

Can You Make A Difference?

All School Community Meeting
January 5, 2007



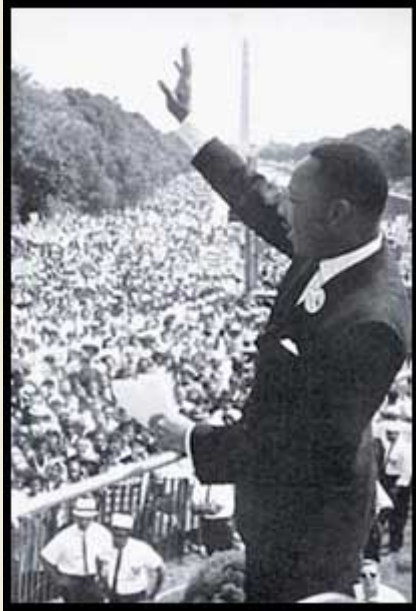
January is a time of new beginnings and reflection. Many people make resolutions or resolve to change at this time of year. Questions we might ask ourselves are; how can I improve my school work? How can I improve my friendships? What can I do to make my world a better place?

In January we also celebrate Martin Luther King Junior Day, Martin Luther King was a man who dedicated his life to equality, peace, and fairness.





Let us turn our thoughts today,
To Martin Luther King
And recognize that there are ties between us
All men and women



Living on the earth
Ties of hope and love
That we are bound together
In our desire to see the world become
A place in which our children
Can grow free and strong
Together we are bound together
By the task that stands before us
And the road that lies ahead.

James Taylor



In the words of Doctor Martin Luther King Junior

I have a dream that.....

This will be the day when all of God's children will be able to sing with a new meaning, "My country, 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing. Land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrim's pride, from every mountainside, let freedom ring."

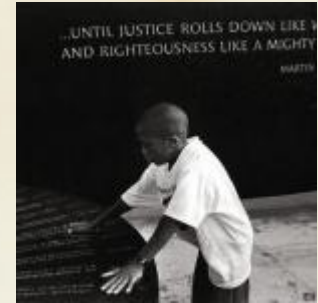


And if America is to be a great nation
this must become true. So let freedom
ring from the prodigious hilltops of New
Hampshire.



Let freedom ring from the mighty
mountains of New York. Let freedom
ring from the heightening Alleghenies of
Pennsylvania!

Let freedom ring from the snowcapped
Rockies of Colorado!





Let freedom ring from the curvaceous
peaks of California!
But not only that; let freedom ring from
Stone Mountain of Georgia!
Let freedom ring from Lookout Mountain
of Tennessee!

When we let freedom ring, when we let it ring from every village and every hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up that day when all of God's children, black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual, "Free at last! free at last! thank God Almighty, we are free at last!"



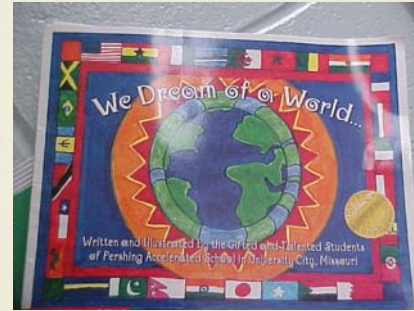


Let freedom ring from every hill and every
molehill of Mississippi.

From every mountainside, let freedom ring.



The Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday celebrates the life and legacy of a man who brought hope and healing to America. We commemorate as well the timeless values he taught us through his example -- the values of courage, truth, justice, compassion, dignity, humility and service that so radiantly defined Dr. King's character and empowered his leadership. On this holiday, we commemorate the universal, unconditional love, forgiveness and nonviolence that empowered his revolutionary spirit.



During his lifetime...

Dr. King sought to forge the common ground on which people from all walks of life could join together to address important community issues. Working alongside individuals of all ages, races and backgrounds, Dr. King encouraged Americans to come together to strengthen communities, alleviate poverty, and acknowledge dignity and respect for all human beings. Service, he realized, was the great equalizer.

Many other have shared the same sentiment.



Ask Not What Your Country Can Do For You speech
Inaugural Address by John F. Kennedy - January 20th 1961

It isn't enough to talk about peace.

One must believe in it.

And it isn't enough to believe in it.

One must work at it.

Eleanor Roosevelt





Rosa Parks

One person can make a difference, even a silent voice for peace and justice will sing out!

JLB

The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself
in the service of others.

Ghandi



Do not wait for leaders;

Do it alone, person to person


Mother Theresa



I am only one,
But still I am one,
I cannot do everything.
I will not refuse to do the something I can.


Helen Keller





On January 15, 2007, as we celebrate the 21st anniversary of the Martin Luther King Jr. federal holiday, hundreds of thousands of Americans across the country will remember and memorialize Dr. King by participating in service projects in their communities. Together, they will honor King's legacy of tolerance, peace, and equality by meeting community needs and making the holiday...

***"A day ON, not a day OFF."
For together we can achieve!***



Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on earth
The peace that was meant to be.
With God as our father
Brothers all are we.
Let me walk with my brother
In perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me
Let this be the moment now.
With every step I take
Let this be my solemn vow.
To take each moment
And live each moment
With peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth,
And let it begin with me.



Vince Gill

You can make our world a better place,



The choice is yours!