

#### **SYSTEM Afterschool Program**

A presentation was held for parents and the community to celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day, organized by the PIM Afterschool Program. The event featured various activities that included readings of King's speeches, performances by the choir, rap sessions, and other activities aimed at helping students understand the significance of the day. Additionally, a poem written by Ethan Fairley highlighted the importance of this holiday. Videos of the celebration were uploaded to our YouTube channel. Also, you can find Ethan's poem posted to any of our social media sites (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter).



## **UPCOMING**

<u>Upward Bound</u> Parent Workshop Night February 6th

<u>Upward Bound</u> UNCP College Visit February 8th

Valentine's Day
February 14th

<u>Upward Bound</u> Black History Month Concert February 15th

SYSTEM/ELISS
Black History Program
February 19th

<u>Upward Bound</u> NCCU College Visit February 22nd

<u>SYSTEM/ELISS</u> African-American Spelling Bee February 26th





The students served the community soup and crackers. They prepared bags containing soup along with messages of hope. All students created cards to include in the soup bags. The students had a field trip to NC Central University and the Science Museum. The students also had a few field trips: one to the Discovery Place and NASCAR Hall of Fame on January 3rd, and to NC Central University and the Science Museum on January 21st







### **SYSTEM Afterschool Program cont.**

The Pearls Club held its inaugural meeting on Saturday, January 19th. This mentoring program for girls in 5th to 8th grade emphasizes social emotional and leadership development, along with career exploration and essential life skills.

Youth Specialist Mrs. Moore collaborated with Ms. Woods for the initial meeting, while Mrs. Streeter adorned the cafeteria in yellow and pink with pearl-colored tablecloths and white chair covers. Upon arrival, girls and their parents picked up table tents with their names and dinner etiquette tips prepared by Mrs. Hines.



Dr. McCallum, PIM's founder and Executive Director, opened the meeting with a welcome and prayer. Ms. Woods presented the club's purpose, followed by an etiquette lesson from Mrs. Hines. The guest speaker was Jasiya Green, a junior at the University of South Carolina-Columbia and author of "Shining from Within Devotional" and "I Shine from Within Journal." Her work aims to inspire confidence in young girls.

Jasiya ended her presentation by helping the Pearls create their own sugar scrubs. The club will meet twice a month on Fridays during PIM's afterschool program.







### JCPC/Y.E.S. Program

The coordinator collaborates with the mentees on character development, focusing on their thought processes while helping them enhance their resumes. Recently, the coordinator and the mentees attended a wrestling match at Carver Middle School to support Jaden Blue. Additionally, Travion McRae shared eight bars from his song, "Money Gotta Get It," which he is currently working on.





## **Upward Bound**

The UB students visited Duke University on January 21st and High Point University on January 25th. The participants had the opportunity to see college life, explore the campuses, and ask questions of the tour guides about the universities.









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