

News from the Principal's Desk

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January

Character Qualities

- Cleanliness
- Helpfulness
- Cooperation
- Compassion

Upcoming Events

January 20—No School—MLK Day

January 28—Grade 1 VIP Day

Martin Luther King Jr. Day is January 20, 2025

School will not be in session on Monday, January 20, 2025 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day is a federal holiday, set aside to honor his leadership during the Civil Rights Movement. Dr. King's work, including his advocacy for equality and nonviolent protest, was pivotal in helping our country grow closer to its ideals of freedom and justice for all. While his message was rooted in love and unity, his actions sparked change that continues to influence our nation to this day.



Martin Luther King Jr. stood for fairness, respect, and the dignity of every person. These character qualities are universal and important to instill in our children. Martin Luther King Jr. Day serves as a reminder to reflect on these values, and while school will be closed, it is an opportunity for families to discuss the principles of kindness and understanding that Dr. King advocated for.

Parents are encouraged to take some time to talk with their children about the importance of respect for all people, regardless of differences. This holiday is not just a day off from school, but an occasion to teach our next generation the importance of treating others with fairness and dignity.

New Clay Community Schools Attendance Policy

New attendance policy was sent home today. An information sheet explaining the changes that were made accompanied the policy. Parents are encouraged to read and understand this new policy and continue to partner with us to ensure regular attendance in school.

As we know, regular school attendance is important for a child's academic success. In elementary school, regular school attendance helps students develop strong foundational skills needed for future learning. Regular attendance ensures that students do not miss important lessons and activities that contribute to their academic and social development. Being present every day allows students to stay on track with their studies, develop good work habits, and build positive relationships with peers and teachers. It also helps foster a sense of responsibility and prepares students for the routine and discipline required as they progress in their education.