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U46 opens class talks on MLK to public

Middle schoolers debate leader's ideas

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Students at Kimball Middle School in Elgin discuss Martin Luther King Jr. and his philosophy of nonviolence Jan. 17, 2018 during a public seminar. (Rafael Guerrero / The Courier-News)

The Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s ideals echoed this week through the classrooms of Kimball Middle School.

Monday was the holiday that celebrates the civil rights leader's birth, and in three AVID classes at the Elgin middle school, students weighed in on his ideals and vision Wednesday during a special Socratic seminar. The students debated King's philosophy of the "Beloved Community" in which nonviolent solutions are sought to resolve problems and bring about change.

Unlike these types of sessions in other schools, Kimball's program was open to the public. Two other middle schools will hold similar public seminars later this month.

Ron Raglin, School District U46's assistant superintendent for educational support programs and alignment, said opening the seminars to the community gives adults an opportunity to hear "the student voice" on topics that need to be addressed, such as how to prevent violent incidents in schools.

In Wednesday's program, Kimball students questioned and debated King's ideals and how they could be incorporated into schools.

A Socratic seminar, usually conducted in a circle, allows students to open up and engage, Raglin said. It's a valuable approach to critical thinking and discussion because it invites everyone — whether they are extroverted or introverted — into the discussion, he said.

“I can be safe, there (are) rules in place, I am speaking and if I say something, others will hear and respond,” Raglin said about the benefits of these types of seminars.

Some students said they saw an opportunity to use peaceful approaches to limit the number of student fights in schools.

“When you fight (in school), it makes everyone, the school look bad,” eighth-grader Diego Jaimes said.

Students suggested walking away from confrontations, “turning the other cheek” on potential fights and not sensationalizing fights that do take place.

“You’re in the hallway, you see it, you hear it,” teacher and moderator Marybeth Seymour said. “What can you do? What can you do to have others turn the other cheek, take the high road? I’m using phrases you just said.”

Eighth-grader Pheonix Taylor said, “We can start by talking it out.”

The next Socratic seminars will be held at Abbott Middle School in Elgin and Canton Middle School in Streamwood. Both will focus on King’s philosophy of nonviolence, Raglin said.

Canton’s seminars will be held at 9 a.m., 11:27 a.m. and 2:43 p.m. Jan. 25. Abbott’s is scheduled for 9 a.m. Jan. 29. All seminars are free, open to the public and 45 minutes long.

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Elgin area chamber gives out “high fives” awards

DAILY HERALD STAFF REPORT

The Elgin Area Chamber of Commerce will recognize 11 individuals, organizations and initiatives that contributed to Elgin's economic vitality in 2017. The chamber's 110th annual meeting and "high fives" awards luncheon takes place Thursday, Jan. 25, at Grand Victoria Casino.

- Leadership Award: Jaci Kator of AT&T, who serves on the chamber's board of directors. AT&T has supported chamber programs including the "legislative brew" series, annual golf classic and Mayor David Kaptain's state of the city address.
- Community Partner Award: Linda Siete of Reflejos Publications, LLC, who serves on the chamber's board of directors. She has connected the chamber to new businesses and supported the annual Hablamos Español Expo, including securing concert tickets for the raffle grand prize.
- Membership Award: Jim Galvin of Galvin and Associates, who has one of the longest continuous tenures as a member of the chamber's ambassador committee. He regularly attends after-hours networking events and has represented the chamber at functions over the years.

- Small Business Award: Aaroco Software and owner Aaron Bowgren, who has consistently participated in chamber programming. Aaron is a graduate of the chamber's Elgin Area Small Business Academy and serves on the planning committee for the upcoming session.
 - Large Business Award: Elgin State Bank/Wintrust Bank. Elgin State Bank has provided sponsorships of chamber events and offered after-hours networking opportunities and skills-building events at their branch.
 - Showcase Business Award: The Bear Family McDonald's unveiled a remodeled restaurant with technological upgrades in October in South Elgin.
 - Elgin Development Group Workforce Award: MKD Electric, whose apprenticeship program in the last 10 years has enabled the company to hire entry-level workers. Currently there are 48 people in the program.
 - Elgin Development Group Business Development Award: The Fabricators and Manufacturers Association, which opened new corporate headquarters in May at 2135 Point Boulevard in Elgin.
- Elgin Development Group Transportation Award: Pace, which opened in December a new Park-n-Ride station with 200 parking spaces at Route 25 off Interstate 90.
- Enhancing Elgin Award: The Enhancing Elgin committee, which collaborated to create "Open Elgin," a free, self-guided architectural tour of Elgin spaces and places that brought more than 350 visitors. The second edition is April 21.
 - Partnership Award: the city of Elgin, which has partnered with the chamber on economic development initiatives.

Also at Thursday's event, **Elgin Area School District U-46** will give out its business partner of the year award.

SPORTS SECTION

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Elgin wins for fourth time in last 6 games

DAILY HERALD REPORT

Kylie Graves scored 11 points and had 15 rebounds Thursday night to lead the Elgin girls basketball team to a 52-36 nonconference win over Cornerstone Christian, the Maroons' fourth win in their last 6 games.

Sarah Moskow added 10 points and 8 rebounds for Elgin (4-18) and Makenna Downing added 9 points.

South Elgin 50, West Chicago 36: Megan McClure had 21 points and Casey Brennan added 12 for South Elgin (9-8, 3-2) in this Upstate Eight Valley game.

ACC 77, Fenton 53: The Chargers made it three wins in a row with this Metro Suburban Blue win. Aurora Central was led by Delani Kosner with 22 points, Lara Anger with 13 and Elsie Meier with 10. With the win the Chargers (13-8, 5-2) tied their win total from last year.

Aurora Christian 73, Mooseheart 19: Megan Hart (14 points), Lauren Richert (13) and Ashley Bogush (11) led the Eagles (11-6, 3-1) to this Northeastern Athletic Conference win.