

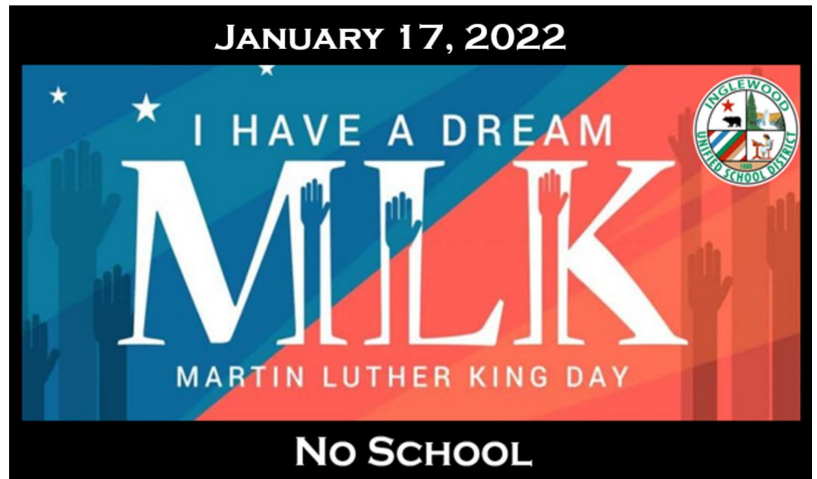


January 14, 2022

Dear Inglewood Unified School District (IUSD) Staff, Students, Families and Community:

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day

As we celebrate the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and his contributions toward ending racial segregation within the United States, it is important that we continue to honor his legacy. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. championed civil rights and equity for all Americans, and was dedicated to ensuring everyone is fairly represented. At IUSD, through our equity principle, we continue Dr. King's work by implementing programs that foster racial equity, social justice, access, and inclusion. Although schools will be CLOSED Monday, January 17, 2022, we hope this day inspires you to have conversations about the various ways we can advocate for one another so the world Dr. King dreamed of, becomes even more attainable for future generations.



COVID-19 Updates

As part of our commitment to ensure safety as our top priority, and help stop the spread of COVID-19, District leadership met with the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (LACDPH), to discuss updates regarding the mitigation process protocols. Due to the recent spike in COVID-19 cases, we want to share information regarding our implemented practices. Please click [here](#) to access our COVID-19 Protocols.

Weekly Onsite COVID-19 Testing	
STUDENTS	EMPLOYEES
Student Registration <i>Must be completed by Parent/Guardian, if under age 13</i>	Employee Testing Registration
Student COVID-19 Testing Website	Employee COVID-19 Testing Website
COVID-19 Procedures, Contacts, Forms, Schedules, FAQ's	

COVID-19 Vaccinations

The CDC and FDA has authorized the COVID-19 vaccine for 5 to 11 year olds. We strongly encourage all of our families to get their school aged children vaccinated. As we have seen, the higher the vaccination rates, the less impact COVID has on our day to day lives. Please help keep our schools and classrooms safe by getting your school aged children vaccinated. Please click [here](#) to learn how and where to get vaccinated.



IUSD Stellar Student Spotlight

By Maygan Orr

Valentina Quiñonez is a shining star at Centinela K-8 School! This 8th grader with a 3.5 GPA has received various awards for honor roll and class participation. She also received a perfect attendance award for attending every class during the pandemic! Valentina volunteers at a local animal shelter because she loves animals and wants to improve their lives by helping to provide them with loving and quality care. Her hobbies include playing volleyball, softball, the ukulele, and spending time with her family.

Valentina strives to make this country a better place, particularly for immigrants. Her goal is to attend college at either Harvard or UC Berkeley, and become an attorney specializing in immigration law. She has seen family members miss opportunities due to their immigration status. Valentina's mother, a Guatemalan immigrant, has always had a talent for creating floral arrangements, and dreamed of owning her own flower shop, but was unable to achieve this goal because of her immigration status. Valentina plans to turn her passion to purpose, and make the immigration process more attainable for people like her mother.

Valentina has this advice to share with her fellow IUSD students: “Life will throw many challenges your way, but never giving up is the way to handle them.”

To nominate a stellar IUSD student to be spotlighted next month email maygan.orr@inglewoodusd.com.

Academic Supports

Beginning late October, our District organized differentiated academic supports for our students, which include IUSD's teacher tutoring and homework clubs. We are excited to share that we have added additional supports through HeyTutor, a local company who helps students bridge their learning gaps, curate social and emotional learning skills, and achieve long-term academic confidence. Through this partnership we will offer complimentary, in-person tutoring for students in order to help them excel. Throughout the day, students will work with professionally trained tutors in coordination with their teachers, staff, and district leaders, to receive beneficial support while they are working in and outside of their classrooms. HeyTutor services will begin this month with varying start dates per school site. Parents/Guardians will receive additional information from the school site regarding enrollment to the HeyTutor Program.

Extra Yard for Teachers

Our District would like to congratulate Worthington TK-8 Elementary teachers, Heather Clark, Nicole Elliot, Joi Robinson, City Honors educator, Jocilyn Veal, and Wilson McKee from Morningside High School, on being selected as the winners of the “Extra Yard for Teachers” during Jimmy Kimmel's L.A. Bowl weekend. Hollywood Park at SoFi Stadium, and Telehealth Vans, partnered with the College Football Foundation, to honor teachers doing amazing work. Our extraordinary teachers received funds that will go toward their respective projects that contribute to student learning. We are grateful to all of our educators for their continued commitment to our District, students, and community.





Congratulations Robotics Team

Our District would like to congratulate our robotics team, which includes students from City Honors, Inglewood and Morningside High School, on competing at the First Tech Challenge competition at Dominguez High School. In order to develop STEM skills and practice engineering principles, students were asked to design, build, program, and operate robots to compete in a head-to-head challenge. Morningside High School's PowerOp team placed 2nd out of 15 competing teams, while Golden Path took 9th place. The next upcoming competition will take place on Saturday, January 29, 2022 at Dominguez High School from 8:30 a.m. - 8:30 p.m. To access the list of remaining competition dates, please click [here](#).

Innovation Grants Available for LA County Educators

Los Angeles County Office of Education's (LACOE) Teacher of the Year Program and the Greater LA Education Foundation are partnering to offer immediate support to public school educators from LA County through an Equitable Innovation Grant program. Educators can apply for up to \$1,000 as individuals, or up to \$3,000 as a team from a school or district. Grants are available to all educators, including teachers, counselors, administrators, aides, and more. They are available for all grade levels and can be utilized to fund classroom projects, social emotional learning, and new technology. The deadline to apply is January 21, 2022. To learn additional information about the program and complete an application, please click [here](#).

City of Inglewood Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Cancelled

Out of an abundance of caution, and in the interest of public health and safety, the City of Inglewood has cancelled the 2022 Dr. Martin Luther King Day Celebration. The celebration will resume next year or when conditions allow. The City is committed to doing their part to help to ensure the community stays safe, informed and connected.



El Camino College Remote Winter Learning

In an effort to minimize instructional disruption and allow various operational personnel access to buildings and other impacted systems, El Camino College campus facilities will be closed until all heating systems have been thoroughly inspected, tested, and stabilized. Given the uncertainty of a completion date and the condensed Winter Intersession schedule, courses will now be changed to 100% online for the entire winter term. In order to ensure students receive the type of interaction that they were expecting when they enrolled in an on-campus course, hybrid courses will be hybrid live online and face-to-face courses will be fully synchronous live online. There will be no date or time changes. For additional information, including student remote instruction, student support services and more, please click [here](#).

Thank you staff, parents, students, and community members for your ongoing support and commitment to the success of our district.

#WeAreInglewoodUnified

Sincerely,

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County Administrator