

MILDRED HELMS ELEMENTARY MESSENGER

January 2024



PRINCIPAL'S POINTS OF PRIDE

Dear Mildred Helms IB Families,

Happy New Year! We hope you enjoyed the Winter Break & Holidays with family and friends. A great big thank you to all of our business and community partners who adopted multiple families over the holidays. We appreciate you all!

Special congratulations to the following fifth grade students who have been selected to represent our school in the 2024 Elementary All-County Honors Chorus: Myla B., Ashonni B., Angelina L., and Victoria V. We look forward to the district All-County Chorus Concert where they will represent Mildred Helms IB World School. Congratulations also to our Dolphin Magic Chorus and First Grade Singers for their performance in the Winter Musical. What a fantastic performance led by Mrs. Clemens!

As the second semester begins, we will be reflecting on our progress from the first half of the year. Our learners will set goals and monitor their progress to ensure each student makes a year's growth by the end of May. Parents, remember you can monitor your student's grades and progress in FOCUS.

Literacy Week begins January 22nd through 26th. We look forward to a fun filled week of reading and writing experiences throughout the day. Our family involvement event during this week will be our Reading Under the Stars Night, presented by MHES Title One. We hope you can join us for games and good times centered around reading and writing.

Just a reminder there is no school for students on Monday, January 15th.

We thank you for all your support and look forward to a terrific second half of the school year.

Respectfully yours,
Mrs. Brennan

Reading Under the Stars

Join us for tons of fun on
1/24/24

PTA General Meeting 5:30pm

Reading Night 6:00pm

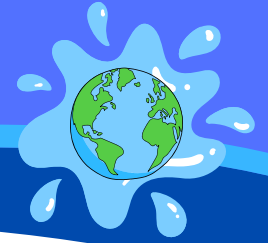
Get ready for a starry-eyed evening of literacy fun! It's time to dive into some books and read under the twinkling night sky.

Mrs. Cooper's Corner

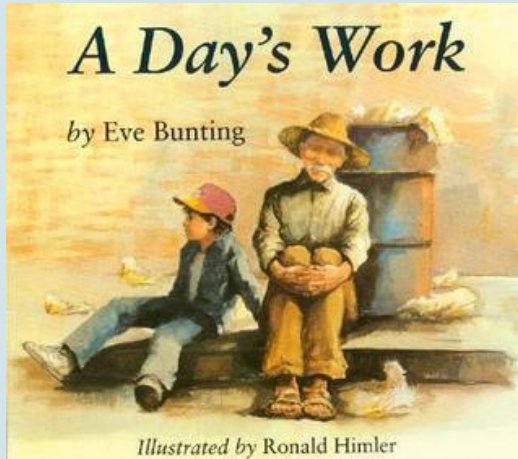
Happy New Year! We are excited to kick off our second semester of learning for all of our IB scholars! Our end of semester PBIS-IB Bucks party and PBIS store shopping were a great success! Our students saved their hard earned IB bucks received for demonstrating our Guidelines for Success and our IB Learner Profile and used them for fun rewards in the store and an exciting party! Thank you for all of your continued support and donations that ensure we are able to keep our store stocked!

I look forward to seeing all of you at our Literacy Night on January 24th!

As always, please feel free to reach out anytime at (727) 588-3569 or cooperkar@pcsb.org.



Book of the Month



LEARNER PROFILE OF THE MONTH

Principled

We act with integrity and honesty, with a strong sense of fairness and justice, and with respect for the dignity and rights of people everywhere. We take responsibility for our actions and their consequences.

INQUIRY UNIT #3

PK3: WWPT - Humans have a connection to where they live.

VPK: HWEO - Every day is an opportunity to express ourselves and appreciate art.

K: HWW - Change and patterns help us determine how we structure our lives.

1: HWEO - Symbols represent ideas and values.

2: HWW - Science and technology impact the environment.

3: HWEO - Literature inspires feelings and values that lead to action.

4: HWOO - Economic activity causes change to people and where they live.

5: HWOO - Societal decision making can cause change.

Congratulations to our December Open-Minded Learners of the Month!

PK3, VPK - Maya B., Genevieve M., Basily J., Linden M.

Kindergarten - Evelyn S., Ariana R., Rima T., Natalia G.

1st Grade - Saniez P., Jason H., Mila A., Denym K.

2nd Grade - Charlotte W., Evelyn M., Amelia D., Sadie B., Madeline A.

3rd Grade - Ja'Kouri H., Salome E., William B., Mateo S.

4th Grade - Brady W., Morgan M., Zoey D., Talia A.

5th Grade - Aleah M., Viktoriia S., David C., Jayla S.

MHES PTA HAPPENINGS



PTA NEWS!

January General PTA Meeting 1/24/2024

5:30pm MHES Cafe

We will be taking nominations for
the 2024 - 2025 school year.

Please email names if you are
considering joining us on next year
PTA Board.



TEAM
PTA

Upcoming PTA Events

January 24th PTA General Meeting
Reading Night

February 12th - 16th Kindness Week
PTA Spring Fundraiser starts

March 27th PTA General Meeting
PYP Exhibition / International Showcase

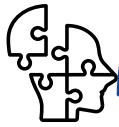


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with PTA!**



**Memberships
T-shirts
Bundles
Donations**

MHES SPECIALISTS

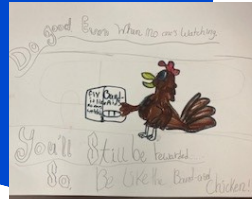


Mrs. Ingram's Counselor's Corner

Happy New Year!

In January, we focus on the Learner Profile Trait: Principled. Our SAVE Club has spent some time thinking about principled characters in literature. Their reflections on how different characters are Principled can be viewed on the SAVE Club bulletin board outside the front office.

We'll be having lessons in 2nd, 3rd, and 4th grade this month. Second grade will focus on empathy, third grade will do an abbreviated inquiry into bullying, and fourth grade will practice being principled in making an apology.



Mr. Kiebzak's Artists Loft

There have been so many AMAZING artistic creations so far this year in EVERY grade level! We just completed digital art & photography which was super fun ! As we enter 2024, everyone will be creating different types of 3-D artwork using clay, cardboard and many other items. I am really looking forward to creating these wonderful sculptures with the kids.

Last month, I had 3 students proudly selected for the Creative stART exhibition which will be hanging at the Dunedin Fine Arts Center from 12/15-1/19. This is such a wonderful accomplishment and opportunity to have students artwork hanging in a local museum! **Congratulations to Corie P. (4th grade, Graffiti Name Tag), Emma B. (2nd grade, Still Life) & Javon B. (5th grade, 1 pt. Perspective)** . I'm looking forward to the reception at the museum in January to see these framed on the wall!

The very first project that the 5th grade students completed this year was their Kids Tag Art. This is where they designed a license plate which can be purchased as their art on a real metal license plate. Thanks to all the families LAST school year who purchased them as I now have an extra \$700 to purchase supplies with for this year's students! So by purchasing your child's license plate, not only are you getting their artwork printed on metal (which you can hang in your home, garage or even put on the front of your car), but you are also paying it forward to all the students NEXT school year with a portion of each proceeds going back to the Visual Arts Dept. **The judges voted and the top 3 award winning students are Aiyana P., Sidney C. & Oliver V.** There will be a reception at Largo High in January to honor all the students across the county who were voted as top of each participating school. Congrats to the 3 of you!

Stay tuned as there are 6 more exhibitions, in which I will be submitting artwork for during the rest of the school year!



MHES COMMUNITY



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Thank you!
Your donations matter!

Lotz of Blessings
William Yunker
Christine Loble
Melissa Scott
Kim Snedeker
Olga Diaz Gonzalez

Elks Lodge #2159
Kelly O'Neill
American Legion #119
Rene Vogel
Keller Williams








Thank you for all that continue to support our wonderful PBIS store for our IB scholars! This quarter our students spent approximately 1,000 IB bucks on items they picked out! In addition, we had about 400 IB bucks spent to attend our quarterly PBIS celebration. Your continued donations help us keep our store stocked and ready for our students! If you would like to donate or for more information please contact me at (727) 588-3569 or cooperkar@pcsb.org.



MHES CALENDAR



January 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 Students Return!	9	10	11	12	13
14	15  No School	16	17	18 Report Cards Go Home	19	20
21 	22 What's on your shelf? 	23 Be a storyteller! 	24 Reading Night! PTA General Meeting	25 Book Mania 	26 Dress Like a Character Day	27
28	29	30 Club Pictures	31			



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