



THE STEWARD SCHOOL

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MEDIA ADVISORY: for Monday, January 16

The Steward School and Local Service Organizations Partner to Celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day

For 10 years, Steward has had a “day on” instead of a “day off”

WHO:

- JK-12 faculty, staff and students from The Steward School
- Representatives from Richmond Animal League, celebrate! RVA, Arts in the Alley, Special Olympics, Housing Families First, and local bakeries

WHAT and WHEN: While most area schools enjoy a holiday break on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, the students, teachers and staff at The Steward School will participate in **“At Your Service,”** in partnership with leaders from local service-oriented, non-profit organizations. The day-long event on Monday, January 16, includes community service projects and leadership development opportunities for 600 students of all grade-levels.

This is the 10th year that Steward has honored Dr. King with a Day of Service instead of a vacation day.

8 a.m. Kickoff ceremony with Richmond’s own One Voice Chorus performing “Singing the beauty and power of diversity,” with remarks about the music.

9 a.m. – 2 p.m. (lunch break from 11:45 a.m. – 1 p.m.) Students participate in learning stations co-led by Steward teachers and leaders from Richmond Animal League, celebrate! RVA, Arts in the Alley, Special Olympics and Housing Families First.

- *Richmond Animal League:* Students will make catnip toys, thumb print thank you cards for volunteers, assemble informational packets and interact with pets on the playground.
- *celebrate! RVA:* This organization provides memorable, fun and safe birthday celebrations to disadvantaged children. Students will create birthday cards and party decorations that *celebrate! RVA* will later use for children’s birthday parties.
- *Arts in the Alley:* Students will create a mural in small pieces that will be adhered to a building downtown in order to beautify and enhance an inner city area.
- *Special Olympics:* This station will be run by Steward’s Special Olympics Club, which supports Special Olympics of Virginia and is the largest school club in the state. Students will go through activities that help them better understand what it’s like to have a disability and that bring awareness to the work Special Olympics does.
- *Housing Families First:* Hilliard House is a family shelter housing men, women and children for 30 days helping them get back on their feet. Our students will make goodie bags to welcome children into a new environment.
- *Steward’s Bread Kitchen:* Professional bakers, including from Sub Rosa and Rowland, will be baking rolls and challah with the children, which will be sent to homeless shelters around Richmond.

WHERE: The Steward School campus

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The Steward School is an independent coeducational, nonsectarian day school for more than 600 students in JK-12 and is located in western Henrico County. Since its establishment in 1972, the school's mission has been to prepare students for college and for life in a community defined by robust academics, inspiration, engagement, and care.