

VEGAS VALLEY ADVENTIST ACADEMY

CALENDAR

- Jan. 15
MLK Birthday (NS)
- Jan. 16 -19
MAP Testing
- Jan. 25
9/10 Field Trip
- Feb. 1
Ruby Bridges Walk
- Feb. 2-4
Fr/Sph Bible Camp
- Feb. 14
Valentine's Day
- Feb. 19
President's Day

BEYOND THE GAME

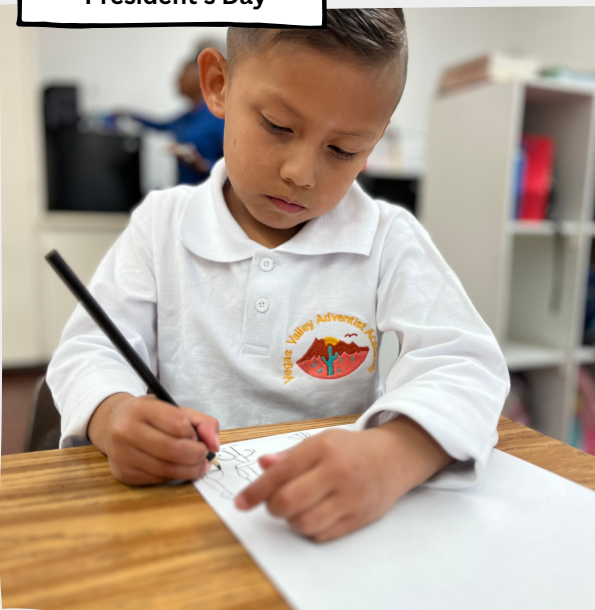
-MCRYLEIGH PIERRE-LOUIS

The NFL playoffs have now started after many weeks. 49ers with the best odds of winning the Super Bowl with +225, the Ravens behind them with +325. In the College Championship, Michigan destroys Washington by three touchdowns. This was Michigan's first Championship in over 26 years. The Pistons had the longest streak of losses in NBA history with 25. They broke their streak by beating the Raptors but then went right back to their losing streak. Las Vegas, Seattle, and an unknown city were rumored to be expanding in the NBA. Lastly, speaking of Seattle the Seahawks coach Pete Carroll has retired after 15 years!

MLK DAY

-ROBERT CASTRO

In honor of Martin Luther King Jr.'s accomplishments, the third Monday in January is observed as Martin Luther King, Jr. Day in the United States. A Baptist pastor who supported peaceful methods to eliminate racial segregation, he initially gained national attention in 1955 when African Americans in Montgomery, Alabama, staged a bus boycott. In 1963, he led the March on Washington and established the Southern Christian Leadership Conference in 1957. The most significant African American civil rights leader of the 1960s, he played a key role in the enactment of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 and the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which prohibited discrimination in employment, public accommodations, and facilities. In 1964, King received the Nobel Peace Prize. His murder occurred on April 4, 1968. Let's honor the memory of an inspirational figure whose commitment to justice, equality, and nonviolence continues to inspire generations as we celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day, let us look back at all the great things that he did for this world.



A DETERMINED WOMAN

-YESEL GONZALEZ

Ruby is the oldest of five children and attended a segregated kindergarten in New Orleans. Growing up, she went to an all-white school with four federal marshals to school every day for safety. Ruby was not allowed to go to a school until now. However, she needed four federal marshals for her protections from whites and other people trying to harm her. Ruby going to school caused other white families to protest and others to get angry with the Bridge family. Ruby graduated from a desegregated high school, became a travel agent, married, and gave birth to four sons. Ruby is regarded as a lifelong activist for racial equality, and she was made an honorary deputy marshal in a Washington, DC ceremony.





EQUAL NOT BETTER
-JAMES W. GILLEY

After World War 2 the rights of African Americans were hampered by ideological splits. This meant that the rights of the African Americans were lowering and being judged or it was dissipating slowly. By political differences or how different people's political views were compared to others. Many of those people who were fighting in the war were losing the rights that they fought for. Thankfully President Truman was elected and most African Americans still held the right to vote. Then Rosa Parks stepped up or rather, sat down and did not give up her seat. Then the famous and great Martin Luther King Jr. who was an incredible person I personally love him who spoke for equality. Which is what people should do, they shouldn't fight for special treatment they should fight for EQUAL rights. Which is also why Susan B. Anthony fought for her to commit a crime and they sent her to jail because she was a woman. But she demanded to go to jail and serve her sentence. What people should do: fight for equal rights not favoritism.

THE SOUP RUN IS STILL RUNNING!
-CALLIE SAMANIEGO

After 37 years, the soup run is still running! It was 1985, in the United Kingdom when the youth decided just sitting in church and listening was not enough. They wanted to make a difference. Their pastor, Jonathan Barrett, discovered that there was a need to feed the homeless. With support from the youth pastor Pat Walton, the Soup Run was born. Almost 38 years later, the Soup Run is still going today with only youth volunteers and donations in charge of it. The current mission is to retire the old minibus that transports the food. It costs almost \$16.00 (US dollars) for every trip it makes to central London. This location in central London is where food, soup, drinks and basic supplies are delivered to a long line of people waiting for the arrival of the minibus every week. In November 2023, the director of communication for the Trans-european division of Seventh-day Adventists was able to talk to Pat Walton and saw his desire and compassion to help those in need. We want the soup run to get even more successful everyday for people that need it!

6 TEENAGERS WHO MADE HISTORY
-JOSHUA M. SILVER

There have been many children and teenagers who have made history, and these are 6 of some of the most recognized. Joan of Arc was a martyr that led the French army in one of the battles in the Hundred Years War. Bobby Fischer was named chess grandmaster at just 15 years old. Many of us know what braille is. Surprisingly, the one who invented this language for the blind was 15 year old Louis Braille. At 16 years old, Barabra Johns initiated a student strike that led to a court case that argued against segregated schooling. Frankenstein, the classic horror novel, was written by Mary Shelley when she was 18 years old. The book itself was published when she was 21. At 17 years old, Malala Yousafzai became the youngest person to receive a Nobel peace prize. She is a well-known activist who encourages children, especially girls in developing countries, to be educated. These are some of the most influential teenagers that made history.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Don't be ashamed to have your own voice be heard to share your story.”

SILLY GILLEY

What did one volcano say to another?
I lava you!