



Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Middle School

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Principal's Message

The staff joins me in welcoming you to the 2016-2017 school year. At Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Middle School we are committed to providing a physically and emotionally safe atmosphere, in which students can learn and are challenged. Our environment promotes respect for the diversity of our student body, and caring about each and every one of our students. Our programs are designed to promote the maximum growth and achievement for each child through our PBSIS program.

Dr. MLK, Jr. Middle School is a standards based, high expectations, inquiry based, and community oriented learning environment. Our mission as a school community is to provide a quality education in a positive environment preparing students to be knowledgeable, responsible, caring, and confident citizens in an ever changing world consistent with district mission of "Building A Brighter Future". As we focus on all students receive a preeminent education we are constantly challenged to design high quality instruction based on standards and benchmarks, to engage students in critical thinking and inquiry based activities, and apply knowledge to real life situations.

These as well as many other factors have set precedence for achievement and have set a culture of academia at Dr. MLK Jr. Middle School. Our motto "Each Dream Requires Work" exemplifies our school culture. We strive to continue to build the teachers, parents, students and community members work together to provide meaningful academic experiences for all students. Through our partnerships and a culture of collaboration, teamwork, and communication will flourish. Our diverse student population benefits from the enriched academic experiences fostered through a collaborative spirit.

Our challenge as a community of stakeholders is to continue to build on our achievements. We can be proud of what we have achieved at Dr. MLK Jr. Middle School but our achievements are not due to complacency and satisfaction with the status quo. Our programs are built on a strong community connection, continuous collaboration, and dedicated teacher professionals. We will continue to work hard to meet the Asbury Park School District's goals by focusing on higher achievement for all with an emphasis on closing the achievement gaps and improving instruction and preparing our students to be college and or career ready.

It is with great excitement and enthusiasm for the upcoming school year and its honor and a privilege to continue serving the Asbury Park community.

Dr. RaShawn M. Adams