

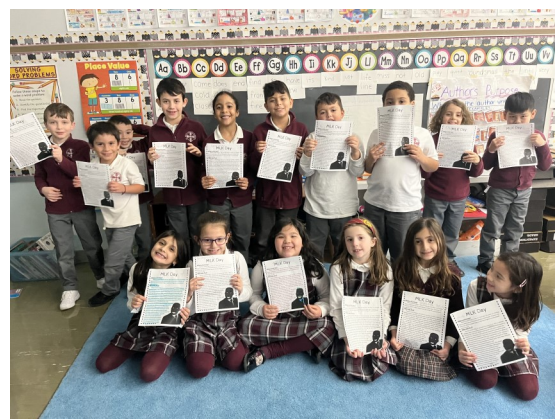
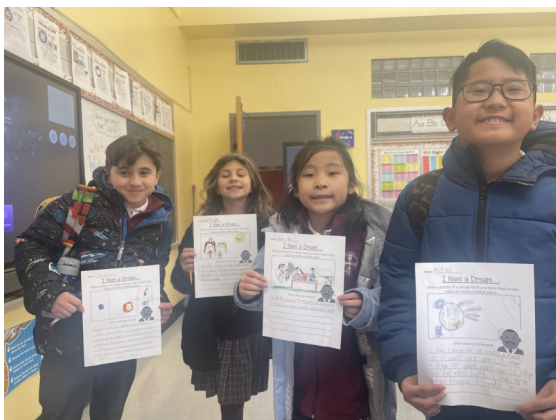
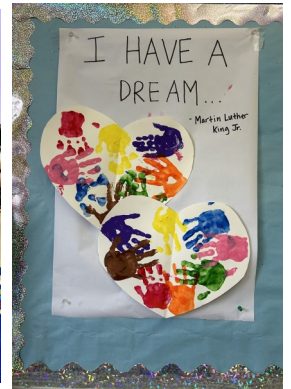
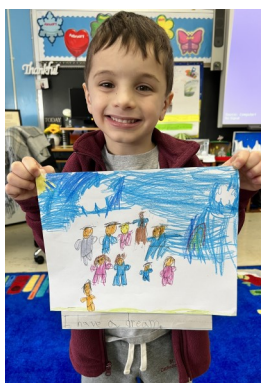


# Wildcat Weekly

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## We Have A Dream!

School was closed this Monday, January 16th in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. While I am sure we all enjoyed the day off, it is important to remember the legacy of Dr. King, who saw injustice in his world, but rather than resorting to anger, hatred and violence, he sought to combat that injustice by spreading a message of peace and love and unity among all Americans. Here at St. Mel's our students have been learning about Dr. King's life and the role that he has played in American history. They also learned about his famous "I have a dream" speech and have been formulating their own dreams for the future and working together to spread Dr. King's messages of peace, love and unity within and beyond the walls of St. Mel's Catholic Academy.





## Operation Gratitude

We are proud to partner with Operation Gratitude as part of our Catholic School's Week service project. Not only are we currently collecting items to be included in care packages for US troops and first responders serving around the world, but our 5th graders are putting their hands to use, making paracord lanyards that will be included in the care packages. Operation Gratitude includes a handmade paracord lanyard or bracelet in every care package that they send. These can serve as lifesaving tools to those actively serving. They have many uses including as a harness to carry an injured person, to secure a makeshift shelter, to make a splint or sling or even taken apart to use as fishing line or emergency sutures. They may be "just kids" but these kids are making a difference!

### Looking Ahead

- Sunday 1/22—Lunar New Year  
5th grade class mass 10:30 am
- Sunday 1/23—\$3/NUT dress down  
Wear red for Lunar New Year
- **1/29-2/3 CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK**
- Sunday 1/29—**OPEN HOUSE** following the 10:30 am mass to kick off Catholic Schools' Week!
- Monday 1/30 Patriotic Day
- Tuesday 1/31 Culture Day
- Wednesday 2/1 Career Day
- Thursday 2/2 Wild and Wacky Day
- Friday 2/3 Dress Down Freebie  
Half Day K-5@12, 3K@12:50, PK @ 1

