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Heritage Oak Celebrates Dr. Martin Luther King's Life

To honor Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday on Monday, January 16th, the Heritage Oak middle school students from the first semester drama elective, will be sharing their final class project with grades three through eight on Thursday, January 26th at 2:15p.m.

The Drama class has been working on a play that summarizes the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. from his early childhood to adulthood. "We Are The Dream" is a dramatization of Martin Luther King Jr.'s life and the Civil Rights struggle that surrounded it. After all the violence and physical and mental suffering African Americans had endured, and with so much legitimate justification for never-ending bitterness, Martin Luther King called for the unthinkable. He asked all of us not only to be fair, he asked us to be kind. He asks us not only to join hands across lines of color, but to stand strong against all paths of discrimination.

Cast List (in order of appearance)

Tony: Dana Salene
Flora: Allison Smith
Jamie: Leila Artuz
Hope: Amina Suljic
Grace: Tiffany Dang
Grown-up Julia: Gabby Arnold
Young Julia: Mariah Cohen
Julia's Mother: Kristina Koorstad
Julia's Father: Andrew Hoogeveen

Young Martin: Andy Cristiani
Martin's Mom: Devin Barrett
Martin's Father: Andrew Hoogeveen
Martin: Kyle Houtzer

Mrs. Williams: Katie Licari
Billy's Mother: Kristina Koorstad
Shoe Clerk: Chris Baker
Coretta: Maya Jackson
Rosa Parks: Morgan Healis

TV Announcer: Breana Shulman
Bus Driver: Megan Maldonado
Sheriff: Stephen Pino

Josephina: Kristina Koorstad
Waiter: Morgan Healis
Wallace: Chris Baker
Vivian Jones: Allison Smith

Heritage Oak is a traditional school appealing to parents who are seeing a proven curriculum and a safe, nurturing environment. Community awareness, academic achievement, and family values are just part of a program that focuses on the development of the whole child.

The U.S. Department of Education bestowed its highest honor upon Heritage Oak when it awarded the school the 1998-1999 “Blue Ribbon” award. The “Blue Ribbon”, our Nations most prestigious education award, distinguishes Heritage Oak for its excellence in leadership, teaching, curriculum, student achievement, parent involvement, and community support.