

MILDRED HELMS ELEMENTARY MESSENGER

October 2023



PRINCIPAL'S POINTS OF PRIDE

Dear Mildred Helms IB Families,

Happy Fall! It's amazing to see that by mid-October we will have completed one quarter of the school year already. Attendance and participation in class are two important components to school success. The end of the first grading period is next Friday, Oct. 13th and report cards will go home with students on October 26th. Remember parents can access to grades through FOCUS at any time with their parent portal.

Congratulations to all Dolphins of the Month for September. They exemplified the Learner Profile attribute of a Communicator. See the following page for the list of students we celebrated from each class.

A great big thank you to our MHES PTA for a successful Grandparent's Night Bingo event. We enjoyed seeing all our families and hope you had a fabulous time playing BINGO! Our next family event will be the International Walk to School Day held on Wednesday, Oct. 4th. All students must be accompanied by a parent/guardian to participate. Math night will held on November 9th with more information coming home soon.

Our next SAC Meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 25th at 5:30pm in the Hub of Inquiry. We welcome all our families to learn more about our School Improvement Plan and efforts throughout the year to increase our success. We will host guest speakers and share opportunities for parents to learn more about FOCUS, achievement testing, curriculum initiatives and much more.

Have a great month of October! Stay safe and healthy.

Respectfully yours,
Mrs. Brennan

October 4th Walk to School Day

Meet at the Publix parking
lot at the corner of West Bay
and Clearwater Largo Rd. at

7:45am

See you there!

Parents must accompany
students

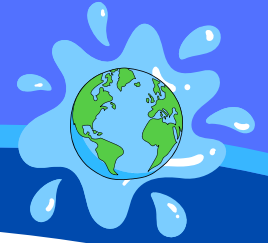
Mrs. Cooper's Corner

It has been a pleasure to meet so many of you as we have kicked off this great school year! I look forward to continuing to get to know you. Make sure to sign up for your student's Class Dojo and keep your phone number in Focus up to date so that you can receive all of our school information and updates. Please feel free to reach out and email me with any time!

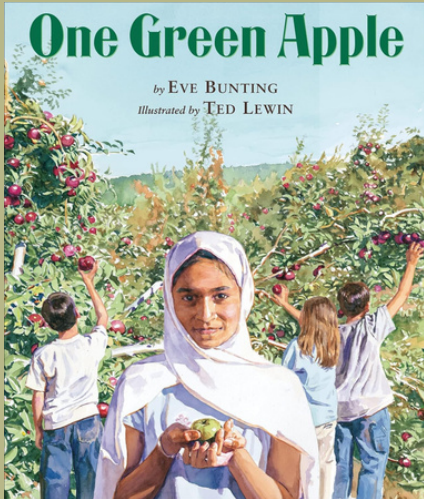
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Check out our District Application Programs

**All County Magnet Fair
Saturday, October 21st
Pinellas Park High School
9:00am - 11:00am**



Book of the Month



INQUIRY UNIT #2

PK3: HWEO-People around the world use real and make believe to express themselves.

VPK: WWPT-Families around the world are connected by similarities and differences.

K: HWOO- Communities are created when people work together.

1: WWPT- People and places around the world evolve over time.

2: HWOO- Communities persevere when faced with challenges.

3: HWW- Humans understand how and why living things respond to their environment.

4: STP- Living things share resources and impact the environment.

5: HWW- Living things adapt in order to survive.

LEARNER PROFILE OF THE MONTH

Thinker

We use critical and creative thinking skills to analyze and take responsible action on complex problems. We exercise initiative in making reasoned ethical decisions.

Congratulations to our September Communicators of the Month!

PK3, VPK - Titan H., Kai L., Christopher V., Aria M.

Kindergarten - Nekhet L., Audrey O., Majesty P., Waylon I.

1st Grade - Cristel C., Martell J., Matthew N., Maci R.

2nd Grade - Emily W., Steffany V., Renatha M., Aksel Y., Ayden D.

3rd Grade - Radric B., Karson D., Glaukus M., Jaelynn A.

4th Grade - Lillian S., Laila J., Ian I., Betsy H.

5th Grade - Savannah C., Cali S., Norah H., Victoria V.

MHES PTA HAPPENINGS



PTA NEWS!

What a great Grandparents & Bingo Event! We had **269** people and **TON** of fun! Thank you for attending and making this night a success!



**Connect
with PTA!**



**Memberships
T-shirts
Bundles
Donations**

Save the Date!



SAY HATS OFF TO DRUGS BY WEARING A SCHOOL
APPROPRIATE HAT ON

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26TH



Scan the QR code to send in a
donation and get to wear
your favorite hat to school!

Hosted by the MHES PTA. Funds will go towards
programs throughout the 2023 - 2024 school year.

WE NEED YOU!!



**The PTA is wanting 100%
involvement from our
families and staff!**

**Join today to help
us reach our goal!**

MHES SPECIALISTS



Mrs. Ingram's Counselor's Corner

Red Ribbon Week Activities

October 23-27

Monday: Wear **Red** to celebrate healthy choices.



Tuesday: We have better things to do than drugs! Write about them on our graffiti wall!



Wednesday: Sock it to Drugs! Wear crazy socks to show your commitment to a drug-free lifestyle.



Thursday: Hats Off to Being Drug Free. Wear a hat for a \$1 donation to Mildred Helms PTA!



Friday: Team Up Against Drugs. Wear your favorite team jersey!



Ms. Coleman's Book Nook

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



The Library Media Center could use your help!

We are looking for volunteers who can give an hour or two once a week to help shelve the hundreds of library books that get returned each and every week in our busy Media Center.

Please email me if you are interested in volunteering for this essential task. We would really appreciate the help!

Thanks!

Miss Coleman

(colemanke@pcsb.org)

Mrs. Carlson's Café Hola!

PYP SPANISH CLASS SYLLABUS OCTOBER-NOVEMBER UNIT 2 "HERENCIA MUNDIAL"

YO SOY AUDAZ (I AM RISK TAKER) – SOMOS COMUNICADORES (WE ARE COMMUNICATORS)

Novice Low **GOAL** Novice Mid Novice High Intermediate Low Intermediate Mid Intermediate High

ESPAÑOL LEARNING TARGETS

WL. K12.NM.3.4

Exchange essential information about self, family, and familiar topics.

- LISTENING** - I can understand when other people introduce and describe themselves.
- SPEAKING** - I can introduce myself when I meet people.

I can describe myself and my family. I can express what I like or dislike.

STANDARD BASED GRADING

- 4 - EXCEEDS Expectations (E/A)
- 3 - MEETS Expectations (V/B)
- 2 - APPROACHING Expectations (S/C)
- 1 - BELOW Expectations (N/D)

Let's have an amazing year learning to communicate in Spanish.
If you ever need anything, just ask!



VOCABULARIO

Greetings/Goodbyes	Family Members	Feelings	Body Parts
Hola	La madre	Bien, Mal, Más o menos,	La cabeza
Buenos días	Hermano	¿Y tú? Estoy _____.	Los ojos
Buenas tardes	El padre	Triste	Las orejas
Buenas noches	Hermana	Feliz	La nariz
Adiós	El tío	Cansado/a	La boca
Hasta luego	La tía	Enojado/a	Los brazos
	El primo	Enfermo/a	Las manos
	La prima	Estoy muy bien	Las piernas
	Abuelo	Estoy muy mal	Los pies
	Abuela	Tengo frío	Los dientes
	Appearance Adjectives	Tengo calor	El pelo
	Soy _____.	Tengo hambre	Los dedos
	Bonita	Tengo sueño	Los dedos del pie
	Guapo	Tengo sed	Las rodillas
	Alto/a		El estómago
	Bajo/a		

Mr. Kiebzak's Artist's Loft

MHES families, we are off to a wonderful start this year in the Art room. All the students have been working hard on their projects throughout each grade level. Some projects may take 1 or 2 weeks while others may take 3 to 5 weeks to complete depending on the complexity and steps required. Each project is tied in with a specific learning target and standard. This year, thanks to the Pinellas County Visual Arts Department, we have 9 different exhibitions that will feature student's artwork at local museums and art galleries. This is exciting not only for me, but for the students also! To have their artwork hung in a museum/gallery and be recognized is such an honor. If your child does not get their artwork back when the rest of the class does, it is because I am hanging on to it to 'possibly' be submitted for one of the Art exhibitions, or to hang in the front office or Art room. If I do hang on to the piece, I will send you a Dojo message with a photo of the piece so you can see it until they bring it back home!

As your child brings home artwork throughout the year, I encourage you to ask them how they created it, and what skill or what artist they learned about in the process of making it!

So far each grade level has completed, or is currently working on....

Kindergarten-

Earth project composed of organic shapes radiating with warm lines- They learned about the planet Earth and how it is made up of water and land. They drew organic shapes inside the circle (Earth) and colored them blue and green. Then they used previous skills of types of lines (zig zag, wavy, scalloped, broken, straight, spiral, loopy & diagonal) and incorporated them radiating from the Earth to the edge of their paper.

Alligator Drawing using shapes & lines- The students used only shapes and lines to draw an alligator on land/water. This tied into the previous lessons building on the skills of lines & shapes, and learning about a reptile native to Florida!

1st Grade

Moodscapes- Students learned about landscapes, lines, and warm & cool color combinations. They drew 2 different 4x6 landscapes with a sharpie. One of them was made with only curvy line types and warm colors, while the other was made with straight line types and cool colors. They then framed each moodscape with a warm or cool color and glued it on a neutral color background. We are also currently finishing up some oil pastel sunflowers with overlapping inspired by artist Georgia O'Keefe!

2nd Grade

Still Life (Fruit Basket)- This project is inspired by Paul Cezanne & his impact with Still Life paintings. After we learn about what is a still life, I set up a basket of fruit on each table. We drew the table, basket and the fruit as well as something on the side of the basket (vase, glass, fruit etc). Then they colored the fruit and basket and used the Element of Art, COLOR VALUE, to have their fruit lighter on the top (from the light source above) and darker on the bottom. We are currently learning about Emphasis in Art!

3rd Grade

Self-Portrait - Each student created a unique self-portrait with pencil, crayon and colored pencils. After they were done with the drawing and coloring of the facial features, they each selected fabrics they cut up and attached them onto the shirt area of their project. These won't be going home for a few more weeks, as we will be painting a background, cutting out the self-portraits, and gluing them on the background they create! We just wrapped up our 2nd project, which was about DEPTH in Art.

4th Grade

Graffiti Name Tag- This is such a fun project that the kids love to do! They learn about COLOR VALUE and how graffiti artists mostly use more than 1 color when designing their tag. On 16x12 paper, each student amazingly created their name in block graffiti style letters. They added highlights, drips, dimensional shading to their name as well as a fluorescent oil pastel burst behind their name. The project was topped off with rows of bricks in the background. We are currently working on expressive movement/motion in Art.

5th Grade

1 pt. Perspective- The Fifth grade students did an amazing job on these projects. They constructed a landscape with buildings, trees & a street that all led to the vanishing point on the horizon line. After that hard work was accomplished, the details in the buildings, the foliage & the background/sky were all added & completed. They also learned about how the light source made the front of the buildings lighter and the sides of the buildings darker (Color value). Fifth grade is currently completing the Florida Kid Tag Art project. Thank you to all the parents who signed the permission slip for you to be able to purchase these metal license plates in a couple months. Funds from each purchase come back to the Mildred Helms Art Department so I can purchase more supplies for the kids to use! Stay tuned for those purchasing details.

Any questions you can email me at Kiebzakj@pcsb.org

MHES COMMUNITY



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 15,
2023

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Thank you!

Your donations matter!

Ginny Brommelsick

Karen Wissner

David Bassett

Lotz of Blessings

Clint & Kim Snedeker

Charles Harrison

Volunteers Needed!

Get Involved with our Future

Volunteer, Mentor, Tutor, Speakers, PTA/PTSA, School Advisory Council, Business & Community Partnerships, Family Engagement and more...

Mildred Helms Elementary IB World School's mission is committed to developing knowledgeable, inquiring, and caring lifelong learners within an intellectually challenging, transdisciplinary program emphasizing international-mindedness. We hope we can count on your support!

Complete the online registration and upload your driver's license or a photo legal ID. Your application will be processed, and you will receive an email approval with a User ID and password to log your volunteer hours.

Sign Up Online!



www.pcsb.org/volunteer



October 4, 2023

Mildred Helms Elementary
is participating in Walk to School Day on
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2023

Join children and adults around the world to celebrate
the benefits of walking and bicycling.

About our event:

We will meet in the Publix parking lot at 7:45am located
at 857 W. Bay Drive, Largo 33770.

We will leave at 8:20am and walk to school as a group.

Parents must accompany their students.

Learn more at

walkbiketoschool.org

Walk to School Day is coordinated in the U.S.A. by
the National Center for Safe Routes to School.



MHES CALENDAR



October 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 Walk to School Day! 	5	6 National Noodle Day! 	7
8	9	10	11 National Fossil Day! 	12	13	14
15	16 No School for Students! 	17	18	19	20	21 All County Magnet Fair Pinellas Park HS 9:00 am
22	23 Wear Your Red! 	24	25 Sock It To Drugs 5:30pm SAC Meeting	26 Hat Day \$1 Report Cards	27 Team Up Against Drugs Fall Picture Retakes 	28 National Chocolate Day! 
29 National Cat Day! 	30	31 Halloween! 				

RED RIBBON WEEK - BE KIND TO YOUR MIND!!



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for the most up to date information!

