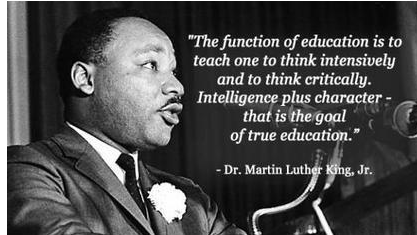


Martin Luther King, Jr. Oratorical Festival at Crocker Friday, January 19, 2018



Oakland students have been honoring the values Dr. King taught and showcasing their own oratorical skills for 39 years. Every January, schools host their own festivals then send representatives to a district-wide festival at the end of the month.

This year's theme is, "Where Do We Go From Here: Continuing the Legacy 50 Years Later." Students may recite poetry, give speeches or make dramatic presentations written by themselves or other famous or not-so-famous people. They may perform alone or with others.

Start talking with your kids about whether they would like to perform, and maybe even start looking for inspirational speeches, poems or dramatic pieces to practice. Everyone is welcome – no auditions required! Last year, 80 students in 1st –