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Gooooood Morning SILVER TRAIL! This is Jackson coming to you from the WSTM Live studio! Today is Friday, January 17th, 2020.

Good Morning! This is Gio with your announcements for today. The affirmation for today is: I am calm.

Students, please make sure your ID's are on and visible at this time.

From Mr. Bukstel: The next Chess Club meeting will be January 22 in room 166.

As you know, on Monday, January 20th we will be off from school in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Let's take a moment to focus on his life and the dreams he inspired.

Martin Luther King, Jr., was born in Atlanta, Georgia, on January 15, 1929. His father, Martin Luther King Sr., was the pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, a black congregation. His mother, Alberta Williams King, was a schoolteacher. Martin had an older sister, Christine, and a younger brother, Alfred Daniel.

King encountered racism at an early age. When he was six, his friendship with two white playmates was cut short by their parents. King never forgot this incident.

A bright student, King was admitted to Morehouse College at age 15, without having completed high school. Before beginning college, however, King spent the summer on a tobacco farm in Connecticut. He was shocked by how peacefully the races mixed in the North. He wrote to his parents about how blacks and whites attended the same churches and restaurants, noting "I never [thought] that a person of my race could eat anywhere." This experience deepened King's growing hatred of racial segregation.

King decided to become a minister and at age 18 was ordained in his father's church. After graduating from Morehouse in 1948, he entered Crozer Theological Seminary in Chester, Pennsylvania. Renowned for his public speaking skills, King was elected president of Crozer's student body, which was composed almost entirely of white students. He was the valedictorian of his class in 1951 and won a graduate fellowship. At Boston University he received a Ph.D. in theology in 1955.

In Boston, King met Coretta Scott. They were married in 1953 and had four children: Yolanda Denise, Martin Luther III, Dexter Scott, and Bernice Albertine.

Martin Luther King Jr. joined other civil rights leaders in organizing the historic March on Washington. More than 200,000 people participated in the demonstration, which took place on August 28, 1963. They gathered peaceably near the Lincoln Memorial, in Washington, D.C., to demand equal justice for all citizens under the law. Prominent civil rights leaders made speeches, and most memorable was King's. The crowd was uplifted by his now-famous "I Have a Dream" speech. In it, he expressed his faith that all men, someday, would be brothers.

Let's listen to a portion of his speech followed by a segment inspired by our very own dreamer Mrs. Olmeda where few of our own Mustangs will let you know of their dreams.

Thanks Mrs. Olmeda for inspiring that awesome addition.

That's it for today: Stay Classy Silver Trail!
