

Roosevelt STEAM Academy Magnet Middle School

African American History Month
Service Project

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Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Legacy of Service



- Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. lived his life serving others, and as a way of carrying on his legacy, Roosevelt students will be participating in a day of service.
- Martin Luther King, Jr. is known as the leader of the movement for racial equality and a great preacher of non-violence and civil rights.
- Roosevelt Middle School will be hosting an event for our students to honor the national Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service. This event encourages our students to carry on his legacy by participating in writing letters for the elderly individuals in our community.

My54



- It is 54 miles from Selma to Montgomery, where Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., C.T. Vivian, and John Lewis led a peaceful march to campaign for voting rights.
- DeMark Liggins started My54 in honor of these incredible leaders
- My54 asks people what cause would move you to walk 54 miles?
- It doesn't have to be just walking, it can be anything -- running, biking, or even registering 54 voters.
- This is not a fundraiser but an awareness-raising campaign

Problem: Isolation



- Since March of 2020, COVID19 forced people across the country to isolate themselves in order to save the lives of others.
- Many of us thought it was temporary and this pandemic would be over soon. However, it has continued to affect our lives to this day.
- According to the Cambridge dictionary, isolation is the condition of being alone, unhappy, and not connected to other things in this world.
- Unfortunately, isolation is an emotion that has become extremely familiar to many of us, especially the elderly community.
- In order to follow in the steps of Martin Luther King Jr., Roosevelt students are determined to ease the feeling of isolation within our community.

Solution: Letters

- Write letters/draw pictures to nursing home residents
- Students will personalize their letters
- Roosevelt Middle School's My54 goal is to write 54 letters per class period
- School staff will print and deliver letters on behalf of the student body
- Our ultimate goal is to have our students connect with one another and make our nursing home residents feel loved and cared for

“I just want you to know that I feel you, I may not completely understand what you are going through but I can definitely imagine it. I feel so much empathy towards you, it is so hard to not be able to see family and I know the feeling of fear of catching the coronavirus. I understand the feeling of restlessness, the pain of being secluded and isolated. But there is always hope, we as a human race are very resilient. We find a way to live on and keep going.”



*Dalila M.
7th grade student*

Associated Student Body



Erin Munda 7th grader

"I know it's hard for you to go through what you are going through in a pandemic but just so you know I'm here for you and I'm always thinking of you!"

Mia Franco , 8th grader

Questions?