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Academy Students Discuss Legacy of Change

Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world. -
Nelson Mandela

Civil Rights champions Nelson Mandela and Dr. King devoted their lives to making the world a better place for *all* people. Recently celebrating the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., students in The Academy reflect on Mandela's quote and how they can use their own education to make positive changes in the world around us.



Martin Luther King Jr.
Jan. 15, 1929 - April 4, 1968

"The more education you have, the more powerful you will be. It's the only weapon that cannot be taken from you." - Sean Branch, 8th

"I am going to use my education to shape society. I want to be a knowledgeable person that can spread wisdom." - Dayonah Cabean, 8th

"I think that this quote means that with a good education, you can have a positive impact on the world. With a good education, you could teach people new things they never heard or dreamed of." - Nyseim Roebuck, 8th

Courtside

An Interview with the Basketball Team Coach Garrison

If you haven't been to a City Springs Basketball game, you're missing out. If you have attended, you know how great it is to see our elementary and middle school scholar-athletes giving it all that they've got, amid a charged crowd that is typically standing-room only. The following is an interview conducted by the Newsletter Club students earlier this week:

Newsletter Club: *I know you have a lot of new players. What can we expect to see from your team this season?*

Coach Garrison: "Actually, this team has been together since last year. So we do have some new faces. But what you're

going to see differently is that they're more experienced; they are very competitive. And they do work hard, as opposed to the team that I had

coaching?
Coach: My style of coaching is aggressive and attention to detail.

NC: *How about the building of sportsmanship in the game?*

Coach: I require for my players to shake the opposing team's hands. That's [also] done through my team respecting the other schools and the other teams.

NC: And does any one players stand out this year?

Coach: So far I would say, Donte Simpson. He's leading us in scoring about 12 points a game.

NC: Thanks for your time.



Pictured Left to Right: Malik McNeely, Kaye Marie Lumayog, Dwayne Williams, Dante Simpson, Michael Thomas, A'Niya Isom

last year.

NC: *What about your style of*

Tea Time!

During the first semester of the 2013-2014 school year, Etiquette Instructor, Ms. Brown, introduced a new resource program to City Springs. Her objective was to instill social, communication and dining skills to students in grades 2-8 by creating fun and interactive activities that would help reinforce good manners. During the week prior to winter break, Ms. Brown coordinated a peppermint-themed tea party for each class in the elementary school. Students who attended were given beads, tiaras or bow ties upon entering the party. The students buzzed with excitement as they properly sat down at the table and were served tea, apple cider and cookies by Ms. Brown's staff! They also had the opportunity to make gingerbread girls and boys. Some students shared that they had never had an experience like



Pictured: Ms. Brown serves Shaylinn Jackson



Pictured: Darreyon Lewis reaches for the sugar.

that before and showed their appreciation by exhibiting the tools that Ms. Brown had taught them by using their "magic words." As Ms. Brown's tenure at City Springs comes to a close, she

hopes that each student will take with them at least one act of civility that they have learned. She would like to leave with these words:

"Among the things you can give and still keep are your word, a smile, and a grateful heart."

-Zig Ziglar

Keep smiling, students! Remember, it's your BEST accessory!"

Ms. Brown



Mrs. Contee-Brown, Mr. Brown, Darren Meredith, Ronald Wingate, Breyanna Wade, Kaye Marie Lumayog, Daijanea Stewart, MaShaye Green, Chelsea Gilmer, and Keshawn DeBose,

City Springs Debate Team Champions Once Again

The City Springs Debate Team competed against the Friendship Preparatory Academy (formerly Calverton Elementary/Middle School) in the Baltimore Urban Debate League's (BUDL) Annual Competition. The debate sponsored by Pat & Peter Handal, JP & Associates, and BUDL took place on Thursday, December 12th in the chambers of the District Court on North Avenue. "This is a proper setting for a debate," said Councilman Carl Stokes who is the City Council Representative for the area. "Young, great minds have come together to show us their ability to make persuasive points and articulate their opinions," he continued. The debate was officiated by Marc Steiner of WEAA FM 88.9. The two teams faced off with pro and con debate over the legalization of marijuana, an issue that will take precedent in the 2014 Legislative session of the Maryland General Assembly. In a packed courtroom filled with on-lookers—some from other schools who came to scout their competition, the debate got underway.

After thoughtful deliberation by the judges (Judge Shannon Avery, State Senator Nathaniel McFadden, and State Delegate Cheryl Glenn) the City Springs Debate Team emerged as the 2013-14 Champions.