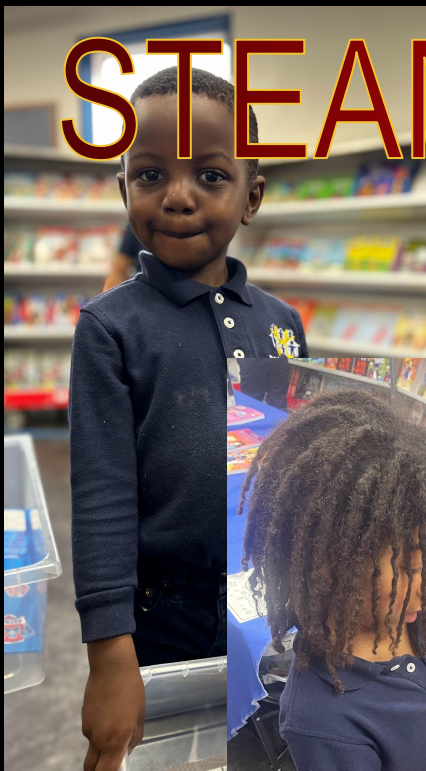


STEAM Library is Now Open!



Good morning Parents
Today is Wednesday, April 15th



Welcome Parents!



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STEAM Academy Vice Principals



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To get the principal's Point of view follow:

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Meet Our School Support Team!



Ms. Munoz
FACE



Ms. Kirkland
Culture & Climate Dean



Ms. Burgwyn
Office Manager



Ms. Lucas
Attendance Counselor



Ms. De Quatro
Child Study Team



Ms. Montes-Valdez
Social Worker

Ms. Purnell
School Operations

Mr. Kelly
Child Study Team

Chit-Chat Schedule & Time

**Due to State Testing (NJSLA)
Our Next Chit Chat will be on May
27th starting at 9:15 am**



Our Mission: *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 MPTCS Crest speaks to four core values that are designed to guide our young people and govern our work.



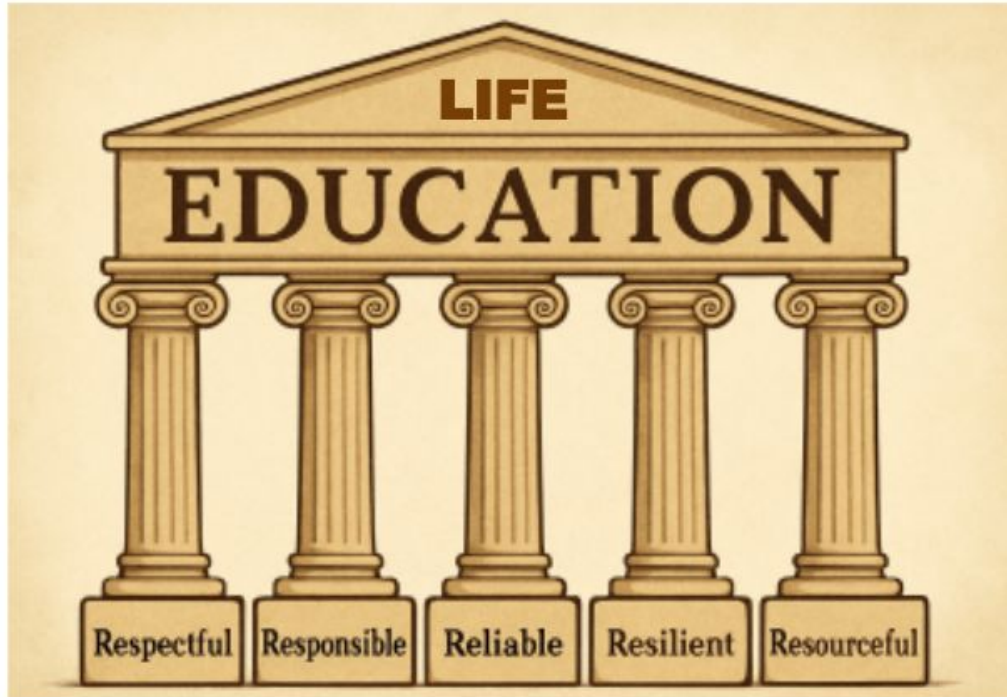
- ***The Sankofa Bird*** is a West African adinkra symbol which means to “go back and get it.” We want our scholars to use knowledge from the past to inform, inspire, build a successful future, and give back to the community.
- ***The Tree of Knowledge*** symbolizes lifelong learning that is rooted in rich culture and well-rounded experiences.
- ***The Torch*** represents the igniting of fire, passion, and leadership in our scholars. We want them to be trailblazers and light their own paths.
- ***The Tiger*** encased in the heart signifies the balancing of strength, boldness, resilience, and prowess with compassion and strong character. We want our scholars to be good people who are courageous and self-aware.

Scholar Pledge

I Pledge:

1. To be present, both physically and mentally, to absorb and internalize the information given.
2. To try my best in all that I do. Making mature and wise decisions, and holding myself accountable for my actions.
3. To do my very best to show respect, get along with my fellow scholars and staff members, and help make our STEAM Academy a peaceful and productive place for everyone.
4. To recognize Everyone is important and has their own special way of seeing and doing things. When we share our ideas, we help each other learn and grow.
5. Not to fear mistakes, but reflect, learn from them, and continue to push forward.
6. To always represent myself, the school, my family and the community by being a respectful ambassador for the city of Newark.

Pillars for Success



I am:
Respectful
Responsible
Reliable
Resilient
Resourceful



School Mantra

“All of us are better than any one of us, as long as each of us, gives the best in us”

STEAM Education



STEAM Approach

- Observe - Explore
- Create - Innovate
- Plan - Revise - Collaborate
- Publish - Share - Present

What Should Our STEAM Academy Scholars Look Like?



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CHARTER SCHOOL



Grades

Navy blue polo with MPTCS logo
Navy blue pants, skorts, or shorts
Navy blue cardigan with MPTCS logo

Grades 6-8

Light blue oxford shirt with MPTCS logo
Navy Blue uniform pants, skorts, or shorts
Navy blue ascot or tie

ALL STUDENTS MUST WEAR BLACK SHOES OR SNEAKERS.

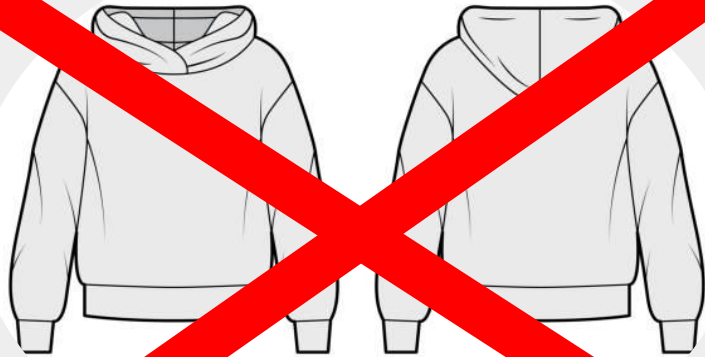
Kids Paradise
1016 Springfield Ave
Irvington NJ 07111
973-374-4700

Today Kids
1049 Springfield Ave
Irvington NJ 07111
973-374-3070

Flynn O'Hara
196-198 Ferry Street
Newark, NJ 07105
862-231-2149



NO



HOODIES



School President - Morgan D.
School Vice President - Jihad H.
School Secretary - Mia P.S.
School Treasurer - Kevin N.



- 8th Grade:
 - Kaylee M.
 - Eugenia K.

- 7th Grade:
 - Karissa H.
 - Caleb V.

- 6th Grade:
 - Oluwasikemi O.
 - Aanuoluwapo D.

- 5th Grade:
 - Avalyn A.
 - Carla R.

- 4th Grade:
 - William B.
 - Ava E.

- 3rd Grade:
 - Janice I.
 - Nathaniel M.

Staff & Student Safety

Staff and Student safety is our top priority. Whenever we have a safety concern, our expectation is for everyone to comply.

If you see something, say something.



NJSLA-A Testing Schedule

NJSLA-A Testing Schedule				
Monday - 5/11	Tuesday - 5/12	Wednesday - 5/13	Thursday - 5/14	Friday - 5/15
	Reading Day 1	Reading Day 2	Writing	ELA Makeups
	75 minutes	75 minutes	90 minutes	
Monday - 5/18	Tuesday - 5/19	Wednesday - 5/20	Thursday - 5/21	Friday - 5/22
Makeups	Math Day 1	Math Day 2	Makeups	Makeups
	75 minutes	75 minutes		
Monday - 5/25	Tuesday - 5/26	Wednesday - 5/27	Thursday - 5/28	Friday - 5/29
Makeups	Science Day 1	Science Day 2	Makeups	Makeups
	Parts I & II	Parts III & IV		
	90 minutes	90 minutes		

NJSLA Resource Materials



- Online Practice Tests Links
- Paper Based Test Resources
- Testing Calendar
- NJSLA-A Virtual Meeting on April 23rd
 - In depth breakdown of the assessments and the expectations.
- NJSLA Pep-Rally on the week of May 4th

April - Key Information

4/15: Coffee Corner Parent Monthly Meeting with Ms. Munoz @ 5:00 pm

4/16: Week of the Young Child Celebration (PK - 2nd) - Wear your favorite color shirt

4/16: Family Engagement Council Meeting @ 6:00 pm

4/17: Family Game Day - 9:00 am to 2 pm

4/17: Week of the Young Child Celebration (PK - 2nd) - Wear your favorite team Jersey

4/23: Virtual Parent NJSLA Night with Principal Silvestre @ 6:00 pm

4/24: Village Perfect Attendance Celebration & Dress Down Day for March Perfect Attendance.

4/25: MPTCS Hiring Fair at the High School from 9:00 - 1:00 pm

4/27: MPTCS Board Meeting @ 5:00 pm

End of the Year Events

Fun Day

June 1st

8th Grade Social

June 4th, 5:00 - 9:00 pm

5th Grade Banquet

June 12th, 12:00 pm

Prek Moving Up Ceremony

June 10th, 10:00 am

K Moving Up Ceremony

June 10th, 11:30 am

Sneaker Ball (5th to 7th)

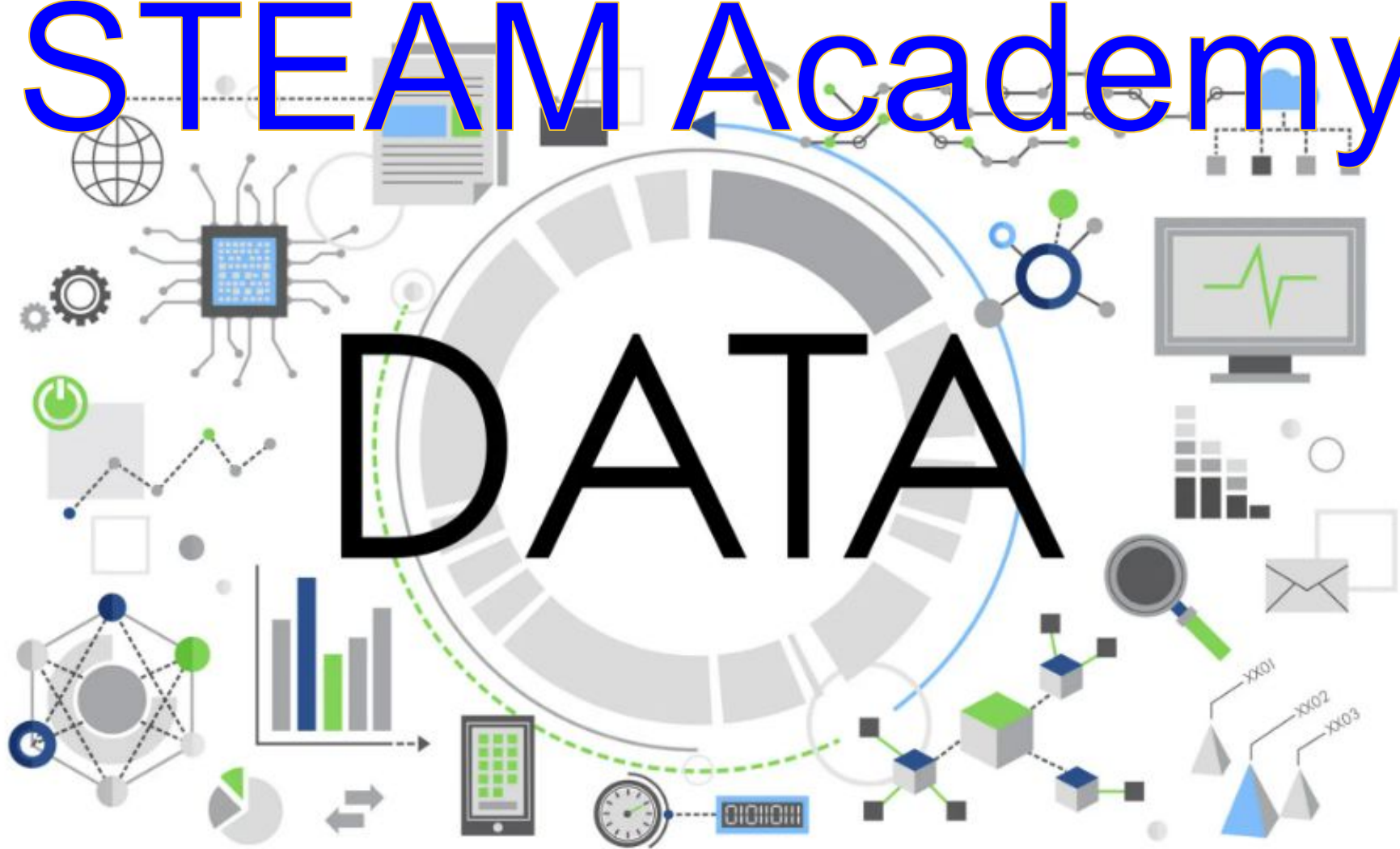
June 10th, 5:00 - 8:00 pm

8th Moving Up Ceremony

June 11th, 9:00 am

STEAM Academy

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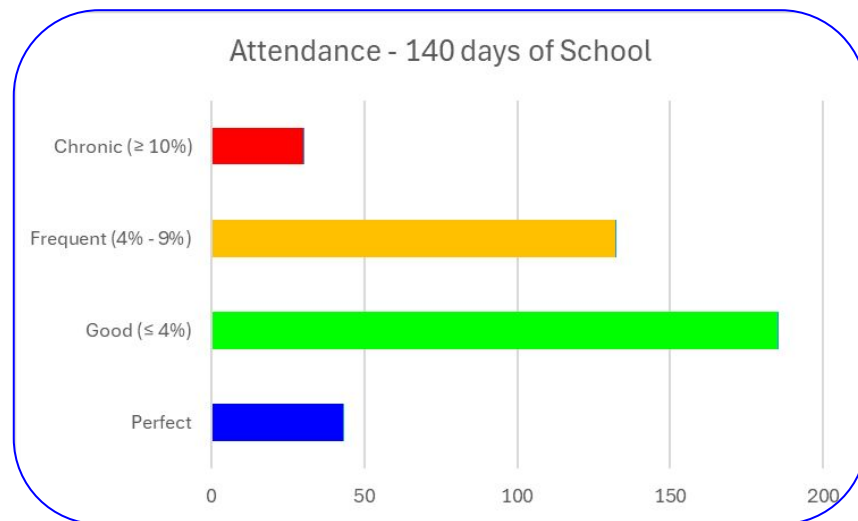


Attendance Data - April 15, 2026

School Goals:

- **97% Average Daily Attendance**
- **≤10% Chronic Absenteeism Rate**

Attendance (140 days)		
	Students	Percentage
Perfect	43	11.1%
Good (≤ 4%)	185	47.4%
Frequent (4% - 9%)	132	33.8%
Chronic (≥ 10%)	30	7.7%



Chronic Absenteeism

Chronic absenteeism is when a student misses **10% or more** of the school year. As of 4/15, we have accumulated a total of **140 days of school**, chronic absenteeism applies to students who have missed **14 or more days**. For the entire school year, chronic absenteeism applies to students that miss **18 or more** days of school.

Here's how chronic absenteeism affects promotion:

- **18–20 Unexcused Absences:** Summer school will be required to make up missed seat time and be eligible for promotion
- **21+ Unexcused Absences:** The student will be required to repeat the grade due to insufficient seat time

# of students currently chronic	10-14 Absences	15-17 Absences	≥18 Absences
30 Students	72 Students	2 Students	24 Students

Our goal for the year is **≤ 10%**, which equal to **≤ 39** students.

Attendance Data

School Goal

97% Average Daily Attendance

April avg
91.69%
M
91.54%
T
94.87%
W
95.38%
Th
86.92%
F
89.74%

March avg	February avg	January avg	December avg	November avg	October avg	September avg	YTD
95.11%	92.80%	92.83%	93.20%	94.13%	95.48%	97.23%	94.62%
M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M
95.54%	94.28%	93.94%	93.97%	94.94%	95.69%	96.65%	94.57%
T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T
96.92%	96.44%	88.87%	95.48%	96.36%	97.68%	97.60%	95.53%
W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W
95.64%	89.91%	95.63%	95.06%	91.55%	96.49%	98.04%	94.71%
Th	Th	Th	Th	Th	Th	Th	Th
95.83%	95.05%	96.20%	95.14%	95.30%	95.75%	98.35%	94.82%
F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F
91.21%	90.22%	90.05%	86.35%	91.96%	91.94%	95.50%	90.87%

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QUESTIONS?

COMMENTS?

CONCERNS?