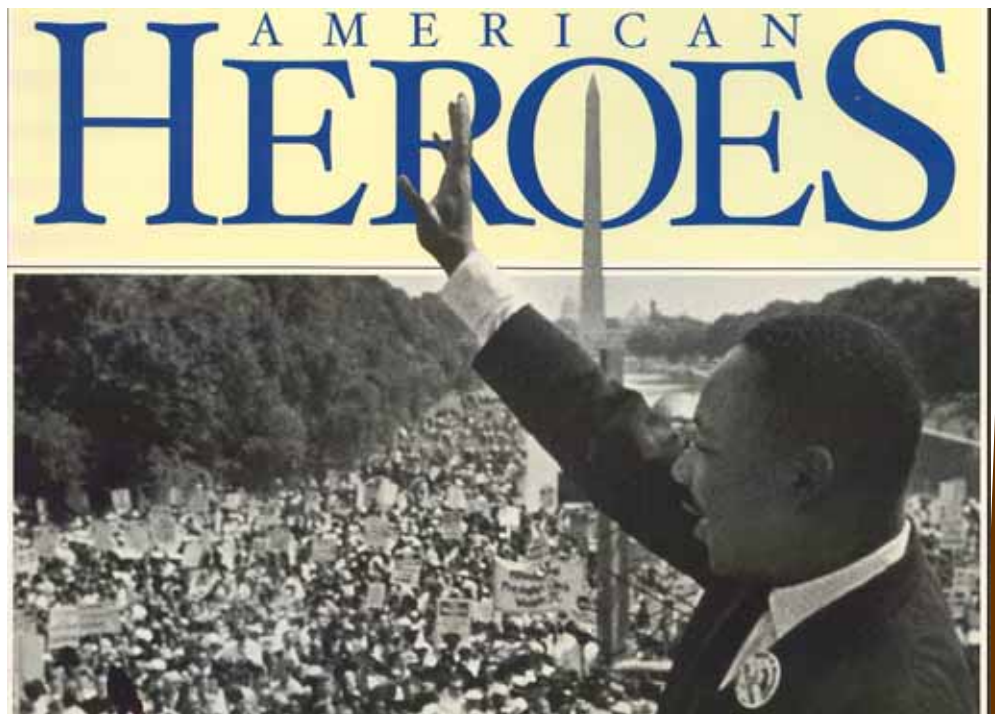


January 17, 2008

Notes to HJCS Parents

Remembering Martin Luther King, Jr.

Martin Luther King, Jr., addressing the crowd at the March on Washington, August, 1963.



Some 250,000 Americans from across the country, including 60,000 white supporters, gathered in front of the Lincoln Memorial to demand equal justice for all citizens. The highlight of the peaceful protest was King's famous "I Have a Dream" speech, in which he declared, "I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: We hold these truths to be self-evident—that all men are created equal." He said, too, that he dreamed that one day his children would be judged "not by the color of their skin but by the content of their character."

At Henry Johnson Charter School this morning, we celebrated the memory and the dream of Martin Luther King, Jr., in a special assembly that included a staff reading of *This Is the Dream*, a video highlighting the cause that Dr. King led so valiantly, contributions by HJCS scholars about what we can do to further the dream today, and the singing of the hymn that became synonymous with the Civil Rights activists' peaceful protests, "We Shall Overcome."



Calendar Reminder—

NO SCHOOL for HJCS scholars on Friday, Jan. 18 and Monday, Jan. 21. Enjoy!

