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IPS Honors the Life and Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

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Organization Day Brings Three Commissioners to Board

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"I really enjoyed making the ornaments and..." - Annabelle M.

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Fishers Student Uses His Birthday to Help IPS Youth



Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day
(No School - January 16)

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Professional Development Day
(No School - January 17)

CHOICE LOTTERY: APPLY NOW!

Find the Choice program that is right for your child.



Indianapolis Public Schools has received more than 4,000 applications for our coveted Choice programs! While the deadline for Round 1 is Jan. 6, there's still time to apply for enrollment into IPS Choice programs during Round 2 and Round 3.

IPS has 64 schools, including 26 Choice programs across our district that offer attractive options for many families, including Montessori, Reggio Emilia, International Baccalaureate, Spanish Immersion, Career Technology, Medical, Action-Based Learning, Visual and Performing Arts, STEM and more!

Our Choice programs are more than 8,500 students strong, and we look forward to welcoming new students for the 2017-2018 school year. As we continue efforts to improve customer service and transparency regarding our internal practices, the district recently enacted a new IPS Choice lottery logic that offers a multiround application process.

All Choice applicants are issued a randomly generated number. Seats are offered using lottery priority preferences in three rounds, which gives families a better chance to receive placement in one of their top three school choices. The majority of seats will be filled during the first round, but some seats will be available during rounds two and three. Applicants who are not offered a seat during the first round will be automatically entered into subsequent rounds. If no offer has been granted after three rounds, applicants will be placed on a wait list.

The Choice lottery priority preferences, listed in order, are as follows:

- Applicants who have siblings at the Choice Program are offered seats first.
- Applicants who live in close proximity to the school are offered a seat.
- Students who applied to the same program last year, but did not get in, are offered a seat.
- Students of IPS employees are offered seats.
- Remaining applicants with the lowest (randomly generated) number are offered seats until the program is full.

To ensure all students have equitable access to exceptional educational options, district administrators complete annual reports on Choice program demographic data with the opportunity to address any disparities that may be identified within the lottery process. We're committed to making this process as user-friendly as possible for our families and we're thrilled to present a new online service to families submitting applications.

Don't forget, if your family is new to IPS you must complete our general enrollment process as well. You can find the Choice application at www.ips.schoolmint.net. This user-friendly service provides timely notifications throughout the application process. To learn more about our Choice program options and to access the district enrollment form, visit our website at www.myips.org. If you have questions about our academic programs, the Choice application, or general enrollment, please call our Service Center at 317.226.4000 or send us an email at chooseIPS@myips.org.



CHOICE PROGRAMS



AVAILABLE SEATS!

+500 PRESCHOOL OPENINGS!

CHOICE APPLICATION TIMELINE

	OPENS	CLOSES	RESULTS*
ROUND 1	NOVEMBER 19	JANUARY 6	JANUARY 13
ROUND 2	JANUARY 16	MARCH 3	MARCH 10
ROUND 3	MARCH 13	APRIL 21	APRIL 28

*Results are approximate dates.



APPLY ONLINE TODAY!
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*Statistics accurate as of Jan. 5, 2017.

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- [Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.](#)'s message of hope, justice and inclusion has inspired citizens of all ages and races for more than five decades. During our 36th Annual Tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on Jan. 13, keynote speaker Dr. Kent Millard will share the story of how the civil rights leader's call for assistance from young theology students changed his life.
- **Your class made and sold holiday ornaments to raise money for the Indiana State Police K-9 Unit. What was your favorite part in this process?** "I really enjoyed making the ornaments and meeting the dogs!" - Annabelle M., sixth-grader from Washington Irving School 14.
- [Learning Gardens](#) are growing throughout IPS, thanks to The Kitchen Community (TKC), a non-profit organization that builds school-based edible gardens. Two IPS schools already have the modular gardens, which also serve as outdoor classrooms, and TKC wants to build an additional 18 this spring at district schools.
- Matthew Durrett is on a mission to reach more IPS students. The coordinator of educational outreach for [National History Day in Indiana](#) is ready to recruit additional IPS schools and students to enter the annual National History Day in Indiana competition.



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- On Monday, Jan. 9, three new Commissioners will officially join the [IPS Board of School](#)

Commissioners. Current IPS Commissioners will welcome an IPS parent, an Arlington High School graduate and a former Board president during Organization Day.

- Don't miss your chance to nominate an [IPS teacher or principal](#) for the 2017 Hubbard Life-Changing Educator or Life-Changing Leadership Award, made possible by AI and Kathy Hubbard through United Way of Central Indiana.
- **IPS in the News:** Indianapolis Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Lewis D. Ferebee is calling for a re-evaluation of the way the state pays for services for [English as a Second Language](#) (ESL) students, saying some schools with the highest populations are shortchanged.
- **IPS in the News:** [Arlington Woods School 99](#) is just one of several IPS schools given the autonomy to use student dollars in ways that make sense for them. That same method is expanding to traditional schools in the district under the theory that principals - not central administrators - know what their schools need.



Family & Community

- For the past two years, Fishers third-grader [Jaxson Andrews](#) has spent his birthday collecting sports equipment to donate to IPS' Brookside School 54. The avid sports fan and athlete has provided the school with everything from basketballs to jump ropes.
- The application window for [TeenWorks](#) opens Jan. 10 and local youths looking to land one of these coveted paid summer jobs should act fast! Last year, the organization received more than 1,000 applications for fewer than 500 available positions.
- **IPS in the News:** IPS uses several key factors when determining to delay or cancel school during [winter months](#). Wind chill is just one of the ways the district decides if it's too cold for children to wait outside at bus stops.



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Jingle Rails
Nov. 19 thru Jan. 16



Doc McStuffins Exhibit
Sept. 1 thru Jan. 22



Chemistry of Color
Through Dec. 31



District
Spelling Bee
1.20.17



Celebration of
Black History Month
2.3.17