

THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR!

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Good morning Parents
Today is Wednesday, May 27th



Welcome Parents!



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STEAM Academy Vice Principals



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. Purnell
School Operations

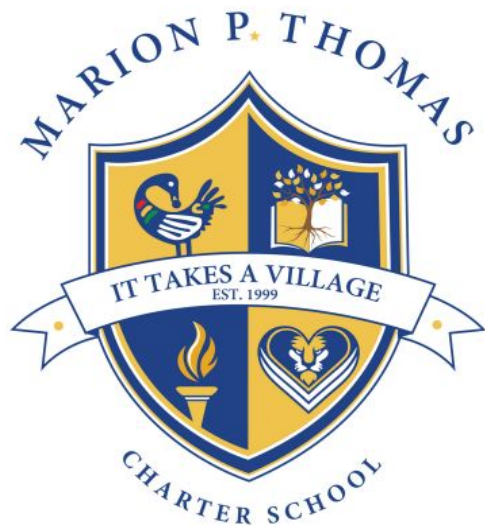


Ms. Montes-Valdez
Social Worker

Mr. Kelly
Child Study Team

Chit-Chat Schedule & Time

**This is the last Chit Chat of the Year
First Day of School - August 31st**



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.



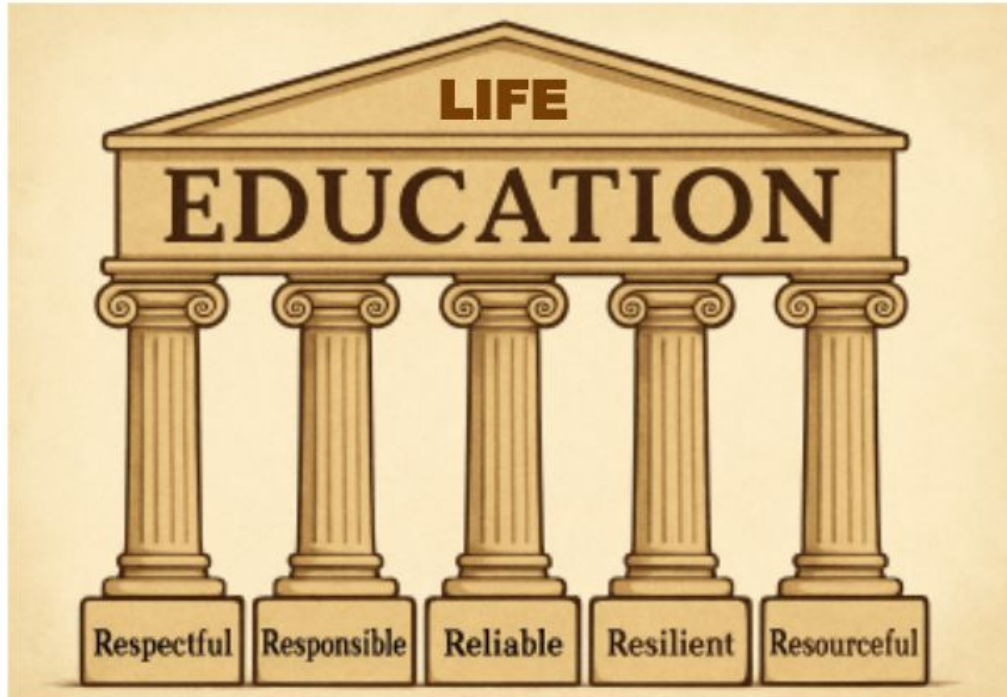
- ***The Sankofa Bird*** is a West African adinkra symbol which means to “go back and get it.” We want our scholars to use knowledge from the past to inform, inspire, build a successful future, and give back to the community.
- ***The Tree of Knowledge*** symbolizes lifelong learning that is rooted in 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



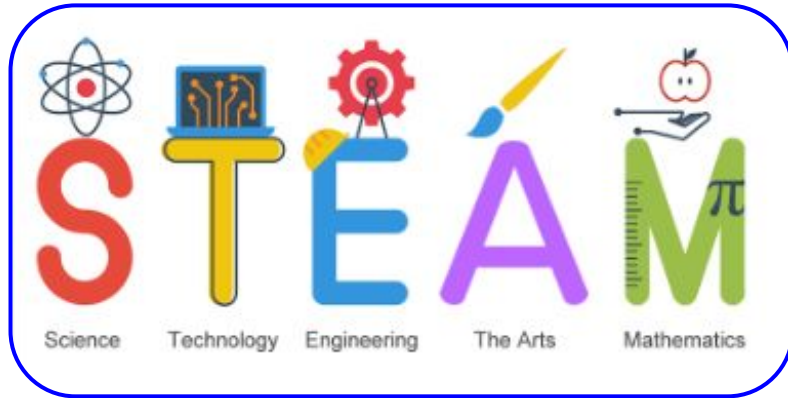
I am:
Respectful
Responsible
Reliable
Resilient
Resourceful

An illustration on the left side of the slide shows a stack of hands of various skin tones (light skin, tan, brown, dark brown, and grey) reaching up from the bottom left corner. Each hand is placed on top of the others, symbolizing unity and teamwork. The hands are wearing sleeves of different colors like orange, yellow, blue, and green.

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





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.



STEAM Participation Rates

ELA: 98%

Math: 98%

Science: 99%

The state requires a 95% participation rate.

End of the Year - Key Information

6/1: Fun Day

6/2 - 6/5: Final Exams (LinkIt Form C)

6/2: 8th Grade Trip to Funplex

6/2: Liberty Science Center Trip (7th graders)

6/3: K-2 STEM Day at Chuck E Cheese (Super Star Students)

6/3: 3-6 Funplex Trip (Super Star Students)

6/4: 8th Grade Social

6/4: Parent Conference for Selected Students (5:00 - 7:00 pm)

6/5: 8th Grade Yearbook Signing Breakfast

6/9: 7-8 Six Flags Trip (Super Star Students)

6/10: Pre K Moving Up Ceremony (10:00 am, student drop off at 9:30 am)

6/10: K Moving Up Ceremony (12:00 pm, student drop off at 11:30 am)

6/10: 5th to 7th Graders Sneaker Ball (5:30 pm)

6/11: 8th Grade Moving Up Ceremony (10:00 am, student drop off at 9:00 am)

6/12: 5th Grade Leap into Middle School (12:00 pm)



STEAM ACADEMY

Join us to celebrate FUN DAY

You are invited you to an amazing time filled with laughter and fun. We have a wide range of activities to choose from: carnival games, mini golf, soccer and basketball tournament, food, and so much more...

Families, Please ensure your scholar arrives ready for our activities.

Dress Code: Gym t-shirt and shorts.

A small towel or a blanket to sit on.

MONDAY,
JUNE 1ST

STEAM'S
PLAYGROUND

08:00 AM -
03:00 PM



STEAM ACADEMY FAMILIES

FUN DAY IS COMING - AND WE NEED YOU!
TO PULL OFF AN AMAZING FUN DAY FOR OUR KIDS, IT TAKES A VILLAGE! WE NEED ALL OF OUR FAMILIES' SUPPORT TO MAKE IT A SUCCESS. PLEASE DONATE ITEMS OR VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME ON THE DAY OF THE EVENT, EVERY BIT HELPS.



Pre-K & Kindergarten

Individually wrapped chip variety packs/water/ice bags



1st & 2nd Grade

Individually wrapped chip variety packs/juice box/strawberries



3rd & 4th Grade

Strawberries/water bottles/ Ice bags



5th & 6th Grade

water bottles /strawberries/ Individually wrapped chip variety packs



7th & 8th Grade

Strawberries/Individually wrapped chip variety packs
/water

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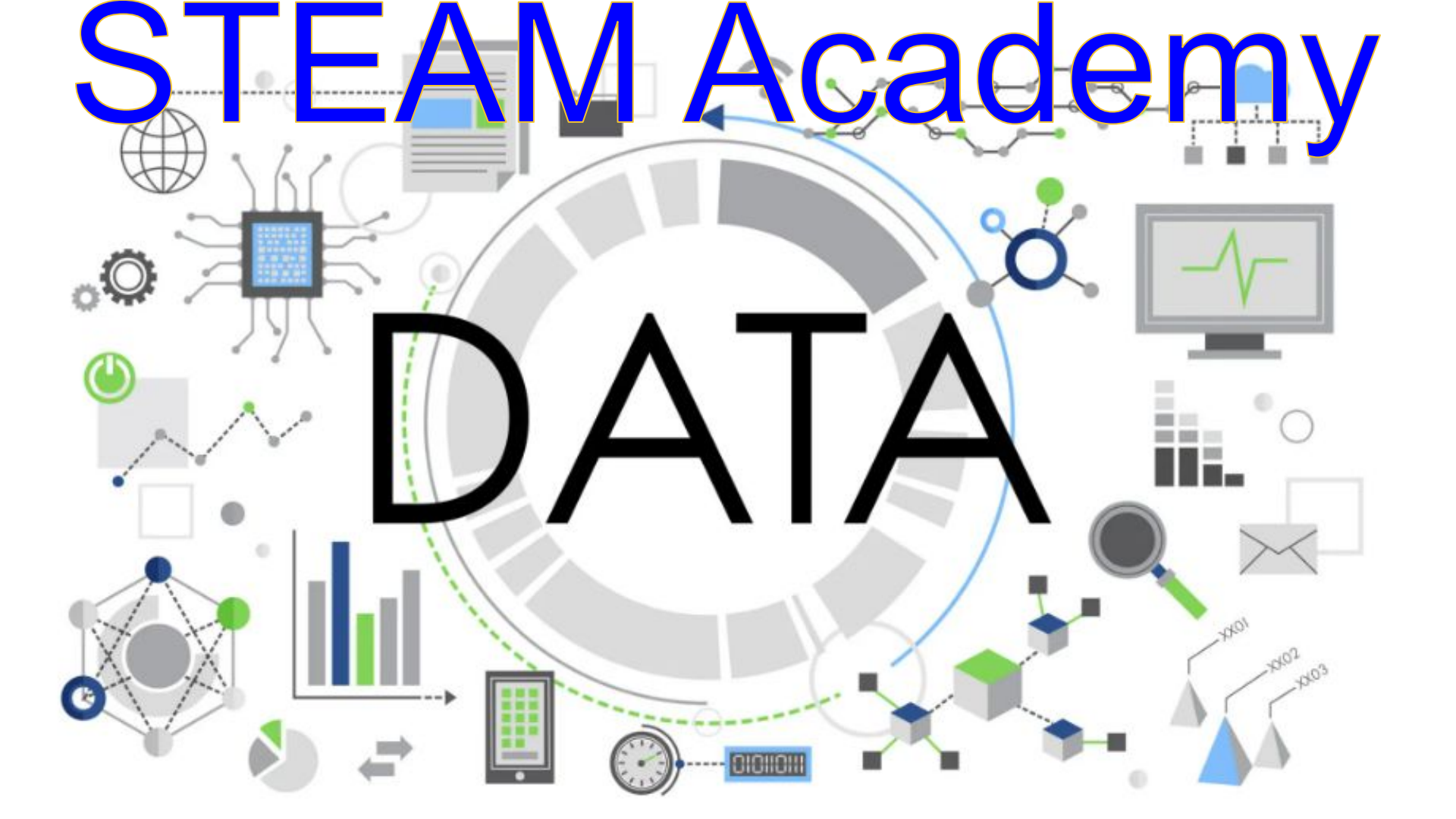
June 17th



June 15 - June 17
Half Days
12:30 pm Dismissal

STEAM Academy

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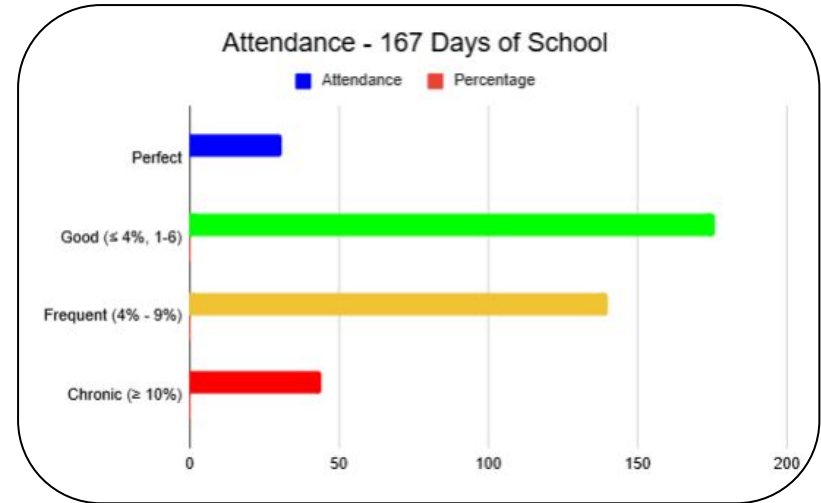
A central graphic featuring the word "DATA" in large, bold, black capital letters. The word is superimposed on a large, light gray circular background that resembles a clock face or a data wheel. Surrounding this central element is a dense collage of various icons and symbols. These include: a globe in the top left; a circuit board with pins in the upper left; a gear and a power button icon on the left; a line graph with a green peak in the lower left; a bar chart with blue and green bars in the bottom left; a magnifying glass over a document in the bottom right; a clock and a digital display showing "01:00:00" at the bottom; and various other symbols like a network diagram, a computer monitor with a green line graph, a bar chart, a pie chart, and a 3D cube structure. The overall theme is data science and technology.

Attendance Data - May 26, 2026

School Goals

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

Attendance (167 days)		
	Students	Percentage
Perfect	31	7.9%
Good (≤ 4%, 1-6)	176	45.0%
Frequent (4% - 9%)	140	35.8%
Chronic (≥ 10%)	44	11.3%



Chronic Absenteeism

Chronic absenteeism is when a student misses **10% or more** of the school year. As of 5/26, we have accumulated a total of **167 days of school**, chronic absenteeism applies to students who have missed **16 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:

- **18–24 Unexcused Absences:** Summer school will be required to make up missed seat time and be eligible for promotion
- **25+ 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
44 Students	66 Students	20 Students	31 Students

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

Attendance Data

School Goal

97% Average Daily Attendance

May avg

94.18%

M

93.77%

T

95.33%

W

95.99%

Th

94.54%

F

90.87%

April avg	March avg	February avg	January avg	December avg	November avg	October avg	September avg	YTD
94.01%	95.11%	92.80%	92.83%	93.20%	94.13%	95.48%	97.23%	94.61%
M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M
93.76%	95.54%	94.28%	93.94%	93.97%	94.94%	95.69%	96.65%	94.73%
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96.50%	96.92%	96.44%	88.87%	95.48%	96.36%	97.68%	97.60%	95.69%
W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W
96.73%	95.64%	89.91%	95.63%	95.06%	91.55%	96.49%	98.04%	95.00%
Th	Th	Th	Th	Th	Th	Th	Th	Th
91.67%	95.83%	95.05%	96.20%	95.14%	95.30%	95.75%	98.35%	95.31%
F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F
89.87%	91.21%	90.22%	90.05%	86.35%	91.96%	91.94%	95.50%	90.89%

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QUESTIONS?

COMMENTS?

CONCERNS?