



Our students will lead and shape the future

News release

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Students celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in *Prodigies for Peace*

Students share their dreams for the nation through words and art

Rev. Dr. Martin King, Jr. wrote in his *Letter from Birmingham Jail*, "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. All men are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly ... I can never be what I ought to be until you are what you ought to be, and you can never be what you ought to be until I am what I ought to be."

What do you need to be in order for others to be what they need to be in order to have justice for everyone?

That is the question students reflected upon this year in the annual *Prodigies for Peace* competition. Students stepped up to the challenge of crafting essays or creating art that answered this year's question.

Essay contest winners for grades 3-5

[Gwenavere Bundy](#), Whittier ES, 1st place
[Abigail Ellis](#), Mill Creek ES, 1st place
[Cameron Wing](#), View Ridge ES, 2nd place
[Erick Baranchuk](#), Lowell ES, 2nd place

Elementary school art contest winners

Vivian Chen, Mill Creek ES, 1st place
Gwenavere Bundy, Whittier ES, 2nd place
Taryn Gordon, Mill Creek ES, 3rd place

Honorable Mentions (all from Mill Creek ES):

Natalia Villarreal
Makayla Weiler
Eugene Chung
Deanna Nagorna
Arusharko Bhattacharya

Middle school art contest winner

Fatou Manneh, Eisenhower MS, 1st place

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.



The Board of Directors will recognize the students during their March 8 regular board meeting.

Taryn Gordon of Mill Creek Elementary School earned third place in the elementary art category (left).

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Fatou Manneh of Eisenhower Middle School earned first place for the middle school art category (left).

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Gwenavere Bundy of Whittier Elementary School earned second place in the elementary art category (above).



Vivian Chen of Mill Creek Elementary School earned first place in the elementary art category (above).