

Oblong Jr. High

What's Happening?

January 2024

This Month in History

New Year's Day. The most celebrated holiday around the world.

January 1, 1863. The Emancipation Proclamation by President Abraham Lincoln freed the slaves in the states rebelling against the Union.



January 2, 1960. In Washington, D.C., Senator John F. Kennedy announced his intention to seek the Democratic presidential nomination.



January 15 Birthday. Martin Luther King (1929-1968) was born in Atlanta, Georgia. As an African American civil rights leader he spoke eloquently and stressed nonviolent methods to achieve equality. He received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964. He was assassinated in Memphis, Tennessee, on April 4, 1968. In 1983, the third Monday in January was designated a legal holiday in the U.S. to celebrate his birthday.



January 27, 1967. Three American astronauts were killed as a fire erupted inside Apollo 1 during a launch simulation test at Cape Kennedy, Florida.

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January 30, 1933. Adolf Hitler was appointed Chancellor of Germany by President Paul von Hindenburg. Hitler went on to become the sole leader of Nazi Germany. He then waged a war of expansion in Europe, precipitating the deaths of an estimated 50 million persons through military conflict and

through the Holocaust in which the Nazis attempted to exterminate the entire Jewish population of Europe.



January 30, 1973. During the Watergate scandal, Gordon Liddy and James McCord were convicted of burglary, wire-tapping and attempted bugging of the Democratic headquarters inside the Watergate building in Washington, D.C.

Reference: The History Place (n.d.). *This Month in History - January*. <https://www.historyplace.com/specials/calendar/january.htm>

"When you know better you do better." **Maya Angelou.** Learn to be the best version of yourself, learn how to handle tough situations, learn how to tell whether a friend is good for you or not. And learn how to focus on positive in your life, learn how to believe in yourself. Learn how to imagine a life better than your current situation. Learn to love yourself.



Reference: Juma, N. (2020, July 13). *Everyday Power*. <https://everydaypower.com/motivational-quotes-for-kids/>

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." Nelson Mandela

See you next year!

School resumes Thursday,
January 4th, 2024.



NO SCHOOL

Monday, January 15th

No School

Martin Luther King's Birthday



On January 15, 1929, Martin Luther King, Jr. is born in Atlanta, Georgia, the son of a Baptist minister. King received a doctorate degree in theology and in 1955 helped organize the first

major protest of the African-American civil rights movement: the successful Montgomery Bus Boycott.

Fun Facts

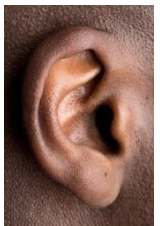
There is a species of spider called the Hobo Spider.



Most bites from the Hobo Spider (*Tegenaria agrestis*) happen when the spider is accidentally crushed or squeezed by a human. (NOTE: Mr. Williams loves spiders!)

The smallest bone in your body is in your ear.

The stapes is a bone in the middle ear of humans that which helps conduct sound vibrations for identification. It is roughly .04 inch in size.



Reference: Ward, L. (n.d.). *200 Fun Facts That'll Actually Make Your Life Better*.

<https://www.thefactsite.com/top-100-random-funny-facts/>

A bit of news: The 8th graders passed the Illinois Constitution and The Flag Code tests in our class last semester! We are well underway on preparing for The Constitution test. And I just got news from Mr. Perie that he is taking the 7th graders through the same tests. So this will be added in January.