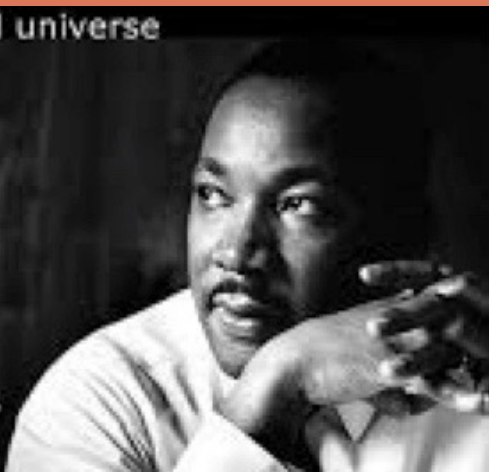


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is long, but it bends  
towards justice."

*Martin Luther King Jr.*



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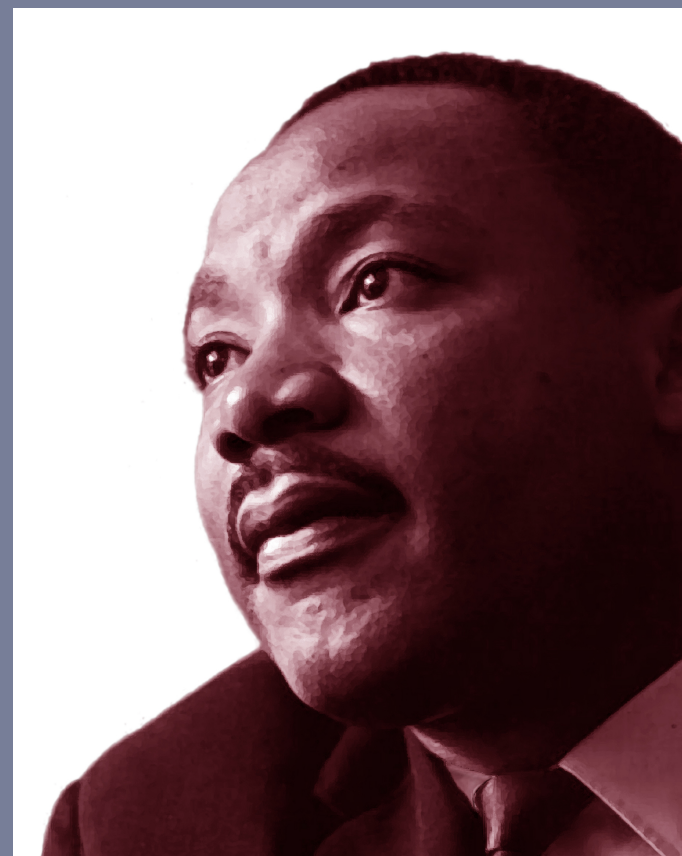
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## Students participating in the "39 Candle Ceremony":

### Grade 6

Adriel Giraldo  
Yago Haig  
Lailani Martins  
Neveah Stanley  
Betina Mendes  
Elsie Sachs  
Sophia Rios Dussoura  
Ebony Diego  
Yasu Patel  
Sophia Gonzalez -  
Ellis  
Maya Echambadi  
Taylor Chen  
Claire Ahlijanian

### Grade 7

Jeniyah Joseph  
Sydney Baker  
Zach Brown  
Olivia Fayemi  
Angela Demaio  
Saida Imakaeva  
Ida Miles  
Anna Mulliez  
Gabriel Williams  
Lara Caixeta  
Lloyd Akai-Dennis  
Bailey Chandler  
Daniel Diego

### Grade 8

Emma Staley  
Demetra Zymaris  
Tatiana Dietz  
Nicole Kirshy  
Tate Jones  
Paul Braverman  
Arseniy Ohoriko  
Layla Kam  
Lauren Lipscomb  
Ava Gauthier  
Noah Dixon  
Kenny Medina  
Leandra Mageski



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## Program

**Introduction – Litzy Gastelum and Jackson Schwartz, NHS**

**"Shed a Little Light"** - Bellevue Community Church, Nashville

**"That's Me"** - Audience Response Activity

**Remarks – MrDan M. athews** - Needham Board of Selectmen

**"39 Candle Ceremony", Honoring Dr. King's 39 Years**

6th Graders - High Rock School  
7th & 8th Graders - Pollard Middle School

**Remarks – Heidi Black** – Chair of the School Committee

**Remarks – State Representative Denise Garlick**

**Justice Now** – Remarks by **David Summergrad**, NDI President

**Plugged In Teen Band Program - "All you Need is Love"**

**Ms. Sandra Rizkallah**, Co-Director/Co-Founder  
**Mr. Tom Pugh**, Co-Founder/Co-Director

**In Memoriam - Calling the Roll –**

Led by **Gretchen Cook-Anderson and Rebecca Young**

**Glory** – Performed by **Common and Yolanda Young**

**A Moment of Reflection - Needham Clergy Association**  
- **Rev. Nicholas Morris-Kilment**, Rector of Christ Episcopal Church, NCA President

**Dr. King's Letter From the Birmingham Jail –** Selections  
Read by **Alison Biedron and Jackson Schwartz**

**Brother Dennis Slaughter**

- *We Shall Overcome*
- *Lift Every Voice*
- *Rise Up*

**Upcoming Events - Please see separate handout.**

**Thank You and Farewell –**  
**Wishing you all Peaceful Tomorrows**

**Recessional - Stevie Wonder: "Happy Birthday Dr. King"**