

COLES CHRONICLES

January 2026 Edition

IMPORTANT DATES

Friday, February 6th -

Q3 Progress Report Distribution

Friday, February 13th -

Valentine's Day Dance

Monday, February 16th -

President's Day, No school

Tuesday, February 17th -

Professional Development Day,
No School

Thursday, February 26th -

NAEP Test - 8th Grade Only



STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Pre K - Kamille Brinson

Kindergarten - Ka'liyah Brinson

1st Grade - Kyrie Patterson

2nd Grade - Masen Hammond

3rd Grade - A'Mya Chambers

4th Grade - Jemeko Swanson

5th Grade - Miracle Johnson

6th Grade - Nay'omi Johnson

7th Grade - Ariel Herrera

8th Grade - Demarco Scott

"INJUSTICE ANYWHERE IS A THREAT TO JUSTICE EVERYWHERE."

-DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR

COLES REPRESENTS AT COMMUNITY CONFERENCE

By Ezra Henny (6th Grade)

Evaluate 2 Educate was a conference that took place on December 2nd this past year. **Dr. Che Rhymefest Smith** (Board of Education official) hosted this event to gain insight on school issues that impact our community. "He was a nice guy. He seems like **the type of guy who stands for what he believes in,**" said **Student Council President Jayden Fairchild**, who went to the meeting as a **student body representative**. "I went to **represent Coles**, and I told them about how **Coles is a family**." Mr. McSpadden also went to the panel, where he told them about **the goals for our school**." I took away **hope that we were able to put Coles on the forefront with someone who is high up there in Chicago education.**" What a great opportunity!

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

JEMEKO SWANSON
GRADE: 4TH



Q: Who is your favorite teacher?

A: Ms. Shafter and Ms. Smith because they are both very nice.

Q: What do you like to do in your free time?

A: I like to draw and play with my little brother

Q: What is your favorite subject?

A: Math because you can add and take away.

Who was Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.?

By Amire Brinkley
(5th Grade)

Did you know that **Dr. Martin Luther King Day** is celebrated to honor **the life, legacy, and achievements** of Dr. King? Dr. King was a very important leader in the **American Civil Rights Movement**. He fought for **racial equality, justice, and nonviolence**. The federal holiday is observed on the **third of Monday of January** and it is meant to be a day for **community service**. This January, think of a way you can **give back to your community** as a way of **celebrating Dr. King's legacy**. Wow, we learned so much about **Dr. Martin Luther King Jr!!**



Coles celebrated the holiday spirit by putting on a special assembly full of singing and dancing. Thank you to everyone the helped make it a success!

Coles Cougars visit Winter Wonderland *By Shawn Wilkins Ivory*

On December 18th we had a school field trip to Navy Pier Winter Wonderland. There were a lot of fun things to do. For example, there were different kinds of slides that you could go on and there were lots of rides and bouncy houses. Everything was decorated with Christmas ornaments. We had lunch there and then went home. In conclusion, Winter Wonderland at Navy Pier was very enjoyable.

