



MLS Messenger



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## Principal's Corner



What would you do as an educator or parent if you knew what your student(s) needed academically? I am sure you would do all you could to meet those needs and improve their chance of success. At MLS, this is our everyday goal. We are happy to announce a new program called WIN -- What I Need! Whatever a student needs to improve in a specific content area will be provided during a thirty minute period at the beginning of each day. We will be monitoring the success of this program over the summer to implement it in the upcoming school year. Our students have made significant progress this year, particularly in the area of Reading. We trust this trend to continue as we move forward. Here at Martin Luther School, we believe that, "Literacy

is the Mason-Dixon Line." We will do everything to ensure that our students become joyful and passionate readers! Historically, the Mason-Dixon Line has signified freedom and opportunity. At Martin Luther School we continue this metaphor to mean students who are readers and those who aren't. Our purpose with WIN is to make sure that all students end up on the right side of this "Mason-Dixon Line" -- being literate and falling in love with reading!



### **Important dates and reminders**

- June 8-9: Spring Diagnostic Assessment
- Week of June 13th: Trimester 3 Progress Reports and Report Cards distribution
- June 14: End of year picnic
- June 15: 8th grade graduation
- June 16-17: Early dismissal
- June 17: Last day of school
- July 5: First day of Extended School Year



**Congratulations to the  
MLS 8th grade Class  
of 2022!**

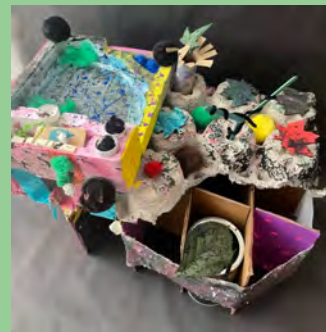
All of the staff at Gemma Services and Martin Luther School are extremely proud of your achievement! Go be great and leave a positive mark in this world!

  
**KEEP  
CALM  
SCHOOL  
IS ALMOST  
OVER**



## Our ART Works!!!

Art is creative, innovative, an individual perception of beauty, and so much more. Check out some of the amazing artwork that our students created under the guidance of our amazing art teacher Ms. Wunder!



### **WORC Wonders**

Spring continues to be busy in the WORC room!

Our younger elementary students worked on improving their fine motor skills by stenciling bookmarks and creating paper chains to decorate during Educator Appreciation Week. Their lessons focused on positive self-talk, understanding one's strengths, and the importance of behaving in expected ways.

Our middle and high school students continued supporting our educators by creating Ellison letters and assisting with copying materials. They also did a

phenomenal job delivering items all around campus. The students were polite, responsible, and kind to those they interacted with. The lessons focused on strategies to improve attention, following interests in possible careers, and skill building as they look to transition to the next grade in school.

Our monthly social-emotional learning (SEL) lesson focused on understanding and appreciating diversity in our society. Here's what you can do at home to help your student develop these skills:

- Model using positive self-talk, especially in difficult situations.
- Talk to your child about their strengths and help them to focus on things that they are good at.
- Be consistent with setting expectations at home and following through.
- Encourage and support your child's educational journey.
- Model tolerance and appreciation for diversity

**Extended School Year (ESY)** is a wonderful opportunity for students to work on their academic, social, and emotional skills. Rising 9th and 10th graders will have a chance to participate in a Spanish language course. They will also be provided the opportunity to participate in a work-study course. All of our students will be able to swim, play flag football, and participate in reading and science clubs. If that isn't enough -- several fabulous field trips are planned.

Additionally, we will offer "super summery" special snacks throughout ESY! If you have any questions about Extended School Year, please do not hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher or IEP coordinator! More detailed information will be sent out to parents/guardians as we near our ESY start date.



We can't wait to see everyone for some summer fun! Listed below are the dates and times for ESY:

July 5 - August 5

Monday -Thursday: in-person programming

Friday: virtual programming

Student hours: 9:00-1:30

## An afternoon with Enoch the Poet and San Diego Chargers retired football player, Carlos Bradley!



Our older students participated in two great experiences this month- Enoch the Poet and Carlos Bradley!

Carlos Bradley, a retired professional football player, played for the San Diego Chargers and The Philadelphia Eagles. He owns a fitness consulting firm and has worked with NBA and NFL players. Mr. Bradley is the executive vice president of ISAA, International Student Athlete Academy, a non-profit organization helping student athletes both



academically and athletically. Mr. Bradley shared how his motivation came from his mom, who reminded him that he could do anything he put his mind to. He explained that sports were always important to him, but he knew it could not be his only focus. Mr. Bradley made sure to go to college, earn a degree, and put it to use following his professional sports career.



Enoch the Poet is a well-known author and trauma informed educator. He spoke with students about his pathway to becoming the owner of a publishing company and spoken word artist and facilitator. He performed spoken word poetry for our students and then held a workshop with our 8th grade students!



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