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## Red Bank Charter School Hosts Annual MLK Day of Service

**What:** As a commitment to community service and social justice, on Monday, January 18, 2016, Red Bank Charter School (RBCS) will once again recognize Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day as a "Day of Service". Students, faculty, staff and guests will participate in a series of community-wide activities designed to reflect and recognize the importance of service to others.

Day of Service events will begin on Friday, January 15 with guest speaker Gilda Rogers, local historian, award-winning journalist, producer, and advocate for arts and culture. Gilda has been an integral part of the preservation of the national historic landmark, the T. Thomas Fortune House in Red Bank, and will discuss the importance of community advocacy with our students.

Monday's events will include a variety of enrichment activities aligned with Dr. King's mission.

- Younger students will watch the movie "Inside Out" followed by focused multi-grade group discussions on empathy and awareness of emotions.
- Older students will watch "He Named Me Malala" in the STEM lab followed by focused group discussions on the importance of promoting quality education for women, and ways students may actively help to changing their community.
- Students will participate in a formal debate on social issues, such as gun control laws and Syrian refugees, which they have been researching in their Social Studies classes.

Additional guests include Wesleyan Arms Red Bank residents, and student volunteers from Christian Brothers Academy in Lincroft. The day will culminate in a silent walk through Red Bank in recognition of these important messages. Activities will be captured through social media using the **#RBCSMLKDay** hashtag.

**Who:** RBCS Students, Faculty, Staff, Community Members and Guest Speakers

**When:** Monday, January 18, 2016. Media is invited to join Red Bank Charter School at 3:10 pm - 4:00 p.m. to participate in our Silent Walk and Closing Ceremonies.

**Where:** Red Bank Charter School: 58 Oakland Street, Red Bank, NJ 07701

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### ABOUT THE RED BANK CHARTER SCHOOL

The Red Bank Charter School is a PreK-8 public school serving children in Red Bank, N.J. Founded in 1998, the school has a current enrollment of 200 students with a highly qualified faculty and staff numbering more than 40. New Jersey Charter Schools are free public schools that are open to all children and which typically offer their students more individualized attention, longer school days, longer school years, and innovative programs with substantially less funding than conventional public schools. Further information is available at [www.redbankcharterschool.com](http://www.redbankcharterschool.com).

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