



# MILDRED HELMS ELEMENTARY IB WORLD SCHOOL MESSENGER

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**November 2024**

## PRINCIPAL'S POINTS OF PRIDE

Dear Mildred Helms Elementary IB World Families,

Throughout November, we are sharing an “Attitude of Gratitude” and showing appreciation for every person, family, community partner and business partnership that supports our IB learning community. Our learning community is a stellar example of support, encompassing the hard work of our staff to ensure that our scholars are achieving their greatest potential and providing families with resources for academic and social supports. Our scholars are working to achieve their goals and our families and community and business partners are supporting our vision of 100% Student Success.

Our Academic Awards Night for our third through fifth grade scholars will be held on November 6th at 6pm on the stage side of the Dolphin Café'. Invitations for families of scholars receiving awards were included in report cards.

Our October/November SAC meeting will be held on November 6th at 6:00pm in the Dolphin café'. We look forward to sharing our academic success from the first period and additional information on how to support students at home with digital resources.

Later this month, we will host our Family Math Night, Fall Book Fair, Veteran's Day celebration, and the Great American Teach In. There are multiple events for which we hope you will take the time to participate. All events are listed on the calendar page as well as inside the newsletter.

Just a reminder, there will be no school for students November 25-29th for Thanksgiving Break. We hope you can join us and share in our “Attitude of Gratitude”.

Have a great month of November.

Respectfully yours,  
*Mrs. Brennan*



## Mrs. Cooper's Corner

Dear MHES families,

It's amazing to think we've already completed our first quarter of learning! We are thankful to be back into the swing of learning. Please reach out and let us know if there is anything that we can do to support you

Congratulations to all of our students who are exemplifying our Guidelines for Success! We've had a fantastic time celebrating with our first quarter PBIS store, and monthly class rewards including October's water bottle stickers!

I'm excited to see what the second quarter has in store for us!

If you have any items you'd like to donate or if you're interested in adopting our PBIS store, please reach out to me at [cooperkar@pcsb.org](mailto:cooperkar@pcsb.org).

Thank you!  
*Mrs. Cooper*

## PTA NEWS!

The MHES PTA is inviting families to a Celebration of Veterans on Monday November 11, 2024. The Appreciation Breakfast will begin at 8:20am in the cafeteria, with chorus presenting a Veterans program at 8:45am followed by a Veterans Parade at 9am. Students will accompany family members during the parade. Please return the RVSP form by November 7th if you would like to join us!

Additionally, PTA is asking for families to send in photocopy (not original) pictures of their loved ones who have served, so they can be added to our wall of honor! Please include the service member's name and branch of service, as well as the student's name and teacher on the back. Please send all pictures by November 7th.

Thank you to those of you who have offered to volunteer. If you are interested in volunteering please email: [president@mildredhelmspta.org](mailto:president@mildredhelmspta.org)



## FALL BOOK FAIR

Mildred Helms Elementary IB  
Media Center



**November 11th - 15th, 2024**

Students will have the opportunity to shop on their Media Day.



## FAMILY NIGHT at the BOOK FAIR

**When: Thursday, November 14th  
from 3:15-3:45 p.m. and 5:15-6:45 p.m.**

Visit our Book Fair Webpage at:  
<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/mhesIB>

## GREAT AMERICAN TEACH IN

The Teach-In provides an opportunity for parents and members of the community to come in and speak with students about their occupations, hobbies, or areas of interest. Although the focus of the teach in is to give students information on a variety of careers, we also encourage volunteers to speak about hobbies, areas of interest, organize an activity, read a story or teach a class. Speakers can choose the school they would like to visit and the amount of time they wish to speak for, from one hour to an entire school day!

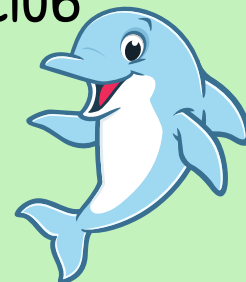
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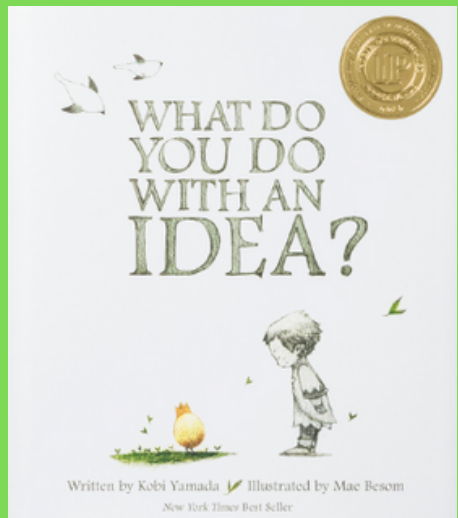


## Thank you to the following for supporting our school!

Lotz of Blessings  
Malachowski Family  
American Legion Auxiliary  
Post 119  
Panera  
Smugglers Cove  
Largo Women's Club



## Book of the Month



## LEARNER PROFILE OF THE MONTH

### Inquirer

We nurture our curiosity, developing skills for inquiry and research. We know how to learn independently and with others. We learn with enthusiasm and sustain our love of learning throughout life.



## 4 Strategies to Support Inquiry at Home:

### Try New Things...

- Explore new skills and hobbies! This helps grow a learner's identity.
- Learn more about yourself and what brings you joy. Sign up for classes and try something new together!

### Play Together...

- Board and card games boost literacy, math, communication, and reasoning skills. Try a family game night!

### Learn Together...

- Create a culture of learning and curiosity at home.
- Watch a documentary, read a book, or go to a local museum!

### Ask Questions...

- Reflection is a powerful tool for inquiry! Here are some questions to try:
- What is your class learning about?
  - What are you curious about?
  - What problems do you see at home or at school that we could solve?

## Congratulations to Our Thinkers of the Month of October!

**PreK/VPK:** Aria M., Lucy C., Amari K.

**Kindergarten:** Madden B., River B., Blake G., Aaron P.-G., Czelestine C.

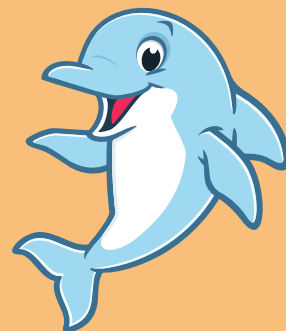
**1st Grade:** Hayes C., Josiah L., Zoe M., Audrey O.

**2nd Grade:** Xander J., Myles M., Jason H., Julia G.

**3rd Grade:** Greyson M., Oliver S., Eve M., Emmitt P., Ayden D.

**4th Grade:** Xavier V., Johnathan M., Jase S., Michael O.

**5th Grade:** Zechariah M., Lillian S., Angelina E., Jaiden M.





# MHES SPECIALISTS



## Counselor's Corner

It is good to be back at school for some normalcy and structure after the Hurricanes. I hope that every has reached out for help if they need it and things are getting better. If there is anything I can do, please reach out to me and I will try to get the available resources to you.

For the month of November, I will be going into the classrooms and talking to the students about personal safety and internet safety. We will discuss and identify who their 'safe' person is. A safe person is someone they feel comfortable talking if they were ever in a situation when someone has ever made them feel uncomfortable. We will also be talking about internet safety and being safe in the community.



[www.pcsb.org/safetyconcern](http://www.pcsb.org/safetyconcern)

## Ms. Coleman's Book Nook



As we enter the Fall season, our students are off to good start to becoming Digitally Responsible! I hope you have found the packets that come home after we cover a lesson interesting and informative. Doing the suggested family activities will help our students grow further as effective, responsible users of technology, as they also learn how to stay safe online.

Our Fall Book Fair is fast approaching! The Book Fair is November 11th–15th. Classes are scheduled to attend the book fair during the week. Families are invited to join in the fun on Family Night on Thursday, November 14th from 3:15–3:45 p.m. and 5:15–6:45 p.m. We hope you can make it!

Check out our Book Fair homepage at <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/mhesIB> and consider setting up an eWallet so children won't need to bring cash to school.

Happy Autumn!



## Senora Carlson's Cafe Hola

We will be starting our new Unit on Family Traditions "Tradiciones Familiares". During this Unit students will be learning about what constitutes a family, their traditions, and their celebrations.

Our goal is to be familiar with the following vocabulary:

### Los miembros de la Familia (Family members)

|                             |                          |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Mama - mom                  | El primo - male cousin   |
| Papa - dad                  | La prima - female cousin |
| Hijo/a - son, daughter      | Abuelo - grandpa         |
| Hermano/a - brother, sister | Abuela - grandma         |
| El tío - uncle              | Mascotas - pets          |
| La tía - aunt               |                          |

## Mrs. Clemens' Musical Notes

### First Grade Families! SAVE THE DATE!

The MHES 1st Graders will be doing a Holiday Program in December! Tuesday, Dec. 10th, 2024 at 6:00pm in the cafeteria  
You don't want to miss it!  
All family and friends are welcome to attend!  
More information will be coming home soon.

### 4th and 5th Grade Chorus News!

\*Chorus shirts should be arriving mid-November! I will email families on the day I pass them out to students to bring home. Keep them in a safe place to have ready for upcoming performances.

### \*Upcoming Performance Dates!!!

5th Grade Chorus Only! - Veterans Day Assembly - Mon. Nov. 11th - 8:45am! Perform 2 songs during the breakfast.  
(Guests must register to attend this event)

4th and 5th Grade Chorus - Holiday Concert!! Tuesday, Dec. 10th - 6:45pm in the MHES Cafeteria. All guests are welcome!!!

4th and 5th Grade Chorus - Holiday Concert at Largo Park! Friday, Dec. 13th - 6:30pm at Largo Park (during the Lights Festival) - All guests are welcome!!!

More details for these events will be emailed to families through FOCUS. I will also send home flyers with the students. Check regularly with them for information.



## Mr. Kiebzak's Artist Loft

We are creating amazing works of art! So far every grade level has created 2 projects and most are working on their 3rd. So many cool drawings, paintings and mixed media work have been produced! Soon we will be creating sculptures & diving into the digital art world with our iPad lab.

Congratulations to the following students for having their artwork selected for the Creative stART exhibition at the Dunedin Fine Arts Center:



**1st -Zoe Manns**  
**"Spectacular Sunflower"**



**3rd - Eve McKenzie**  
**"James Rizzi Cityscape"**



**4th- Victoria Rodriguez**  
**"Taggin' Bricks"**

Please understand that not all artwork will be sent home immediately upon completion. I have already been hanging on to a few class projects in preparation for the yearly Mildred Helms Art show as well as many individual pieces for other Art exhibitions, classroom showcases & the 24-25 office refresh. Rest assured, art will still be coming home, however the individual students and classes will be notified if I'm hanging on to their work for something.

Last month, FOX13 and Pinellas County Schools came out to interview me in the Art room and film one of my 3rd grade classes. We talked about everything we do inside the classroom, and took a glimpse into some of my creations outside the classroom. Check the link below for the PCS version!!

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Next time you are out with your child and see a mural on a building or art hanging in the Doctors office or local library, ask your child a few questions to spark some good art conversation:  
"How does that art make you feel". "What stands out to you and why?" "What elements did the artist use to create that (line, shape, space, form, value, texture, color)?"

I'm just an email away if you have any questions: [kiebzakj@pcsb.org](mailto:kiebzakj@pcsb.org)

# MHES CALENDAR



## November 2024

| Sunday  | Monday  | Tuesday | Wednesday   | Thursday   | Friday  | Saturday   |
|---|---|---------|---|--|---|--|
|   |   |         |   |  | 1<br>Kindergarten<br>Community<br>Helper Parade | 2<br>All County<br>DAP Fair<br>Largo High<br>School 9am  |
| 3<br>Daylight<br>Savings Time<br>"Fall Back"<br> | 4   | 5       | 6<br>Discovery Night<br>5:30pm<br>SAC Meeting<br>6:00pm<br>Awards<br>Ceremony<br>6:30pm | 7  | 8   | 9  |
| 10  | 11<br>Salute to<br>Veterans PTA<br>Program<br> | 12      | 13<br>Mid-Terms<br>Great<br>American<br>Teach-In  | 14<br>Fall Picture<br>Retakes<br>Math Night<br> | 15  | 16<br>International<br>Day for<br>Tolerance<br> |
| 17  | 18  | 19      | 20  | 21   | 22  | 23   |
| 24  | 25  | 26      | 27  | 28<br>HAPPY<br>Thanksgiving<br>                  | 29  | 30   |
| Thanksgiving Break - No School 11/25 - 11/29  |   |         |   |  |   |  |



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