



News release

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Prodigies for Peace celebrate the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



Winning artwork by Callia Park, Jillian Sistrunk and Allen Dodds.

On Feb. 19, twenty-five Everett Public Schools students were recognized in the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Prodigies for Peace contest during the 19th Annual NAACP 2020 Black History Month Celebration. The essay and art winners are typically honored at a school board meeting following the celebration; however, due to the extended school closure, that was not possible. The circumstances do not take away from the immense amount of pride felt by teachers, staff, parents and administrators for these students.

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

Students who chose to enter in the essay category were asked to write on the following question:

Rev. Dr. Martin King Jr. wrote "People fail to get along because they fear each other; they fear each other because they don't know each other; they don't know each other because they have not communicated with each other." As a nation today we are as divided as when Dr. King gave his "I Have a Dream Speech," what would your message be to inspire others to work together to make a better community? Students read their essays during the award ceremony.

Students who chose to enter the art category were asked to use any medium they wished to use to create an art piece reflecting their artistic vision of Dr. King's dream coming true in our country through their eyes.

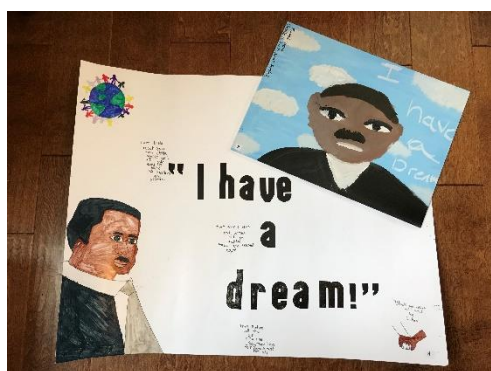
Thank you to everyone who participated and congratulations to recognized students.



Winning artwork by Anna Sampedro-Adeva, Brooklyn DeClusin, Daman Cottle and Cole Wallace.



Winning artwork by Sophia Vander Mey, Joleeda Nhean and Amelia Szuberla.



Winning artwork by Ahanya Goli, Charlotte Reilley, Ava Smith, Julia Thomsen and Kamila Lahlou.

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Essay contest winners

Forest View Elementary

2nd place – Satvik Pittala, 3rd grade

Jefferson Elementary

3rd place – Haileigh Manus, 5th grade

Madison Elementary

1st place – Jacob Tabarez Hernandez, 3rd grade

Mill Creek Elementary

1st place – Gina Roberts, 4th grade

3rd place – Emma Drosdeck, 3rd grade

North Middle

1st place – Isabella Morin, 7th grade

2nd place – Sienna Kuehn, 7th grade

3rd place – Maggie Haesler, 7th grade

Whittier Elementary

2nd place – Alvin Smith, 3rd grade

Art contest winners

Forest View Elementary

2nd place – Callia Park, 5th grade

2nd place – Amelia Szuberla, 1st grade

Honorable Mention – Ahanya Goli, 5th grade

Honorable Mention – Payton August, 4th grade

Honorable Mention – Charlotte Reilley, Ava Smith,
Julia Thomsen and Kamila Lahlou, 5th grade

Heatherwood Middle

1st place – Allen Dodds, 8th grade

3rd place – Jillian Sistrunck, 8th grade

Honorable Mention – Cole Wallace, 8th grade

Jackson High

1st place – Daman Cottle, 12th grade

Jefferson Elementary

1st place – Joleeda Nhean, 5th grade

Mill Creek Elementary

3rd place – Anna Sampedro-Adeva, 5th grade

3rd place – Brooklyn DeClusin, 5th grade

Honorable Mention – Sophia Vander Mey, 3rd grade