

Kid Scoop News Monthly Superintendent's Corner

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As we are well into the New Year of 2019, I hope that you are remembering that I challenged you to view your world through the eyes of faith. The New Year can be anything you believe it to be and make it to be!! I encourage you to give your best effort in everything you do and believe something special will happen and it will!!!

February is a month that is associated with many things: Basketball/Wrestling season, Winter Weather, Valentine's Day, Groundhog Day, Super Bowl Sunday, along with other events. But one celebration sticks out to me and that is Black History Month. This month celebrates the contributions of African-Americans to our country and the world at-large. One very notable individual often celebrated during this month is Dr. Martin Luther King. Dr. King was a minister and civil rights activist who fought for the abolishment of systems of segregation that plagued our country and more specifically, the Southern United States (in which we live).

Dr. King encouraged all people to judge others by their character and not by their skin color. He once said, "I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character". If we judged others by their actions and not by their outward appearance we would be much more accurate in our assessment of them as individuals.

Dr. King also knew that ultimately being able to live together in love was the only way for our nation to survive. He once warned, "We must learn to live together as brothers or we will perish together as fools". When I attend meetings and training sessions that are focused on school safety, many different strategies are discussed such as: security personnel, lockdown strategies, security equipment, etc. But at the end of each of the trainings, the presenters always go back to relationships as being the most effective way to keep our schools safe. In other words, our schools are safe when staff and students communicate with each other, work with each other, and want what is best for each other. This is also true for stopping bullying. We don't mistreat someone if we care about them as a human being and are concerned about how they feel.

This was Dr. King's legacy for our nation. The answer to most of the problems that plague our communities and schools is love and relationships. This February, let's make loving one another our goal. If we do this, our world will change for the better, just as Dr. King believed it one day would.

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