

DECEMBER 2023 BOARD REPORT

ARKANSAS MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. COMMISSION



The Arkansas Martin Luther King Jr. Commission hosted an open house to tour the building and learn more about the work of the organization and Dr. King’s legacy. The headquarters are located in the Mosaic State Temple, which was built in 1921. It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Arkansas’ commission is one of the most active in the United States, hosting numerous programs throughout the year. In fact, the commission hosted the 2023 Nonviolence Youth Summit at Hall High School on November 30. I presented the “Who is Dr. King?” biography during the assembly. Also, if students or individuals are looking to volunteer in the community, they can contact the commission to learn more about opportunities to serve!

COMMUNITY HELPERS WEEK

On Tuesday, November 14, I was invited to the Geyer Springs Early Childcare Center to be a part of Community Helpers Week. Students in Prek3 and PreK4 visited multiple community helpers to learn about their jobs! I talked to students about my role as a middle school teacher and my duties as Teacher of the Year. I was overwhelmed by the number of students who shared that they want to become teachers when they grow up!



R.I.S.E. COMMUNITY AWARDS & CELEBRATIONS



I had the amazing opportunity to celebrate two out of the four gold-level R.I.S.E. Community Award winners. I traveled to Cedar Ridge School District and Warren School District to celebrate with students, faculty, parents, and community partners. I had an awesome time learning how their love and passion for reading spread throughout the communities.

SPARK! SESSION WITH ALA

On November 15, the Arkansas Leadership Academy invited me to present information about my platform, “Leading from the Classroom: Enhancing Educator Professional Growth,” during the academy’s SPARK! session. The sessions empower educators and help them grow professionally!

EDUCATOR SPOTLIGHT



Kathleen Dickinson,
Geyer Springs Early
Childhood Center
LRSD



David Ward, 2024
Arkansas Teacher
of the Year
Regional Finalist



Carol Woods,
GT Educator,
Cedar Ridge
Elementary