



MILDRED HELMS ELEMENTARY IB WORLD SCHOOL

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Vision: 100% Student Success



November 2025

Principal's Points of Pride

Dear Mildred Helms Families,

We are so thankful for your support of our school and students. We appreciate your attendance at our Walk to School event and our Fall Family Heritage Night. These events are held to connect families and staff as we aim to continue to build relationships within our entire school community. Thank you to every family who participated in our Socktober events. What an amazing way to support our local community. Way to go Dolphins!

Let's keep the positivity growing in November by sharing an "Attitude of Gratitude" and showing appreciation for every person, family, community partner and business partnership that supports our IB learning community.

The Book Fair kicks off this month's family and community events. We encourage families to visit during Family Night at the Book Fair on Wednesday, November 5th from 3:30pm to 5:30pm. Students will have an opportunity to browse the Book Fair early in the week and check out all the new books and items available.

In collaboration with PTA, we will host a Celebration of Veterans on Tuesday, November 11 beginning at 8:15am. Please RSVP on the flyer sent home with students this week.

Our Magnet Discovery Night for the 2026-27 school year will be held on Wednesday, November 19th. This evening is for VPK families as well as any new families interested in learning more about our IB PYP Programme and the application process.

Thanksgiving Break falls on the last week of November this year. There will be no school for students November 24th- 28th. We hope your family enjoys the time to gather together.

Join us on our "Attitude of Gratitude" journey all this month. We appreciate those making a positive impact on our school and local community.

Respectfully yours,
Mrs. Brennan

November Dates

11/3-7 MHES Fall Book Fair

11/4 Election Day

**11/5 Family Night at the Book Fair
3:30PM - 5:30PM**

11/11 Veteran's Day Celebration

11/12 Great American Teach In

**11/19 SAC Meeting 5:30PM
Discovery Night 6PM**

**11/24 - 28 Thanksgiving Break - no
school for students**

11/27 Thanksgiving Day



Mrs. Schneider's Snapshot

Dear MHES families,

It's hard to believe we've already wrapped up another successful month of learning and are heading into November! October was filled with exciting milestones, and it has been truly rewarding to celebrate each student's progress as they worked toward the goals they set for themselves.

Our students had a blast celebrating their Dolphin Ticket success with game time and a popcorn treat. They also enjoyed their first visit to the Dolphin Depot—our PBIS store—where they redeemed their IB Bucks for special rewards. It was wonderful to see their pride and excitement as they shopped!

If you're interested in donating time or items to support the Dolphin Depot, please feel free to reach out to me at SchneiderK@pcsb.org.

We truly appreciate all you do to support student achievement each and every day.

Appreciatively,

Mrs. Schneider



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MHES COMMUNITY



Community Connections

**Thanks for
supporting our
school!**



**Lotz of Blessings
Emily Shelley
Judy Cote
Zaxbys
Largo Women's Club**

**Adopt a Class Sponsors:
Flanagan's Porch and Windows
Davis Family
Largo Body Shop**

PTA News

**Please be on the lookout for
information regarding our annual
Veteran's Day event.**

Celebrations of Veterans!

**Veterans and family of veterans,
please begin choosing a photo that
we can use for our Veteran's Day
Wall of Heroes! Note that all
photos should be photocopies as
they will not be returned. If you are
interested in volunteering or
donating to this event, please
reach out to
president@mildredhelmspta.org.**

Discovery Night!

Explore with us!

**Mildred Helms Elementary
IB World School
Discovery Night
November 19, 2025
6PM Media Center**

561 S. Clearwater Largo Rd. Largo, FL 33770

**Info Session
School Tour**

**Q & A
Learn More!**



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!

**Nov 12,
2025**

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PYP MONTHLY



Welcome!



IB Learner Profile of the Month

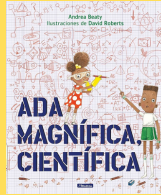
Inquirer

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.



My name is Jenn Kelly and I am the IB PYP Coordinator at Mildred Helms Elementary. I am looking forward to a great 2025 – 2026 school year! Check out this page of our monthly newsletter for information about IB and what it looks like in our IB World School!

Learner Profile Book of the Month



Click on the book cover to listen to the book.

¡Indagamos!



Somos curiosos y nos gusta hacer preguntas para aprender mucho más.



We are INQUIRERS!



We are curious and like to ask more questions in order to learn more.



Fall Family Heritage Night was a Success!

Thank you to everyone who joined in the Fall Fun!



Communicators of the Month of October

PK3 / VPK: William, Carter

Kindergarten: Basily, Princess, Caroline, Wesley

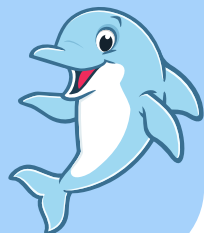
1st Grade: Eli, Amber, Teddy, Czelestine

2nd Grade: Indiana, Bronsyn, Natalia, Linkz

3rd Grade: Yareni, Jordan, Yrian, Isabella

4th Grade: Aksel, Trinity, Emmitt, Alana

5th Grade: Salome, Italy, Baileigh, Johnathan



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Counselor's Connections



November is the perfect time to focus on gratitude and being thankful. Ask your children "What is one good thing that happened today?" Sharing daily gratitude helps children develop a positive mindset and strong family connection.

The next two months will be filled with excitement as well as a change in routine. This can easily overwhelm students and parents/guardians. Self-regulation can be done by helping your child take deep calm breaths when they are feeling overwhelmed.

Try this: Smell the hot chocolate-blow on the hot chocolate to cool.

We will continue to explore Xello, a career exploration program the students have on their computers. They can work on it at home as well. It is a fun interactive way to explore different career choices.

With much gratitude,
Mrs. Stager
School Counselor



Ms. Coleman's Book Nook

Families, our Fall Book Fair begins this week! Click on the [link](#) to go to our Book Fair website. It's easy to set up an eWallet so children won't need to bring cash to school.

Hope to see you Family Night at the Book Fair on Wednesday, November 5th from 3:30-5:30 p.m. in the Media Center!

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/mildredhelmsselemschool>



November 3rd - 7th, 2025

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



**FAMILY NIGHT
at the BOOK FAIR**

**When: Wednesday, November 5th
from 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.**

Visit our Book Fair Webpage at:

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/mildredhelmsselemschool>

- View video clips of featured books & authors.
- Set up an eWallet so children won't need to bring cash to school.
- Shop online!



Coach's Playbook

Hello Athletes and Families,

We had a great start to mileage this past week. The athletes are working hard to achieve their short-term goal, consisting of their 1st foot and lanyard. They are also focused and setting the tone working toward earning a medal for the year. Some of the standouts for the first week are:

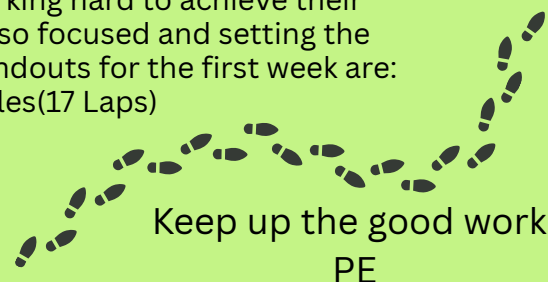
Tied for 1st-Joshua M(Conte 3rd) and Isaiah M(Levine 4th) with 3.4 miles(17 Laps)

2nd -Ezekiel M(Levine 4th) with 3 miles(15 Laps)

3rd-Marquis F(Harmon 5th) with 2.8 miles(14 Laps)

Top Class- Levine with 38.2 miles

Top Grade- 5th with 132 miles



Keep up the good work!
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MHES SPECIALISTS



Mrs. Clemens' Musical Notes

Mark your calendars! Upcoming Music Performances include:

Tues. Nov. 11th

8:45am - Veterans Day Assembly (before school)
- 5th Grade Chorus sings!
*MHES families must sign up in advance to attend this event.

Tues. Dec. 9th

Two Holiday Concerts!

6:00pm

1st Grade Holiday Program
All first graders are welcome to participate!

6:45pm

4th and 5th Grade Chorus Holiday Concert! Come celebrate with us!

Fri. Dec. 12th

6:30pm - 4th & 5th Grade Holiday Concert at Largo Park (outside stage)
Always an exciting time to take our singing to the park!

Mr. Kiebzak's Artist's Loft

Congratulations to the following 3 students for having their artwork accepted for the Creative stART exhibition, at the Dunedin Fine Arts Center. Emma Bennett- "Finish The Image- Woof Woof" . Glaukus Muco's 1 pt. Perspective titled "Glaukus City" & Lillian Hunn Garcia's "Graffiti name tag"! There are many more exhibition opportunities this year so keep working hard in the Art room!



I have already begun holding some class projects for the schoolwide Art show coming in March of 2026, as well as individual projects from students for the exhibitions and to display around the school!

Paint has been flowing in every grade level! K-3 are working on some festive fall creations, and 4th and 5th grade students are working on their "Word & Image" project and the theme this year is, "I WILL...". Ask your 4th or 5th grade students what their "I WILL" is. Could be a goal for this month, next year, or when they get older! There will be an exhibition at The Morean Arts Center for this theme so I'm looking forward to entering my 5 submissions in December.

Thanks to everyone who came out to the Heritage Night event and colored in a leaf for our Heritage Art Tree! The 5th grade after school Art Club students are working hard on their custom shirts. Looking forward to the finished products and the red carpet reveal in November.

As always, if you have any questions, please email me at kiebzakj@pcsb.org.

Mrs. Carlson's Cafe Hola

Dear Families,

We are excited to begin our next **Unit of Inquiry: How We Express Ourselves** in Spanish class! This unit focuses on personal, social, and cultural modes and practices of communication, helping students explore how people express ideas, feelings, and traditions in different ways.

Our central topic will be Family Traditions (Las tradiciones familiares).

Students will have the opportunity to:

- Share and talk about their own family traditions (las tradiciones familiares).
- Learn how families in Spanish-speaking countries celebrate important moments (celebraciones especiales).
- Practice new **Spanish vocabulary** such as:



- la familia (family)
- la tradición (tradition)
- la celebración (celebration)
- la comida (food)
- la música (music)
- los bailes (dances)
- los valores (values)
- las costumbres (customs)
- la cultura (culture)
- la fiesta (party/celebration)

Students will use this vocabulary as they learn to describe how their families celebrate special events, and how traditions are passed down through generations. They will also explore how families in different Spanish-speaking countries express themselves through arte (art), música (music), and comida tradicional (traditional food). Through this inquiry, students will develop a deeper understanding of how traditions connect us and how we can appreciate the diversity of our community.

¡Gracias por su apoyo! Thank you for your support!

— Señora Carlson



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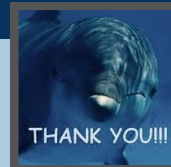
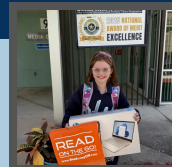
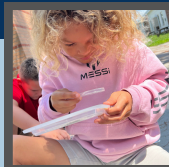
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MHES CALENDAR



November 2025



Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

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2	3 	4 VOTE ELECTION DAY	5 Family Night at the Book Fair 3:30-5:30PM	6 	7 Spirit Shirt Friday! 	8
9	10	11  HONORING ALL WHO SERVED	12 Great American Teach-In 	13  WORLD KINDNESS DAY	14 Spirit Shirt Friday! 	15
16	17	18	19 SAC 5:30PM Discovery Night 6PM 	20	21 Spirit Shirt Friday! 	22
23 	24	25	26	27  HAPPY THANKSGIVING	28	29
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