**Elon Park Elementary** January 2019



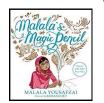
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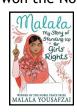
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#### Can Children be Activists? Yes, they can! Meet Malala Yousafzai

Malala Yousafzai is a Pakistani education advocate who, at the age of 17, became the youngest person to win the Nobel Peace Prize after surviving an assassination attempt by the Taliban. Born on July 12, 1997, Yousafzai became an advocate for girls' education when she herself was still a child, which resulted in the Taliban issuing a death threat against her. On October 9, 2012, a gunman shot Malala when she was traveling home from school. She survived and has continued to speak out on the importance of education. In 2013, she gave a speech to the United Nations and published her first book, I Am Malala. In 2014, she won the Nobel Peace Prize.





Equality doesn't mean Justice



Students have been analyzing text (and sometimes pictures) in class during Paideia Seminars. Discuss this one with your student.

The Character Trait for the month of January is Justice and Fairness.

- ⇒ What is justice?
- ⇒ What is fairness?
- ⇒ How do we show justice and fairness at school? At home? In the community?

Check out these age-appropriate reads about Malala

## COMING SOOR

In the Month of February, we are launching a Kindness Campaign of epic proportions where all of our Eagles will have a chance to help the community! Stay tuned on how you can get involved... #EPKindness3K #Kidshelpingkids

- 1. Our Eagles will collect coloring books, activity books, and crayons for the children of Levine's Children's Hospital.
- 2. Our Eagles will write/ create get well cards and letters for the children of Levine's Children's Hospital.
- 3. Our Eagles will donate brand-new books for the children of Levine's Children's Hospital.
- 4. Our Eagles will partner with AK to collect canned goods for the Annual Loaves & Fishes Canned Food Drive.



# Things

- ⇒ Jan. 1-2- Winter Break
- ⇒ Jan. 4- Eagle Dad Carpool
- ⇒ Jan. 9- Early Release Day @12:45
- ⇒ Jan. 10- School Store @8:15-8:45
- ⇒ Jan. 18- End of 2nd Ouarter
- ⇒ Jan. 18- Eagle Dad Carpool
- ⇒ Jan. 21- Martin Luther King Holiday
- ⇒ Jan. 22- Teacher Workday (No School)
- ⇒ Jan. 24- School Store @8:15-8:45
- ⇒ Jan. 28- SLT Meeting @4:30
- ⇒ Jan. 28- New Family Gathering @5:00
- ⇒ Feb. 1- Report cards go home



With the start of a new calendar year, there are some new habits we would like to start and some old habits that we will try to break. According to experts, these are the habits that we need to break early in our children:

- Lying- A need to lie can create a life of secrecy and relational separation. We want children to take responsibility and own their mistakes and shortcomings.
- 2. Disrespectful to Authority- We are all held accountable by someone and children need to learn that. Failure to do so can create a sense of entitlement and a lack of proper humility. It is okay to challenge authority but to do so respectfully.
- Unkind Words- Words can be hurtful and it is important for children to develop a vocabulary of kind words. Word choice can ultimately influence our thoughts and feelings about a person.
- Aggressive Behavior- Aggressive behavior is usually a coping mechanism for something else but it is important to find the root cause as to why. Listen calmly to your child to better understand and enforce nonphysical consequences.
- 5. Laziness- It is important to allow students to take responsibility for themselves early before bad habits start. Choosing to not let go may breed an expectation that parents will do everything for them. It is good to instill a good work ethic and give age appropriate chores to do around the house. Be sure to encourage and reward their work when it is deserving.



DO YOU KNOW WHAT HAPPENS FEB. 4-8?

SCHOOL COUNSELOR APPRECIATION WEEK!

What is right is not always popular and what is popular is not always right.

-Albert Einstein

# Kid Activists from History to Inspire our Children

Author	Title	Age	Topic
Don Brown	Kid Blink Beats the World	7-12	Oppression
Michelle Markel	Brave Girl: Clark and the Shirtwaist Makers' Strike of 1909	5-10	Oppression
Duncan Tonatiuh	Separate is Never Equal	6-10	School Desegregation
Winifred Conkling	Sylvia and Aki	10+	Japanese Intern- ment Camps
Monica Clark- Robinson	Let The Children March	4-10	Birmingham Children's Crusade
Cynthia Levinson	The Youngest Marcher	6-12	Civil Rights Movement

#### Coming to a Classroom Near You...

Small Groups are starting up again for the new year and we want your Eagles involved.

Fourth graders following have the groups: Social Skills, Friendship, and Study Skills/ Motivation. Kin~ dergarten and Grade will resume its Skills Social groups. Stay tuned for further defails on small groups.

