

**STUDENTS TO LEAD CELEBRATION
SCHOOL'S NAMESAKE INFLUENCED MLK
MEDIA ADVISORY**

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In 1929, the year Martin Luther King was born, P.B. Young of Norfolk had already become one of the most successful and influential black newspaper editors and publishers in the country. Described as the “Dean of the Negro Press”, Young’s Journal and Guide was the largest selling black newspaper in the South.

At the elementary school that bears his name, 30 fifth-grade students are participating in the “Leadership Academy”. Sponsored by the Norfolk Police Department, the program is designed to help prepare the students to assume leadership roles in the school and community. The year-old program has become so successful that it might be implemented at other elementary schools.

The students and their police department sponsors, Sgt. Bill Dixon and Officer Courtney, will lead the city’s annual celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King’s birthday. The march will begin at Scope (Monticello Avenue side) at 10 a.m. and a program of music and remembrance is scheduled to start at 11 a.m.

School Superintendent Dr. Stephen Jones will be the guest speaker and the Norview High School Chorus will provide the music.

For more information, please call 664 4253.