

Martin Luther King, Jr. Oratorical Fest
Oxford Elementary School
February 10, 2017



This year, we are going to celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. by having our 3rd Annual **Martin Luther King Jr. Oratorical Fest.**

We are inviting students to perform a piece they have selected, something that has meaning to them, relating to the messages of Martin Luther King about peace, speaking out against injustices, freedom, and/or equality.

The spoken piece can be an essay, poem or speech that the students write, or they can perform something written by someone else. Students can perform alone or with a small group. It is an Oratorical Fest, so performances are spoken, not sung. Movements and expression are encouraged, as it helps to engage the audience and enhance the performance. Performances are limited to two minutes and students are encouraged to memorize their pieces.

Participation is optional and it's open for grades K-5. It is a great opportunity for those who like to perform and to practice public speaking skills and are looking for a challenge. Some classes may be doing group performances.

Questions? Ask me (bethrhine@berkeley.net). If you are interested in helping coordinate the day of the performance, or help students practice, please let me know.

The Oratorical Fest is planned for Friday, February 10th at Community Meeting. (If we have a lot of performers, we will have to add an additional assembly, possibly Friday, February 24.)

All participants will receive a Participation medal after the event. The deadline for notification of participation is Friday, January 27th.

I recommend planning ahead. We have a month before the Oratorical Fest but students need time to select a piece and to practice.

If you are planning on your child participating, please complete the back of this form OR send me an email with the information. Thank you! (bethrhine@berkeley.net)

This form **ONLY** needs to be returned if your child is performing in the Oratorical. They need to prepare for this event at home, with parental/guardian support.

I am planning on my child _____ to participate in the MLK Oratorical Fest.

We have selected a piece for them to perform:

Title: _____

Author: _____

My child is performing:

Alone

With a group (if so, please list the names of the other students)

(parent signature)

(date)

Please return this form to school by Friday, January 27th.