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### FROM THE EDITORS

It has been a mild winter but in Ohio you never know! NDA follows the same snow day schedule as Newark City Schools. Please sign up for text message alerts or NCS calls for closing / delay messages.

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### BEATS AND RHYMES CLUB

Interested in DJ-ing?

Starting Friday 2.7.20 @ 1PM in the Orientation Room

Contact Rob Brown for more info:

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## SOCIAL STUDIES LESSON CREDIT OPPORTUNITIES

### Black History Month

- Video on school website
- Guest Speaker (OSU-Newark Professor Tiyi Morris) at Downtown Newark Library, Thursday, February 13th at 6:30PM: The Role of Women in the Civil Rights Movement. Earn a lesson credit in Social Studies Class.

**Rescheduled Holocaust Video Conference:** Thursday, February 20th at 11:00AM. Lesson Credit available.

**Census 2020** - Check out the census materials in the downstairs hallway. Complete the activities and could earn a lesson credit in Social Studies Class.

# Student Columns

## Martin Luther King Jr. Day

By Vanessa Miller

Every third Monday of the month of January we celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day. This day is set aside to celebrate his birthday, but also to celebrate his works for our country.

Martin Luther King Jr. is the United States' most known civil rights activist. King was put through a lot of discrimination in his years. This had a big impact on his "I Have a Dream" speech, one of the most famous speeches. Martin Luther King Jr. led a boycott protesting laws that required blacks and whites to sit in separate sections on the bus. He was then jailed and physically attacked. His home was also bombed.

In 1963, King delivered his famous "I Have a Dream" speech to a quarter of a million people. The speech took place in March in Washington D.C. The next year he became the youngest man to receive the Nobel Peace Prize. King continued fighting for civil rights and against poverty until he was assassinated on April 4, 1968. Four days after Martin Luther King Jr.'s death, U.S. Congressman John Conyers introduced legislation providing for a federal holiday remembering King.

Martin Luther King Jr. made a great impact on our country, and he will always be remembered.



# Student Columns

## ***Columbus Dispatch* Editor and Manager Speaks at NDA**

By Collin Queen

On January 9th 2020 Alan Miller, the editor of *The Columbus Dispatch*, came to Newark Digital to talk about journalism. Mr. Alan Miller started off by giving some of his history. Miller's parents were both journalists in his home town of Orrville, Ohio. Growing up with a love of reporting, Miller would sleep with a police scanner next to his bed, and when something newsworthy happened, he would sneak out and take pictures to give to his local newspaper. Miller eventually went to Ohio University to study journalism.

Later, Miller traveled overseas to Germany following his dream of being a foreign consultant. After a few years, the Newark reporter in Ohio left his position leaving an opening that *The Columbus Dispatch* wanted Miller to fill. After some deliberation, Miller decided to take the job and come home. Miller moved up the ranks, again becoming a general reporter and later editor and general manager after the previous general manager retired. Miller showed us some of his favorite works, such as The Santa Project and the *Broken Pledge* podcast. Miller's spunky attitude and memorable quotes like "accuracy is paramount" and "verification is key" kept many students enthralled the whole time.



# Student Columns

## Taco Tuesday SEAS Day Event

Newark Digital Academy hosted its annual SEAS Day, an event promoting social and emotional health, on Tuesday, January 21<sup>st</sup>. Students who came participated in a variety of sessions, including learning about mindfulness and meditation, viewing the documentary *Like!*, learning about positive social media usage, participating in art therapy, and listening to a panel on substance abuse. Students also had the opportunity to make stress balls, plant succulents, and create zentangle artwork. A taco buffet was provided to all who participated. A wide variety of organizations participated in a community resource fair, giving students and staff an opportunity to learn about resources available to them.



# Student Columns

## The Soundtracks of Modern Movies

By Carli Rettig

Over the past few years of the decade, various movies use music to their advantage, with some films even implementing genres of music into the plots of the movie. Having an enticing movie soundtrack is not exactly new to the film industry. For many years, composers have used different genres and tones to convey the style of a film. This can be seen in older movies, like *Star Wars*, in which an entirely new instrumental soundtrack was composed to fit the movie's universe. In older horror movies, such as *Psycho*, the music is indicative of tense moments in the film's plot. Who would want to watch a horror movie without a tense and suspenseful soundtrack? Lately though, modern movies have incorporated music from older generations into their films.

*Guardians of the Galaxy* used a seventies era soundtrack to cohesively match the film's stylization and plot. Reintroducing older songs into the newer generations' music preferences is a smart decision, especially for big budget movies like *Guardians of the Galaxy* that are funded by massive industry entities, like Marvel Studios. While some modern movies are reincorporating older era songs into the film's soundtrack, other movies have created entirely new music for the film's soundtrack. The 2018 production of *Bohemian Rhapsody* was largely about the former band Queen, specifically its lead singer, Freddie Mercury. *Bohemian Rhapsody* reintroduced several popular Queen songs to the newer generation who may not have heard of them. *Black Panther*, another Marvel Studios production, worked with a widely relevant rapper, Kendrick Lamar, to create songs that could be applicable to the universe that *Black Panther* exists in.





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Hello February! We have been blessed with great weather this winter. We have not missed any days of tutoring. Let's hope this trend continues as we get closer to our Spring Air Tests. Staff are working hard to prepare the study experiences necessary for you to do well on these tests! Watch for announcements of events at the school or work with your contact teacher to get the help you need!

Parent teacher conferences are an excellent time to work with staff to plan out not just test prep but course completion for the remainder of the year. Conferences are Feb 5<sup>th</sup> and Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>. We will look forward to seeing you at NDA. Communication is so important to student success!

Thank you for the opportunity you have given us to work with your student. We have had a great school year so far! We look forward to the remainder of 19 – 20.

Stay safe on-line and everywhere,

John Lutz – Coordinator of Alternative Education