



# MILDRED HELMS ELEMENTARY IB WORLD SCHOOL

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Vision: 100% Student Success



**September 2025**

## Principal's Points of Pride

Dear Mildred Helms Families,

Let's start by celebrating all of our amazing families who attended our Title One Annual Meeting and Open House. It was fantastic to see our returning families and meet all of our new ones.

Communication between home and school is vital to the success of our students. Please ensure that you are reviewing communication folders or agendas daily and that contact information in FOCUS, such as email address and phone numbers, are updated. All communication is initiated through the information supplied by parents in FOCUS. Therefore, it is critical that information is updated by parents logging into FOCUS to make changes. If you need assistance, please stop by the front office with your government ID and we will be happy to help.

Beginning of the year testing continues through the month of September. Teachers will be communicating conference times to share student achievement data and yearly goals. Please be sure to attend these important conferences and also monitor your child's achievement including grades and test scores in FOCUS.

Our first School Advisory Council (SAC) meeting will be held Wednesday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm in the Media Center. We look forward to sharing our school improvement plan with our families and seeking input on any additional family engagement activities or other opportunities to improve our school. On Thursday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, PTA will hold their first meeting in the Dolphin Cafe followed by Grandparent Game Night.

We hope you join us as a partner in your child's education throughout the school year. Together we will continue soaring as an "A" school.

Respectfully yours,  
***Mrs. Brennan***

## **September Dates**

**9/1 No school - Labor Day**  
**9/10 Midterms go home**  
**9/11 PTA Meeting**  
**9/11 Grandparents Game Night**  
**9/15-18 Start With Hello Week**  
**9/17 School Advisory Meeting**  
**(SAC) 5:30pm Media Center**  
**9/19 No School - Pro-Ed Day**

## **Mrs. Schneider's** **Snapshot**

Dear MHES families,

It has been such a wonderful start to our school year! I have enjoyed seeing many of you at our Meet and Greet and Open House and hope to see you at upcoming events soon!

We are so thankful for the many donations for our PBIS store. Your continued donations help us keep our store stocked and ready for our students! Our students will have a chance to spend their IB bucks at the end of our 1st quarter! If you would like to donate to our PBIS store or for more information, please contact me at (727) 588-3569 or [schneiderk@pcsb.org](mailto:schneiderk@pcsb.org).

Thank you!  
***Mrs. Schneider***



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# MHES COMMUNITY



## Community Connections

**Thanks for  
supporting our  
school!**



**Apyx Medical  
Largo Elks**

## PTA News

MHES PTA would like to thank everyone who has signed up to be a member and purchased school spirit shirts!

Please save the date for our first **PTA Meeting and Grandparent's Game Night, Thursday September 11, 2025.** We hope to see everyone there!



**Check out these opportunities to volunteer!**

## 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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**Mildred Helms Elementary**



**Welcome Families to our 2025-2026 school year!**

I am Cheryl Hauburger, Mildred Helms Elementary Family & community Liaison.  
Phone: 727-588-3576 Email: hauburgerc@pcsb.org

I look forward to working with you as a returning or new volunteer. All volunteers must be registered or activated before volunteering.

Volunteers and community partners make a huge difference throughout the school year. There are lots of Volunteer Opportunities for you to be involved.

### Returning Volunteers

Please re-activate your volunteer status in the volunteer system  
Please use the Google Chrome browser and go to: <http://focus.pcsb.org/volunteer>  
Enter your username and password: User ID: **V.last name, first initial**  
**Example: v.smithk**  
Password: Your last name (Capitalize the first letter only) followed by the 4-digit  
**Birth Year Example: Smith1975**

### Brand New Volunteers

Please complete the online volunteer registration form. You will need to upload your government issued photo ID. Your applications will be processed through the Office of Strategic Partnerships of Pinellas County Schools. **You will receive an email approval** with a user ID and password. This will be used to log your volunteer hours.

Volunteer Registration: [www.pcsb.org/volunteerregistration](http://www.pcsb.org/volunteerregistration)

### Volunteers Opportunities

Walk Your Child to School Day: Wednesday, October 8, 2025  
Great American Teach In: Wednesday, November 12, 2025  
PTA, Book Fair, Field Trip Chaperone, Media Center, Picture Day, and Lunch Pal Mentor



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## Library Survey!

Dear Mildred Helms Elementary Families and Community Members,

It's time for the Annual Stakeholder's Library Survey. Please go to the MHES website at [www.pcsb.org/mildred-es](http://www.pcsb.org/mildred-es) and in the upper right hand corner of our homepage you will see the link to complete the survey.

Thanks for helping make our library the best it can be! ~Ms. Coleman

## Congratulations

*Trynity E.*

**MyOn Summer Reading Challenge Award Winner**



## Nurse's News

Don't forget to sign into your student's Focus account and complete the **Healthcare Services tab**. This will allow us to better support your student with health and injuries. Your students' medical information will only be shared with the school staff who need to know the information to provide a safe and healthy school environment.

**Together we are a team! - Nurse Liz**

## Cafe Delights

**Ice Cream and Snacks start September 5<sup>th</sup> and will be sold on Fridays only.**

Parents can start putting money on students accounts now using the link below for My School Bucks.

You can also send money in with your student to be placed on their account.



[Click here to access MySchoolBucks.com](http://MySchoolBucks.com)



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# PYP MONTHLY



## Welcome!



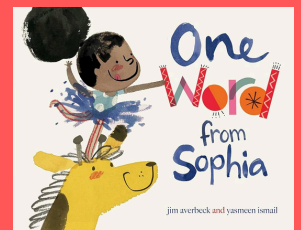
My name is Jenn Kelly and I am the IB PYP Coordinator at Mildred Helms Elementary. I am looking forward to a super great 2025 – 2026 school year! Check out this page of our monthly newsletter for information about IB and what it looks like in our IB World School!

## IB Learner Profile of the Month

### Communicator

We express ourselves confidently and creatively in more than one language and in many ways. We collaborate effectively, listening carefully to the perspectives of other individuals and groups.

#### Learner Profile Books of the Month



Click on the book cover to listen to the book.

## Risk-Takers of the Month of August

**PK3 / VPK:** Kaylee R., Patrick J.

**Kindergarten:** Christopher V., Ryder B., Emmett G., Kyliah D.

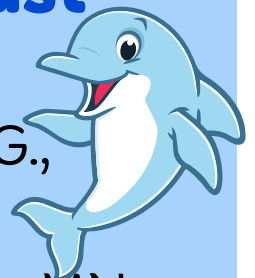
**1<sup>st</sup> Grade:** Alice C., Sawyer G., Jay'shawn D., Linden MN.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade:** Jedidiah T., William H., Jayce C., Hayes C.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade:** Jay L., Briannah D., Xander J., Sophia P.

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Carleigh W., Tahari W., Kajaunay B., Emma B.

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Jayden B., Jace W., Aria C., Arielle H.



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## Counselor's Connections



Welcome Back to School! As we begin a new academic year, I want to extend a heartfelt welcome to all students and families. Whether you're returning or joining us for the first time, I'm here to support your child's academic, social, and emotional growth.

**Guidance Lessons:** I have been making my rounds into each classroom to introduce myself and let students know how to contact me. We discussed the Say Something icon on their computer. This is used to report bullying and if you hear another student make serious threats against the school or another individual. We also discussed that "words matter" and making threats against another student is taken very seriously.

**S.A.V.E Club** (Students Against Violence Everywhere) S.A.V.E Club will begin mid-September. Students were provided with a permission form to be signed by parents or guardians if they would like to participate. The S.A.V.E club meets once per month during the student's lunch. Our goal is to make the school a more welcoming place and learn about bullying prevention.

**Upcoming Events**—"Start With Hello Week"—Start with Hello week was founded by families who lost loved ones in the Sandy Hook Elementary tragedy. Each year, schools across the nation take part in this initiative to help prevent social isolation, bullying and violence by encouraging students to reach out, connect and include others.

With much gratitude,  
Mrs. Stager

Mildred Helms Elementary IB World School

### Start with Hello Week

September 15<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup>  
Join us for inclusive schoolwide activities this week!

- Monday 9/15 - Hey Day!**  
Start the week off right by filling out a name tag and saying hello to a new friend. Try using a different language!
- Tuesday 9/16 - High Five Tree of Hello**  
Think of a way to include others and draw it on a hand. Add your hand to our school wide tree!
- Wednesday 9/17 - Hello Bingo**  
Complete your BINGO Card for a chance to win a prize!
- Thursday 9/18 - Talk About It Thursday!** Wear green socks and start a conversation with someone new!

## Ms. Coleman's Book Nook

We're off to a busy start—getting reacquainted with the library and learning how to find the books we want to read! We'll learn tricks about finding those "just right" books to enjoy: not too easy, not too hard, but just right!

**We're examining the differences between fiction and nonfiction and how both types of books can be found in libraries. Every book has an address printed on a label on its spine that tells where it is located in the library. This address is called a call number.**

**Fiction is organized alphabetically by the author's last name.** A novel by Gordon Korman will have the call number "F KOR" on its spine. The F shows it belongs in the Fiction section, and the KOR, the first three letters of the author's last name, shows it is located on a "K" shelf. **Picture books are located in the Everybody Fiction section and have a call number starting with "E" for the Everybody section.** A picture book by Mo Willems would have the call number "E WIL" on its spine. It's going to be shelved towards the end of the Everybody section in the letter W's.

**Nonfiction is organized in number order.** The number stands for the book's topic of information. This is called the Dewey Decimal System and it organizes all the world's subjects into ten main categories (000s-900s). I sometimes call this the "secret librarian's code" but I help my students figure out the codes of their favorite subjects so they're in on the secret too!

Let's say I wrote a book about weather, it would be shelved in the 500s where all the physical science books are located. All weather books are in fact located in the 551s. If I wrote a book about hurricanes, a type of weather event, it would have the call number "551.55 Col" on its spine because 551.55 is the Dewey Decimal number for books about atmospheric phenomena, such as storms, hurricanes, and tornadoes. So cool, right! The "Col" part of the call number is because the author's last name is Coleman.

Looking forward to teaching everyone more about the Dewey Decimal System or A.K.A. The Secret Librarian's Code!





# MHES SPECIALISTS



## Mrs. Clemens' Musical Notes

PreK through 5th grade music classes are off to a great start!

We are learning that every song has a **STEADY BEAT** and a **METER**!

**Parent Connection:** When you're listening to music at home or in the car, ask your child, "Can you find the beat of this song?" Ask your 2nd-5th grader, "Can you find the **STRONG** beat in this song?"

The 4th and 5th grade Dolphin Chorus is off to a great start! We have 68 students involved this year! **Rehearsals are on Mondays (for 5th gr. Chorus) and Fridays (for 4th gr. Chorus) during the school day.**

Parents! Be looking for more communication through Focus from me on upcoming Chorus events!

Please make sure you OPT IN to receive TEXT messages through Focus!

**Thank you for supporting the ARTS in your child's life! - Mrs. Clemens, MHES Music Specialist**

## Inquiry in Action...

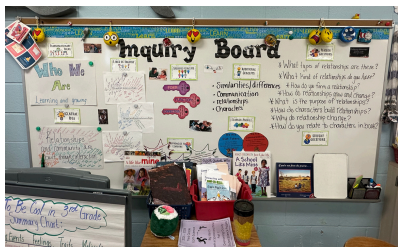
Curious siblings, Jaxson and Alice are thinking about traveling the world!



1st Grade is inquiring into how relationships build community.



3rd Grade is busy inquiring into relationships!



2nd Graders inquire into soil and sand as part of their Science Inquiry.



## Save the Date! PTA presents...

Mildred Helms Elementary PTA invites you to

### GRANDPARENT'S GAME NIGHT!

Join us in the Cafe for games, fun and refreshments!

**THURSDAY, SEPT 11**

PTA MEETING WITH GAMES TO FOLLOW AT 6:00 PM

RSVP by Monday September 8th

STUDENT'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

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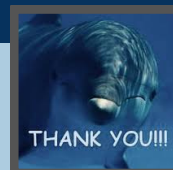
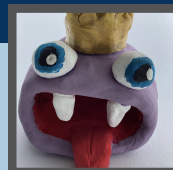
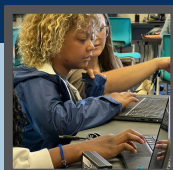
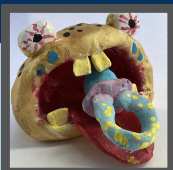
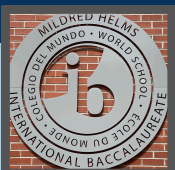
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# MHES CALENDAR



## September 2025



Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

.	1 No School - Labor Day HAPPY LABOR DAY	2	3	4	5 Spirit Shirt Friday! 	6 
7 	8	9	10 Midterms Go Home	11 PTA Meeting 6PM Grandparent's Game Night	12 Fall Pictures	13
14	15 	16	17 SAC Meeting 5:30pm	18	19 No School Pro-Ed Day	20
21 	22	23	24	25	26 Spirit Shirt Friday! 	27
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September 15 - October 15

Visit us at <https://www.pcsb.org/mildred-es> for the most up to date information!



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