



**News release**  
**April 12, 2019**

***Prodigies for Peace celebrate the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.***  
*Award winners recognized at April 9 school board meeting*



*Several award winners proudly pose with the superintendent and school board directors*

Everett, WA—Snow in February may have delayed the school board celebration, but the joy was still there in April! At the April 9 school board meeting 30 Everett Public Schools students were recognized for earning an award in the 18th Annual NAACP Prodigies for Peace contest.

Depending on which category they selected, there were two questions for students to reflect upon:

Student writers were asked what this quote meant to them: *“Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly. I can never be what I ought to be until you are what you ought to be. This is the interrelated structure of reality.”*

Student artists reflected on: *"What dreams do you have for our nation by spreading Dr. King's message that love will make all people equal?"*

Students stepped up to the challenge of crafting essays or creating art that answered this year's questions.

The *Prodigies for Peace* writing and art contest helps students draw connections between people and events that shaped the civil rights movement and the social issues that continue to influence their lives today.

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## **Essay contest winners**

### **Cedar Wood Elementary School**

- 1st place – Winston Chen, 5th grade
- 1st place – Leah Wilson, 4th grade
- 2nd place – Kavi Parikh, 5th grade

### **Evergreen Middle School**

- 1st place – Shannon Chang, 7th grade
- 1st place – Isabelle Rice, 5th grade
- 2nd place – Mandi Garvin, 7th grade
- 3rd place – Jack Franklin, 5th grade
- 3rd place – Kara Popkins, 7th grade

### **Mill Creek Elementary School**

- 1st place – Courtney Kihara, 3rd grade
- 1st place – Gina Roberts, 3rd grade
- 2nd place – Wakelea Barkema, 3rd grade
- 3rd place – Madison Campana, 3rd grade

## **Art contest winners**

### **Cedar Wood Elementary School**

- Honorable Mention – Abi Diaz, 2nd grade
- Honorable Mention – Katherine Schaffer, 5th grade

### **Forest View Elementary**

- Honorable Mention – Rylie Anderson, 4th grade

### **Heatherwood Middle School**

- 2nd place – Annaise Armstrong, 8th grade
- 2nd place – Reagan Brandes, 8th grade
- Honorable Mention – Makayla Richard, 8th grade
- Honorable Mention – Amber Ling, 8th grade
- Honorable Mention – Jaime Jacques, 8th grade
- Honorable Mention – Kayla Rucker, 8th grade

### **Jackson High School**

- 1st place – Damon Cottle, 11th grade
- 2nd place – Kira Kuhne, 11th grade

### **Jefferson Elementary School**

- 2nd place – Savannah Segura-Vargas, 5th grade

### **Mill Creek Elementary School**

- 1st place – Padmè VonDrasek, 3rd grade
- 1st place – Camille Wirkkala, 3rd grade
- 3rd place – Lillian Evans, 3rd grade
- 3rd place – Beah Ramos, 3rd grade
- Honorable Mention – Frankie Jocson, 3rd grade
- Honorable Mention – Andrijana Korzynek, 3rd grade