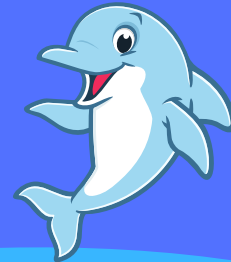




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Vision: 100% Student Success



February 2025

PRINCIPAL'S POINTS OF PRIDE

Dear Mildred Helms Elementary IB World Families,

What an amazing start to 2025 as we have been recognized by Magnet Schools of America as one of the Top Magnet Schools in the nation. As one of only 3 schools in the district to receive this new award, Mildred Helms Elementary IB World School will be recognized among the National Magnet Schools of Excellence during an awards ceremony held at Magnet Schools of America's Conference in Nashville in April.

In order to receive the TOP Magnet Award, members of Magnet Schools of America submit a detailed application then scored by a panel of educators. Schools are judged and scored on their demonstrated ability to raise student academic achievement, promote racial and socioeconomic diversity, provide integrated curricula and instruction, and create strong family and community partnerships that enhance the school's magnet theme. We are so very proud of this recognition!

Thank you to everyone who has participated in our Celebrate Literacy Week Family Literacy Night and Student Led Conferences. We enjoyed a fun filled evening sharing literacy activities and giving away free books for students to create or add to home libraries.

Congratulations to our Boy's Battle of the Books team who finished in 2nd place in their division. Tasked first with reading several books, these boys answered text-based questions against competing teams from other schools in a virtual competition. Great job team! A great big thank you to our club sponsors Mrs. Harmon and Ms. Coleman as well.

Kindness Week begins on February 11th - 14th. While we show kindness daily, this week will highlight and share our appreciation for kindness within our school and community.

Congratulations to all our scholars who earned Principal's List or Honor Roll for the second grading period and were celebrated in our café' last week. We loved seeing our proud students being surrounded by supportive family members leading the cheers for academic achievements.

Midterms will go home with students on February 7, 2025. Please take time with your child to discuss their progress and goals for the grading period. Grades are posted in FOCUS each week with student and parent access available at any time. Parents that need support with their username and password can access information on the district or school website or stop by the front office for assistance.

Our Family Night event for February is our International Showcase, 5th Grade Exhibition and Art Show on Thursday, February 27th. We hope you can come out for a fun filled evening of art, international learning and 5th grade Exhibition presentations, a culminating IB PYP event showcasing research and communication skills on a topic of their choice.

Stay safe and healthy.

Respectfully yours,

Mrs. Brennan

Upcoming Events

2/5 Ready, Set, Kindergarten

5:30pm Media Center

2/5 SAC Meeting 6:00pm

Media Center

2/7 Mid-Terms go home

2/10 - 14 Kindness Week

2/18 Spring and Class Pictures

2/27 International Showcase

PYP Exhibition

Art Show 6:00pm

Mrs. Cooper's Corner

Dear MHES families,

It has been fantastic seeing you at our wonderful events this year! I hope to see you all on February 27th for our Exhibition / International Showcase.

We are still happily accepting PBIS donations for our upcoming Quarter 3 PBIS Store.

As always your support is integral to our scholars and their success! Please reach out and let me know if you have any questions or ways that I can support you at cooperkar@pcsb.org or (727) 588-3569.

Thank you!

Mrs. Cooper

MISSION:

Mildred Helms is committed to developing knowledgeable, inquiring, and caring lifelong learners within an intellectually challenging, transdisciplinary program emphasizing international mindedness.

PTA NEWS!

PTA would like to recognize and thank McCabinet for their generous donation in support of our Mildred Helms Community. We would also like to thank the McKenzie family, the Piehl family and Kaleigh Moran Orcutt for their donations to our teachers and staff. Thank you for all of your continued support and donations! We can't do what we do without you!

The MHES PTA is looking for anyone who would like to be more involved with school events, teacher appreciation and/or fundraising. Please email any member of the board if you would like to be involved.

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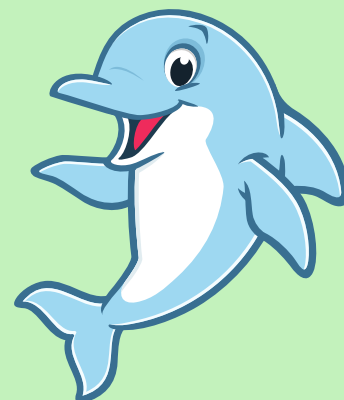


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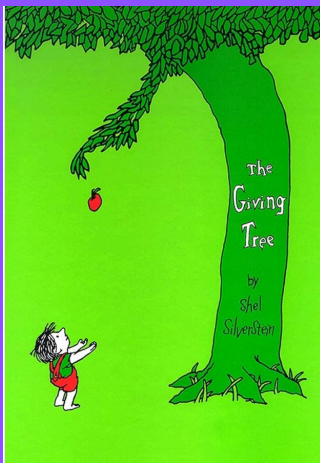
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Book of the Month



Click the book cover to listen to this book!

LEARNER PROFILE OF THE MONTH

Caring

We show empathy, compassion, and respect. We have a commitment to service, and we act to make a positive difference in the lives of others and the world around us.



PYP 5th Grade Exhibition

Come and celebrate the passions and student action taken this year by our 5th grade students!

February 27,
2025

6:00 – 7:00pm
Dolphin Cafe`



International Showcase
MHES Art Show
6:00–7:00pm

Be an International Inquirer!
Check out grade level inquiry stations and our Amazing Artists!

Congratulations to Our Principled Learners of the Month of January!

PreK/VPK: Hope E., Isabelle H., Syncere J.

Kindergarten: Audrey S., Maverick C., Raylyn H., Rylan T., Amber L.

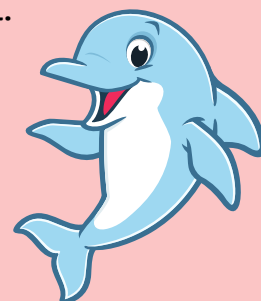
1st Grade: Jedidiah T., Indiana C., Santiago I. S., Eli W.

2nd Grade: Briannah D., Carson L., Khyla H., Charlie D.

3rd Grade: Ameila D., Tharon L., Mariah O., Sadie B., Kajaunay B.

4th Grade: Liam R., Ava P. R., Kennedy G., Glaukus M.

5th Grade: Kolton H., Ella R., Lily C., Stella H.



MHES SPECIALISTS



Counselor's Corner

Students in the S.A.V.E (Student Against Violence Everywhere) club are learning how to take charge and keep their school safe. They understand how to use the Say Something App on their computers or report unsafe behaviors from their own computer or phone. They are encouraged to tell a trusted adult immediately and also report the incident. We are also learning how to make our school feel more welcoming and make everyone feel included, seen and heard. We will continue to learn how to recognize the signs when someone is bullying, acting in an unsafe way and making threats of self-harm. We will be gearing up for Say Something Week in March with activities to help prevent youth violence in school.

For the month of February, we will be focusing on the Social Skill of empathy. We will look into ways a student's behavior can have an effect on their peers as well as encouraging students to think about respecting other people's opinions.



www.pcsb.org/safetyconcern



Mrs. Clemens' Musical Notes

Save the Date!
Spring Concert
April 8, 2025

Ms. Coleman's Book Nook



Fifth and fourth graders are learning about reliable sources of information that they can access through CLEVER to help meet their research needs. Third grade will be introduced to the online library catalog and be able to access resources that will help them research biographies. The primary grades will analyze stories and do activities related to the Sunshine State Young Readers Award, Jr. program. Students will be voting for their favorite Sunshine State book in March!

Congratulations
to our Boys Book
Battle
Participants!

2nd place
in their
division!



MHES SPECIALISTS



Coaches Playbook

PE is excited to be back on track with mileage. We are now 7 weeks in with a goal of 15, so our athletes can reach the century club. Also, we utilized our time inside with the colder weather knocking out fitness testing.

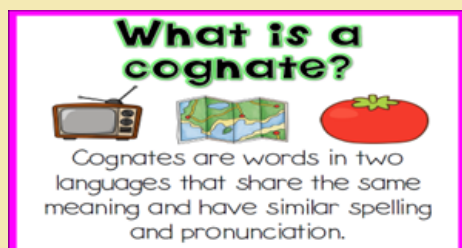
STAY FOCUSED AND KEEP UP THE
HARD WORK!!!



Senora Carlson's Cafe Hola

¡Hola amigos de MHES!

VPK-5th grade Spanish classes will continue to focus on cognates!



Also, we are learning how to describe the weather:

"Hace frio" - It is cold

"Hace calor" - It is hot

To learn to communicate in Spanish, you must listen and speak in Spanish as much as possible. I encourage all my students to practice our Spanish vocabulary at home. "Muchas Gracias" for your support.



Mr. Kiebzak's Artist's Loft

2025 has been great so far in the Art room! Since we returned from break, each class has had the opportunity to work with clay. One thing I always tell the kids is that once their clay gets fired in the kiln, it isn't clay anymore. After it gets fired for 6 hours and temperatures reach 1800 degrees Fahrenheit, It should be referred to as ceramic, sculpture or pottery (for Kindergarten & 4th grade). I am very proud of each and every artist in my classroom and their hard work.

On February 27th, I will be having a schoolwide Art show featuring at least 1 piece of Art from every student K-5! This Art show is on the same night as our International Showcase & 5th Grade Exhibition so please mark this evening on your calendars. I hope to see you there.

Congratulations to 5th grade student Corie Patten for having her artwork selected to be displayed at the Morean Arts Center for the "Word & Image" exhibition! Also huge shout out to 3rd grade students Christian Hill and Cynthia Toribio-Webb for having their photography selected for the "Clearwater Arts Alliance Visual Movement" show. They took some really cool photographs and edited them in multiple apps to create their masterpiece!

Please contact me if you have any questions
kiebzakj@pcsb.org











My favorite things are God & sunsets. God is what holds me together and without him I wouldn't be who I am. Sunsets remind me about my GiGi because she was like a ray of sunshine. She always made me happy.
God and my GiGi are the best!!

MHES CALENDAR



February 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	BLACK HISTORY MONTH					1
2 HAPPY GROUNDHOG DAY 	3	4  ROSA PARKS DAY	5 Ready, Set, Kindergarten 5:30pm Media Center SAC Meeting 6:00pm	6	7 Mid-Terms Go Home	8
9  LIX SUPER BOWL	10	11	12	13	14	15
Kindness Week 						
16	17  HAPPY PRESIDENT'S DAY School in Session	18 Spring and Class Pictures 	19	20	21  INTERNATIONAL Mother Language Day	22  World Thinking Day 2025
23	24	25	26	27 International Showcase & PYP Exhibition & Art Show 6:00pm	28	



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