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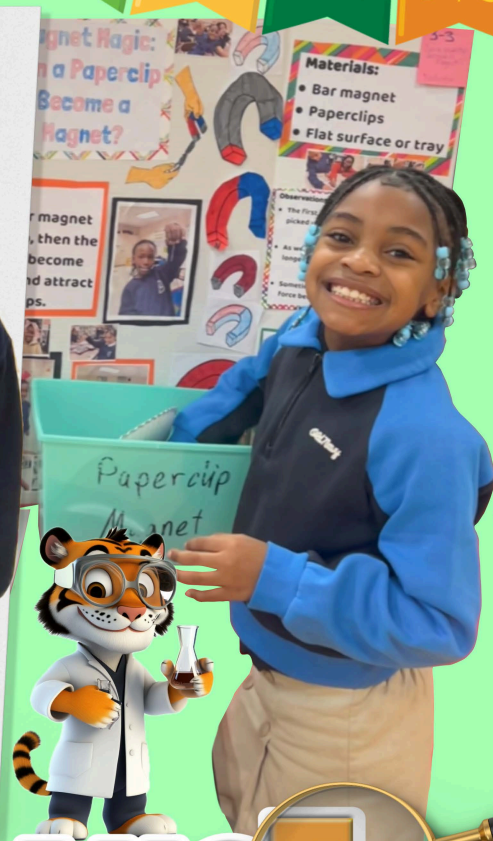
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## MLK SCIENCE FAIR 2025



## ISSUE AT A GLANCE



## UN-BEE-LIEVABLE PERFORMANCE





# MEKHAI WEEKES IMPRESSES

## AT THE SOUTH JERSEY SPELLING BEE

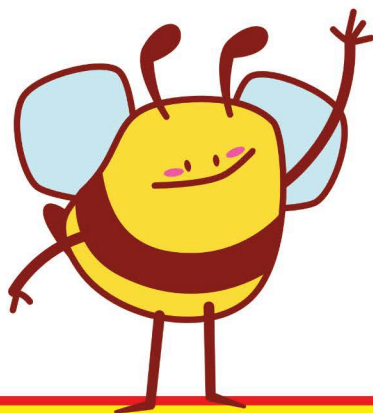
On March 8th, the best young spellers in South Jersey gathered at the prestigious WHYY studios for the highly anticipated Regional Finals of the Spelling Bee. Among them was Mekhai Weekes, MLK School's 2025 Spelling Champion, who represented Atlantic City with remarkable poise and determination. Despite being only a fifth grader, Mekhai held his own against tough competition, making it all the way to the third round.



The stakes were high, as the winner of the event would earn not only the title of Regional Champion but also a coveted invitation to the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C. Mekhai was joined by another talented Atlantic City speller from Sovereign Avenue School who also advanced to the third round, proving that both students belonged among the region's best.

Though neither competitor claimed the top prize this time, their performances were a testament to their hard work and skill. With Mekhai still in fifth grade, there is no doubt that he has more opportunities ahead to take another shot at the National Bee.

Congratulations to both of Atlantic City's outstanding spellers for proudly representing the district on such a big stage!







On February 28th, our school hosted its annual Science Fair, showcasing the incredible creativity and curiosity of our students. This year's theme, "Environmental Science in Action," challenged students to explore topics related to environmental science, sparking innovative projects focused on sustainability, conservation, and the natural world.

Led by Ms. Mingo, the event brought together students from grades 3 through 8, each presenting their research and experiments with enthusiasm and creativity. A special thank you to Mr. Holmstrom, who took science into his own hands by designing and 3D printing all the medals and trophies awarded to students.

**The winners for this year's Science Fair were as follows:**

### GRADES 3-5:

**Mason Chevere** – "Bath Bombs" 🥉 3rd (tie)

**Alexandria Robinson** – "Density of Liquids" 🥉 3rd (tie)

**Kaliyah Williams & Sadey Carreon** – "Molding of Apples" 🥈 2nd

**Willow Timberlake** – "Separating of Liquids" 🥇 1st

### GRADES 6-8:

🥉 3rd **Kendriel Noel Guzman & Chase Gilliam** – "Hydroponic Soil vs. Regular Soil"

🥈 2nd **Ashlee Varela & Janelis Juan**

🥇 1st **Harmoni Edmondson & Antonia Carcamo** – "Greenhouse Effect"

### SPECIAL AWARD



**Most Creative Project** – **Quey'ohna Bailey** for "DIY Vending Machine"

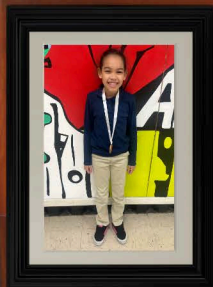


A huge thank you to our judges and everyone who contributed to making this event a success. The passion and dedication of our students were truly inspiring, and we look forward to seeing even more innovation next year!!





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# READ ACROSS AMERICA & SEL WEEK



Earlier this month, our school celebrated an exciting and engaging Read Across America Week, combined with Social Emotional Learning (SEL) activities. The week was filled with themed dress-up days, interactive lessons, and creative activities for both students and teachers.

Monday kicked off with "Read My Shirt Day," where students and staff wore shirts with positive quotes or affirmations. On Tuesday, the halls were filled with beloved literary characters as everyone dressed up for "Storybook Character Day." Wednesday brought out bold patterns for "Walk on the Wild Side," featuring animal prints, plaid, houndstooth, and even Hawaiian styles. Thursday was "Twinning Day," where friends and classmates coordinated matching outfits.

The week wrapped up on Friday with "SEL Day," inspired by the emotions from Inside Out 1 & 2. Students dressed in colors representing emotions like joy (yellow), anger (red), sadness (blue), and more. Throughout the day, students participated in activities that helped them explore and understand different emotions while learning valuable coping strategies.

Beyond the themed days, the school also hosted a Door Decorating Contest, showcasing creativity and teamwork. While all of the doors looked amazing, first prize went to Mrs. Becker's 5th Grade Class for their Up-inspired door, which earned a perfect score. Ms. Sanderlin's Class took second place, and Ms. Worth's Pre-K Class placed third.

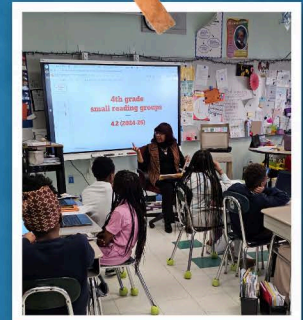
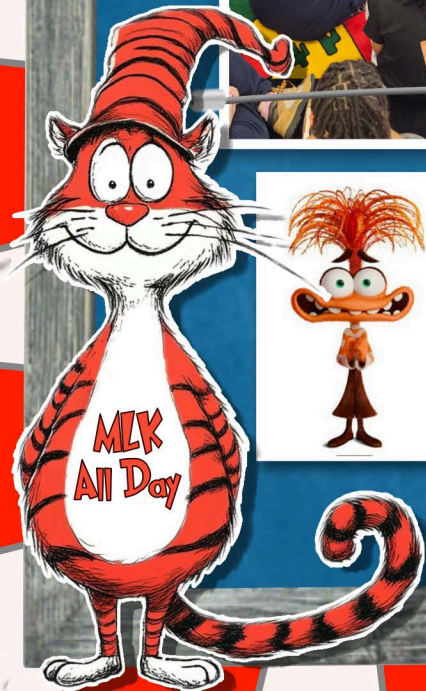
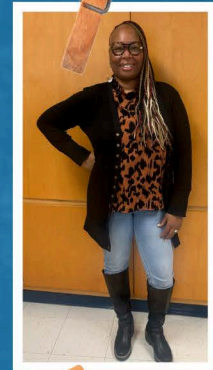
With snacks, games, and plenty of fun, this week was truly one to remember—bringing together the joy of reading and the importance of social-emotional growth!





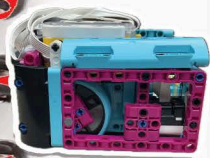
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# THE CORAL CRUSADERS MAKE WAVES AT NJ REGIONAL FINALS



Over the weekend, our STEM First Lego League Robotics Team, "The Coral Crusaders," competed in the FLL New Jersey Regional Finals with a trip to the World Championships on the line. In their first-ever appearance at this level of competition, the team delivered an outstanding performance, securing 6th place out of 18 teams across the state!

For a team that had never reached the Regional Finals before, finishing in the top third of the competition is an incredible achievement. Their hard work, dedication, and teamwork truly set them apart, and we could not be prouder of their success.

A huge congratulations to team members Aziyah Heyward-Faulkner, Kendrick Noel Guzman, Harmoni Edmondson, Christian Arana, and Maddison Gibbs for representing our school with excellence.

Way to go, Coral Crusaders! Your journey has inspired us all, and we can't wait to see what you accomplish next!



# **TRAVELING EXHIBIT OF THE AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE MUSEUM**

*Presents:* **TALKING ABOUT HERSTORY**

Last month, the African American Heritage Museum, with sponsorship from Cooper-Levenson, brought its popular traveling exhibit, "Talking About HerStory," to MLK. This inspiring museum experience highlighted the contributions of remarkable women who played pivotal roles in shaping Atlantic City and the world beyond.

One of the most exciting aspects of the event was the involvement of female students from grades 5-8, who took on the role of museum curators. Each student was assigned a historical figure and was responsible for teaching younger students about their impact. The school's gymnasium was transformed into a museum, where students shared engaging stories of influential women, bringing history to life.

Among the many trailblazing women highlighted were Sara Spencer, Ms. Jean Washington, Barbara L. Huggins, Richlyn Faye Goddard, Beverly Vaughn, Rita Mack, Carole Byard, Rosalind Cash, Rosa Parks, Harriet Tubman, Anna Mabel Land Butler, and Redenia Gilliam Moses. Their stories of resilience, leadership, and groundbreaking achievements left a lasting impression on all who attended.

The event was a powerful learning experience, providing students with a deeper appreciation for the women who helped shape both Atlantic City and the world. Thank you to the African American Heritage Museum and Cooper-Levenson for bringing this enriching program to our school!



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