



THE VILLAGE CELEBRATES WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH



SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
MPTCS BOARD MEETING
MARCH 23, 2025



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 Board Meeting Agenda



Agenda:

- *Welcome & Mission*
- *Attendance Updates*
- *Academic Updates*
- *Highlights & Recognitions*
- *Closing*



The Tree of Knowledge



The Torch



The Sankofa Bird



The Tiger

Digging Deep

DataDive

ANALYZING ATTENDANCE





Chronic Rate

CHRONIC ABSENTEEISM (YTD)

Campus	March 2022	March 2023	March 2024	March 2025	March 2026
HS	50.10%	36.18%	19.50%	24.44%	25.18%
PAC	58.30%	30.12%	26.90%	24.43%	27.94%
STEAM	35.60%	19.55%	24.40%	20.31%	14.50%
Sankofa	N/A	N/A	N/A	35.00%	18.40%
District	48.20%	32.90%	23.40%	23.24%	24.89%

Digging Deep

Academic Updates

TESTING, SUMMER, & PD



ATTENDANCE

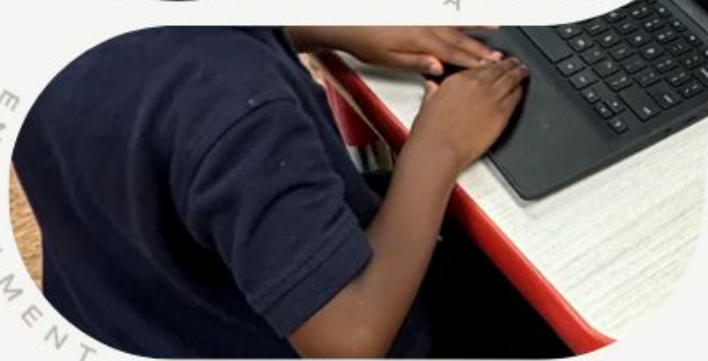


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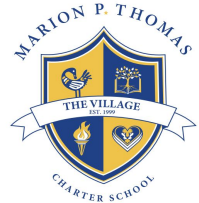
AP TESTING

ENROLLMENT



GRADUATION





Academic Calendar Updates 2025-2026



Where we are...

- New Jersey Graduation Proficiency Assessment
 - Week of March 23rd

On the horizon...

- New Jersey Student Learning Assessment
 - Beginning the week of May 4th
- Advanced Placement Testing
 - Weeks of May 4th and May 11th

Marion P. Thomas Charter School Academic Calendar - 2025-2026 SY																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																		
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Summer Programming 2025-2026



MPTCS Summer Programming

Elementary Programming

- Summer Enrichment and Remedial Programs
- **When:** June 29th - July 24th
- **Where:** PAC Academy Campus

High School Programming

- Advanced Placement Bootcamps and Credit Recovery
- **When:** June 29th - July 24th
- **Where:** High School Campus

All Programs

*Staff Orientation: June 24th and June 25th

*Student Orientation: June 25th

Community Based Programming

Horizons Newark

- Summer Enrichment
- **When:** June 29th - July 24th
- **Where:** Sankofa Academy Campus

Straight AAAs Summer Blast

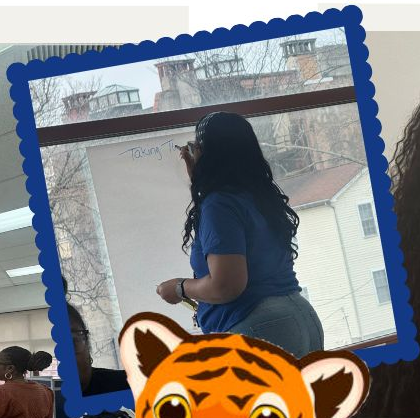
- Academic Enrichment & Recreational Activities
- **When:** June 29th - July 24th
- **Where:** PAC Academy Campus



HORIZONS[®]
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Marion P. Thomas Charter School

Teaching Pyramid Observation Tool - Module 2



Big Takes a Heart
To Shape Little Minds

Preschool Team

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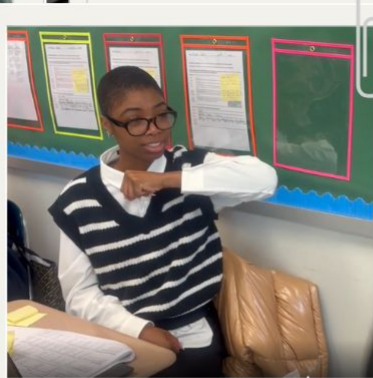


PRACTICE

Foundational Skills



In the moment
COACHING





March 18, 2026



Using LinkIt in
Your Classrooms

Special Education Law Updates, SEMI, and Improving Documentation for CST and Nursing





The MPTCS community honored Sandra Shanks, a cherished colleague, with a heartfelt Celebration of Life. Opening remarks came from Board Chair Bishop Vincent Rouse, Superintendent Angela N. Mincy, and the principal, while Mr. Gamble and Dr. Johnnie Brooker thoughtfully guided the program.

Tributes, reflections, music, and dance celebrated Ms. Shanks' lasting legacy of service, sisterhood, and impact.

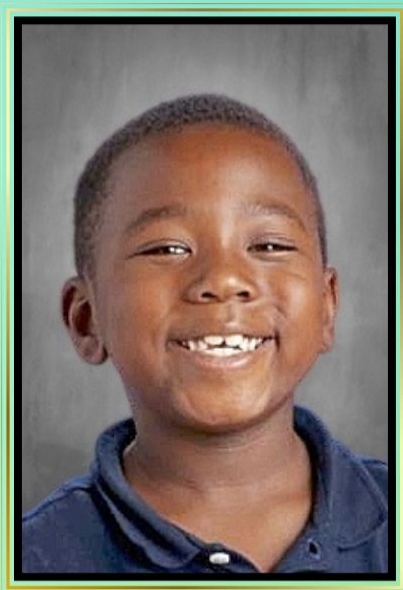
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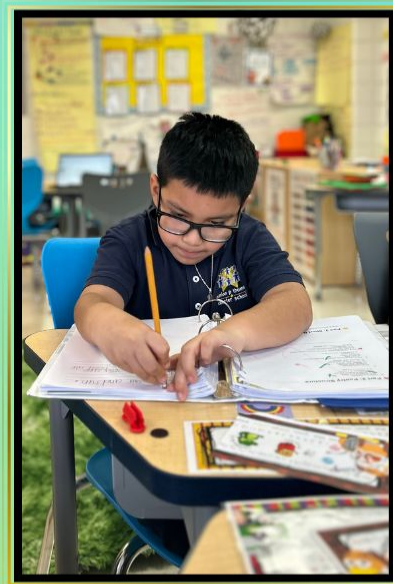


**High School
10th Grade**



**PAC Academy
1st Grade**

**Sankofa Academy
2nd Grade**



**STEAM Academy
Kindergarten**

JANUARY STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Max Valcourt
High School



Denisse Duran
PAC Academy

Nadirrah Marshall
Sankofa Academy



Marena Daoud
STEAM Academy

JANUARY EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Happy School Social Worker Appreciation Month to our Village Social Workers



Thank you for all that you do for your scholars and school community, the work that you do is truly invaluable!

Social Worker Appreciation Month

Thank you!



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Thank you for all that you do for your students and school community, the work that you do is truly remarkable!
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Social WORKER

Difference MAKER * Socialworker

BE THE change YOU WISH TO SEE IN THE world



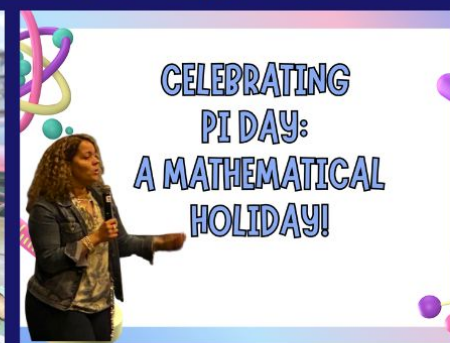
Kindergarten Parent Workshop - Sankofa Academy

The Kindergarten Creative Writer's Workshop, held in February, was a meaningful opportunity for families to engage in their scholars' learning.

Led by Ms. Johnson, the session combined interactive activities with practical teaching moments that helped families better understand how writing is taught in the classroom.

Parents and caregivers explored strategies, tools, and simple practices they can use at home to nurture creativity, build confidence, and strengthen early writing skills.

The workshop reflected our continued commitment to partnering with families to support scholar success both in school and at home.





NJIT eSTEM Challenge



4th Grade STEAM Scholars designed and built the “All School Alert Box,” a device that helps teachers quickly communicate student medical needs to the nurse. They presented their prototype at the NJIT eSTEM Challenge, competing with schools across New Jersey. While they did not place, scholars demonstrated strong innovation, teamwork, and real-world problem-solving, and look forward to returning next year.

CONGRATULATIONS



NJDOE SEAL OF BILITERACY RECIPIENTS
AAPPL QUALIFIERS - JANUARY 2026



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Marion P. Thomas High School ESL Scholars have proudly been stamped as NJDOE Seal of Biliteracy recipients in January 2026. These outstanding scholars from Marion P. Thomas High School exemplify dedication, perseverance, and academic excellence.

Earning the prestigious NJDOE Seal of Biliteracy is a powerful achievement that recognizes students who have attained proficiency in two or more languages. Our ESL scholars truly represent the Tree of Knowledge, rooted in culture, growing in wisdom, and branching toward global opportunity.

Their accomplishment reflects not only linguistic mastery but also the rich diversity and bright future of our school community. Congratulations to our Biliteracy recipients for this remarkable milestone!



PAC ACADEMY

**4TH ANNUAL "STOMPING WITH THE BIG DOGS"
DIVINE 9 CULMINATING
BLACK HISTORY MONTH PRESENTATION**





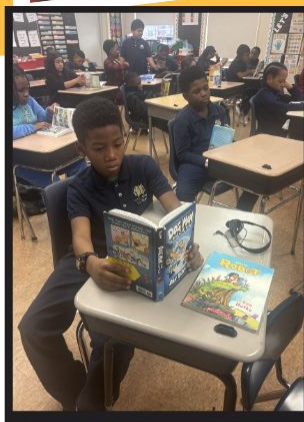
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NATIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION
Celebrating A Nation Of Diverse Readers

Celebrity Reader Day





Drop Everything And Read (DEAR)



THANK YOU

FOR LISTENING!

