In celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King Holiday, we would like to take a moment to reflect on how the third Monday in January became a National Holiday.

Immediately after the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. took place on April 4, 1968, at the Lorraine Hotel in Memphis, Tennessee, there was an outcry to have a holiday to commemorate the life of the slain civil rights leader. Democratic congressman, John Conyers, from Michigan, first introduced legislation for a holiday four (4) days following the death of Dr. King.

However, the bill stalled, and Conyers along with the Democratic Representative of New York, Shirley Chisholm, resubmitted legislation for a King Holiday several years later. As time went on public pressure was ignited after civil rights marches in Washington, D.C. in 1982 and 1983, which led Congress to pass the holiday legislation later in 1983.

President Ronald Reagan signed the bill into law after reaching a compromise that the King Holiday would be commemorated on the third Monday in January instead of January 15th, King’s actual birthday, because it was considered too close to the Christmas and New Year’s Holidays.

Below is a timeline which made the Dr. King Holiday a reality.

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<td>1973</td>
<td>Illinois is first state to adopt MLK Day as a state holiday.</td>
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<td>1983</td>
<td>Congress passes, President Reagan signs, legislation creating Martin Luther King, Jr., Day.</td>
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<td>1986</td>
<td>Federal MLK Holiday goes into effect.</td>
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<td>Arizona Governor Evan Mecham rescinds MLK Day as his first act in office, setting off a boycott of the state.</td>
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<td>MLK Holiday adopted in 44 states.</td>
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<td>The NFL moves the 1993 Super Bowl site from Phoenix, AZ., to Pasadena, Ca., because of the MLK Day boycott.</td>
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<td>Arizona citizens vote to enact MLK Day. The Super Bowl is held in Tempe, AZ., in 1996.</td>
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<td>For the first time, MLK Day is held in some form-sometimes under a different name, and not always as a paid state holiday-in all fifty states.</td>
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<td>1999</td>
<td>New Hampshire becomes the last state to adopt MLK Day as a paid state holiday, replacing its optional Civil Rights Day. Utah becomes the last state to recognize MLK Day by name, renaming it Human Rights Day state holiday.</td>
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<td>2000</td>
<td>South Carolina becomes the last state to make MLK Day a paid holiday for all state employees. Until now, employees could choose between celebrating it or one of three Confederate related holidays.</td>
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CONGRATULATIONS  
TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS FOR TRIMESTER 1

DISTINGUISHED HONORS  
ALL A’s

- Corie Dussia Grade 09
- Marissa Sulfaro Grade 09
- Bryce Althouse Grade 10
- Amber Stroede Grade 10
- Kathryn Tigney Grade 10

HONOR ROLL  
ALL A’s and B’s

- Corie Dussia Grade 09
- Amanda Sharpe Grade 09
- Marissa Sulfaro Grade 09
- Bryce Althouse Grade 10
- Emily Kern Grade 10
- Alexander Lehr Grade 10
- Kevin Minney Grade 10
- Benjamin Romero Grade 10
- Amber Stroede Grade 10
- Kathryn Tigney Grade 10
- Shannon Worden Grade 10

SUMMARY OF PERFORMANCE

- 3 Students had a perfect score for the first trimester; 4.0 GPA.
- 21 Students scored a 3.0 GPA or higher for the first trimester.

4.0

9th Graders 10th Graders

- Corie Dussia Bryce Althouse
- Patrick Austin Alyssa Briggs
- Rachael Fry Sylvaysha Lee
- Patricia Austin Alyssa Briggs
- Kaitlyn Minney McKenna Duchenne
- Nathan Fry
- Amanda Sharpe Addison Hendrick
- Emily Kern
- Marissa Sulfaro Alexander Lehr
- Willibea Thomas
- Amber Lewis
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- Kevin Minney
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- Ben Romero
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3.0 - 3.9
During the weekend of February 22, 2008, ten (10) students have been selected to attend the MI-MAEOPP (Mid-American Association of Educational Opportunity Program Personnel) which is being held at the Kalamazoo Radisson Hotel. This year’s theme for the leadership summit is “Making a World of Difference”.

The students will listen to speakers who will focus on the importance of the ACT test prep, establishing good financial credit, different learning styles and stepping out of their comfort zone (in regards to meeting new people). The leadership summit will recognize outstanding student leaders from each program. The Sunday activity will revolve around how the students can “Make a Difference” in their own communities.

The students will also take college tours at Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo Valley Community College and Kalamazoo College.

Upward Bound students were selected based on academic achievement and positive attitude. The students who will be attending are:

- Amanda Sharpe Grade 09
- Marissa Sulfaro Grade 09
- Bryce Althouse Grade 10
- Patricia Austin Grade 10
- Alyssa Briggs Grade 10
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Dr. Michael Eric Dyson is a renowned scholar, ordained minister and public intellectual. His innovative scholarship, combining cultural criticism and biography, focuses on race, religion, popular culture, and contemporary issues in the African American community. Dyson recently released his 15th book; “Know What I Mean?” which is a critical study of hip hop music, addressing issues ranging from the music’s creative expression to the global exposure, commercialization and politicization of rap music and its most influential figures. Dr. Dyson currently serves as Professor of English, Religion and African American Studies at Georgetown University. Dyson holds a Ph.D. in Religion from Princeton University.

On Friday afternoon Mr. Anthony Quinn, Director of our Upward Bound Program, drove six students to Oakland Community College to listen to Dr. Michael Eric Dyson speak.

The selected Upward Bound students were:

- Tevin Banks Grade 09
- Cierra Clay Grade 09
- Timothy Grant Grade 09
- Ebony Bias Grade 10
- Charisse Byrd Grade 10
- Titus Murrell Grade 11

Please see page 5 for pictures of the event.
IMPORTANT DATES

1/30  Student workshop
       Organizational skills
       2:30pm, F-106

1/31  Conference trip meeting
       2:30pm, F-106

2/07  PLAN TEST

2/22  MI-MAEOPP Conference
       Kalamazoo, Michigan

3/16  DETROIT PISTONS
       Vs
       NEW ORLEANS HORNETS
       6PM Game
       Palace of Auburn Hills

WELCOME NEW STUDENTS

Rachael Fry  Grade 09
McKenna Duchenne Grade 10

UPWARD BOUND SUMMER COMPONENT
WILL BEGIN ON
MONDAY, JUNE 23, 2008

MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW IN
THE UPCOMING MONTHS

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WORD SEARCH

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COLLEGE  KNOWLEDGE  SCIENCE
CREATIVITY  MATH  STUDY
EDUCATION  READING  TEACHER
ENGLISH  RESEARCH  UNDERSTAND
INTELLIGENCE  SCHOOL  UNIVERSITY
“I like how the choir sang. I liked his message about people, it reminded me of my dad. I want to be like Dr. Michael Eric Dyson when I grow up . . . successful”.

Tim Grant

“When we went to see Dr. Dyson he talked about African American’s that made a difference in the world. He inspired me to think more about my ancestors and people that made it possible for me to be here today”.

Charisse Byrd

“I think that Dr. Michael Dyson was a great speaker. Everything he said was right! He’s a great person and would be a great role model to everyone . . . including me”.

Cierra Clay

“I liked going to hear Dr. Michael Dyson speak because he is famous. I liked the things he said. I was very inspired. I was also able to get his autograph”.

Tevin Banks