



# Public Schools of Plainfield New Jersey

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### Children at Evergreen School March to Remember the Life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

**Friday, January 25, 2019** – Children at Evergreen Elementary School in Plainfield marched around their school today to remember the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Ms. Kenyetta Knight, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher, said, “The children are marching around the school 51 times to remember the 51<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of the death of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.”

“We are here today celebrating the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King and our students are learning his dream is still alive. They are learning what it means to be equal, what it means for everyone to have an opportunity and a right to education and to have freedom,” said Principal BJ Brown-Lawson.

As the children marched, they chanted slogans such as Black Lives Matter; we want Freedom, Freedom for Immigrants, and Dr. Martin Luther King.

Ms. Ana Ramos, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher, said the students drew posters and wrote down their ideas and what they believe we should all be working and fighting for. Jhair Garcia wrote on his poster, “No to Drugs.” Angel Serrano, “Immigrants’ Rights” and Vanessa Garcia, “No to War.”

“We are here today giving the children an opportunity to share in some of the activities that they did many years ago,” said Mr. Princeton Hold, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Substitute Teacher. “Teaching them in the classroom is one thing, giving them the opportunity of being able to go outside and showing them what it feels to demonstrate, is what today is about.”

Evergreen Elementary School is a K-5 school with a student population of approximately 546 students.

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