Drive

We recognized Ms. Jean Louis and her team for leading our annual Thanksgiving Food Drive, providing meaningful support to our Village families.

Thanks to our students and families for their generous Dress-Down Day contributions and to our Network School Social Workers for bringing this initiative to life.

We're grateful for everyone who helped strengthen our community this holiday season.

IT TAKES A VILLAGE!



THANK YOU IMMENSELY FOR YOUR INVALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS THAT MADE OUR THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE A RESOUNDING SUCCESS FOR OUR FAMILIES!





## Councilperson for a Day



Councilwoman Amina Bey hosted Student Council/Model UN for a "City Councilpersons for the Day" event on Dec. 3. Students toured City Hall, attended a council meeting, and discussed local issues. They were urged to get politically involved and reminded they can now vote in school board elections at age 16. Students loved the experience! Special thanks to former board member Dashay Carter for organizing the trip.



We proudly recognize this scholar who embodies the heart of a TIGER: Tenacity, Integrity, Growth, Excellence, and Respect. Her positive spirit and love for learning shine each day, showing strength and compassion in all she does.



This scholar is blooming into a leader. As the Principal's Assistant, she promotes positive behavior, keeps materials organized, and helps peers resolve small conflicts. She is a dependable role model.



This scholar embodies the Tiger in a heart. She is strong, caring, and committed to doing what's right.



Shout out to our Culinary Team scholars. Thank you for your amazing work and professionalism at this year's gala. You represented our school with excellence.

**Congratulations to our October Tigers of the Month!**

Scholars featured from left to right represent:

**STEAM Academy  
Sankofa Academy  
PAC Academy  
High School**

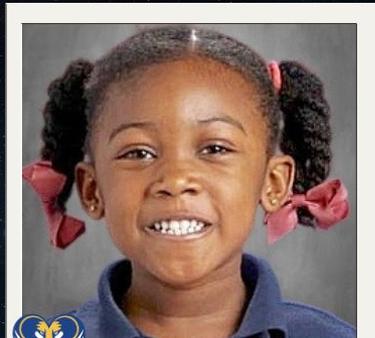
# October and November Student Spotlight



This scholar shows a deep love for learning, curiosity, and a drive to grow. Through thoughtful questions, active engagement, and a readiness to explore new ideas, Ayan inspires peers and reflects the intellectual growth we value at our school.



This Kindergarten scholar is warm, loving, and kind to everyone. Her kindness spreads throughout the classroom and helps others feel acared for.



This PreK Scholar is a bright spot in our classroom. She brings joy, kindness, and a love of learning that helps our friends feel happy and ready to learn together.



The first AP class for this scholar has not been easy, yet she continues to push forward when others might give up. She shows grit, resilience, and a real commitment to growth. She is an inspiration to her peers, and we are proud of her progress and determination. - Mr. Khalid

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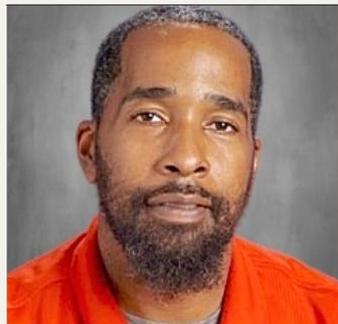




Maya Williams  
STEAM Academy



Kieana Grimes  
Sankofa Academy



Philip Stevenson  
PAC Academy



Sofia Khan  
High School

**October  
Staff Spotlight**

**Congratulations to our  
October honorees.**

Your dedication and daily commitment to students make a powerful impact. Thank you for serving with excellence.

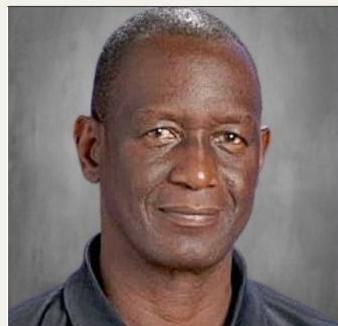
# October and November Employee Tigers of the Month



Jenny Loiseau  
STEAM Academy



Amy Ivey  
Sankofa Academy



John Beresford  
PAC Academy



Gianluca Pagano  
High School

**November  
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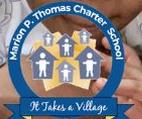
Your service, heart, and consistency uplift our students and our Village. Thank you for leading by example.



# Parent Spotlight

*Slater*

FAMILY



PAC Academy



PAC Academy

*Howard*  
FAMILY

*Smith*

FAMILY



Sankofa Academy  
PAC Academy

October Parent Spotlight: Shadira Slater-PAC Academy, Daryn Brown Williams- Sankofa Academy, & Adriana Paulino- STEAM Academy  
November Parent Spotlight: Miirajj Howard - PAC Academy, Jovani Smith-Sankofa Academy, & Kofi Ramsay - STEAM Academy

# ON THE HORIZON

## PROGRAMS & INITIATIVES

- *Dec. 5th - High School Grade Level Convocations*
- *Dec. 8th-12th - Computer Science Education Week*
- *Dec. 12th - Village Celebration, Perfect Attendance dress down day*
- *Dec. 15th-19th - Winter Spirit Week*
- *Dec. 17th - Sankofa Snowflake Social*
- *Dec. 17th - STEAM's Winter Concert*
- *Dec 18th - High School's Winter Showcase*
- *Dec 18th - The MPTCS 25th Silver Soiree - Accepting donations in increments of 25 (starting at \$2.50)!*
- *Dec. 19th - PAC's Winter Showcase*

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

- *Dec. 4th - Parent Teacher Conferences (1:30-4pm and 5-7pm)*
- *Dec. 16th - McCloud Cares*
- *Dec. 18th - STEAM Operation Scholar*

## Winter Recess

*Dec. 22 - Jan. 2nd; school Reopens on January 6th.*



THANK YOU  
FOR  
LISTENING!

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