



School Mission

The Luis Muñoz Marín Elementary School ensures a safe, progressive, social and emotional environment where students are engaged in academic rigor and excellence to reach high school and college readiness.

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Engaging in Excellence at Our Nation's Capital!

Just ten days shy of the National Museum of African American History and Culture's (NMAAHC) first anniversary, 36 LMM Scholars joined with teachers, support staff and administration embarked on a yearly trip to Washington, D.C. Students experienced powerful moments in African American history and culture by exploring the sports, activism, musical crossroads, military experiences, photograph collection and resilience exhibits.

Following NMAAHC, LMM toured the beautiful campus of Howard University. Students participated in a scavenger hunt which was followed by a TEDx Talk organized by Executive Producer Dr. Cherie Ward. This year's theme, *All Things Glorious* featured talks by Dr. Bahiyyah Muhammad (Assistant Professor of Sociology), Donald Temple (Civil Rights Attorney), Dr. Aprille Ericsson



(NASA Aerospace Engineer) and Dr. Joanna Jenkins (Assistant Professor of Strategic Communications) and entertainment by the Howard University's Andrew Rankin Chapel Choir and Afro-Blue. Dr. Bahiyyah Muhammad, friend of the LMM school community, had a profound impact on our young scholars as she presented, "Does The Apple Fall Far From Prison" which included student testimonials for accomplishing greatness while raising awareness. Each presentation was aligned with the LMM school mission statement as it raised awareness towards social, economic and global science. Lino Falcon, 8th grader, shared, "There were a lot of things that made me want to go to college. The TED talk was one of them. Dr. Muhammad, who visited our school, presented about children with incarcerated parents. Instead of talking about what the statistics said about those kids, she focused on the success stories. It really inspired me. I hope one day I can make a difference in another student's life." Our young scholars were thankful for the opportunity to partake in a memorial experience.

Promoting School Wide Character Education

Character education compliments the social-emotional development, service learning and civic education of students. Several events were held to strengthen student social awareness and sensitivity towards global issues. On September 21st, the "Never Give Up", "Encourage Others" and "Do Your Best" (NED) Show came to LMM. This student-focused program was engaging and relevant as it advocated for academic achievement, improvement in behavior and maintaining positive attitudes.

During the week of October 2nd-6th, students participated in a Week of Respect in accordance with the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act. Discussions and lessons supported preventing Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying with the school building. Week long activities included:

Monday – Learning Rule #1: *We will not bully others.*

Promoting School Wide Character Education *continued*

Tuesday – Learning Rule #2: *We will try to help students who are bullied.* Students in grades 4-8 completed journal writing prompts.

Wednesday – Learning Rule #3: *We will try to include students who are left out.* Students in grades 4-8 competed in a compliment contest.

Thursday – Learning Rule #4: *If we know that somebody is being bullied, we will tell an adult at school and an adult at home.* Students designed a poster highlighting the meaning of respect.

Friday – Team Up Against Bullying. Students and staff wore their favorite team jersey.

Hosting events like the NED Show and Week of Respect has contributed to sustaining a positive school culture and welcoming learning community. Stay tune for future school wide initiative as the season of giving is approaching.



Introducing the LMM Supreme Dream Chasers

The Supreme Dream Chasers (SDC) renamed by our LMM scholars held its first formal event of the school year on September 28th. The football tournament was more than just a mere sporting activity as it made a lasting impression on Ms. Izqueredo and Mrs. Abraham's 2nd grade class. The tournament served as a reward for students who accomplished monthly goals managed by Vice Principal Adjoa Denchi-Smith, Special Education Coordinator Ashley Jiles and Teachers Meghan Yergan, Anthony Lardieri and Noel Colon. SDC members had a blast as they worked collaboratively during a friendly competition.

Our 2nd grade scholars encouraged participants by sharing posters and warm expressions orally during an impromptu presentation attended by Principal Ortiz. For event highlights check out the SDC Bulletin Board near the Student Services Offices.

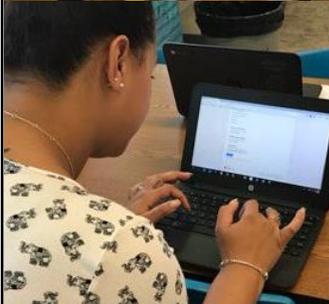
LMM Upcoming Events

- Oct. 15th Making Strides of Newark Event 10 a.m.
- Oct. 16th ELA Interim Assessments begins
- Oct. 16th, 18th, 23rd & 25th English/Spanish Classes 10 a.m.
- Oct. 18th Math Interim Assessments begins
- Oct. 18th & 25th Computer Class (4th floor Lab)
- Oct. 20th & 27th **PINK** Out Day Fundraiser
- Oct. 25th Staff Development Day
- Oct. 27th **PINK** Out Day Fundraiser
- Nov. 7th School Closing: Election Day
- Nov. 8th Cycle #1 Ends

Staying Connected Through Collaboration



Event: Dads Take Your Child To School Day
Date: September 19th
Program: Male role models joined pre-schoolers in educational activities and play to promote kindergarten readiness.



Event: Back to School Night
Date: September 26th
Program: LMM parents and caregivers met with teachers and administrators to review school expectations, student data and community partners.



Event: Fire Safety Program
Date: October 5th
Program: The Newark Fire Department conducted fire safety events for pre-K to eight grade students.



Event: Career & Internship Fair
Date: October 3rd
Program: William Paterson University sponsored a staffing fair to recruit interns and professionals. LMM partnered with Teach Newark to seek candidates for district and school community.



Event: Non-Profit Expo
Date: October 6th
Program: The 2nd Annual Non-Profit Expo hosted by NJIT, Community Partner, provided the opportunity to recruit college student volunteers and network with local agencies to support student achievement and school goals at LMM.