

1973-2023 50th Anniversary - "Living the DREAM"

July 3, 2023

Hello Jaguar Families,

This is Kimberly Gibbs the very proud principal of Martin Luther King, Jr. Middle School. The first day of the 2023-2024 school year is in exactly one month. All learners return Tuesday, August 1st. We are extremely excited to welcome our 6th grade learners and welcome our 7th and 8th grade learners back into the building. We have worked all summer to ensure that this will be the best school year ever.

This year we will work hard to continue the legacy of success established by King Middle School by building strong relationships with parents, students, and community partners. We will focus on teaching and learning, continue to use data to drive our instructional practices, and provide consistent implementation of social emotional learning.

We will continue developing and implementing our four core values that represent the King Way. Our learners at King are Respectful, Open-minded, Accountable and Reflective. While at King our scholars will learn and live these core values! We can't wait to partner with you as we get started celebrating teaching and learning, and growing academically, socially, and physically!

As a reminder all scholars are expected to be at school no later than 9:15am (breakfast starts at 9am), **in uniform** and to bring their positive mindset!

Kimberly Gibbs
Principal
Martin Luther King, Jr. Middle School

Where the Leaders of Tomorrow are trained by the Leaders of Today
#LivingtheDREAM Determined to Reach Excellence and Academic Milestones

When you can't find the sunshine, BE the sunshine! -unknown

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Reminders:

- *We love to welcome all visitors face-to-face. Please ensure that you stop by the main office and secure a visitor's pass each time you visit.*
- **All scholars must be in uniform Monday-Thursday.**
 - *If your child is out of uniform you will receive a call from the school to bring your child a change of clothes.*
 - *Being out of uniform could prevent your child from participating in any incentive activities or field trips.*
 - *The required uniform is:*
 - *Khaki, blue, or black pants/skirt/dresses (no more than 3 inches above the knee)*
 - *Jeans (no holes)*
 - *Solid color collared shirt (white, blue, black, maroon, yellow/mustard)*
 - *Any clothing with a King or our Jaguar logo*
- **Mesh or clear bookbags are required for all learners.** *No other bookbags are permitted at King. Please reach out to our Parent Liaison, Ms. Lee-Furlow if you have any questions.*
- *Parent pickup is still on Connally Street by the gymnasium. Please do not pick up your child in the parking lot you will be asked to move. This will be strictly enforced by our APS Police Department.*
- *After 9:15am students are considered late to school. You must walk your child in the building if your child is late. The first 30 minutes of the school day is when our learners receive instruction specific to their academic needs and this time is essential.*
- *Early dismissals end at 3:30pm. Office staff are very busy in the afternoons, be sure to schedule early dismissal pickups before 3:30pm.*
- *Students who stay for after school activities and need to ride the school bus should complete an After School All-Stars application. Routes must be created for each scholar who will be transported by the school bus.*
- *All scholars must enter through the front door by the main office.*
- *Appointments must be made to meet with any school staff or to visit classrooms.*
- **No food deliveries** *for students are permitted during the school day.*
- *Please update all contact information with the main office or our school registrar, Ms. Kimberly Walker, if it has changed.*
- *Cell phone use is not permitted during the school day. Cell phones must be off and away for the day. If your child has an emergency you will be contacted by the school.*
- *6th grade Jumpstart will be held on July 18th from 8:45-12pm. Please ensure that you have completed the registration form by clicking [Here](#)*
- *Open House for grades 6-8 will be held July 31st from 1-3pm. Please stop by and meet your child's teachers.*
- *Please refrain from dropping your scholar off before 8:45am. We do not have any staff on duty before 8:45am.*

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Join the King PTSA by [Clicking Here](#) (\$5 per member)

Our school is the first school in the nation to be named after Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and this year we will celebrate our 50th Anniversary of being named in his honor. Our theme is "Living the DREAM" with DREAM standing for:

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Please be on the lookout for more to come on all the exciting things happening at King this school year.

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