

MILDRED HELMS ELEMENTARY MESSENGER

February 2024



PRINCIPAL'S POINTS OF PRIDE

Dear Mildred Helms IB Families,

We have fantastic news to share: For the second year in a row, our school was one of only 17 district magnet programs to receive the 2024 Magnet Schools of America School of Distinction. Mildred Helms Elementary IB World School will be recognized and receive a National Merit School of Distinction Award during an awards ceremony held at Magnet Schools of America's National Conference hosted by New York City Schools, April 16-20, 2024.

In order to receive a national merit award, members of Magnet Schools of America must submit a detailed application that is scored by a panel of educators. Schools are judged and scored on their demonstrated ability to raise student academic achievement, promote racial and socioeconomic diversity, provide integrated curricula and instruction, and create strong family and community partnerships that enhance the school's magnet theme. We are very proud of this recognition!

Thank you to everyone who has participated in our Celebrate Literacy Week and Family Literacy Night. We enjoyed a fun filled evening sharing literacy activities that our scholars engage in throughout the day and can also be replicated at home.

Congratulations to our Boy's Battle of the Books team who finished in 2nd place in their division. Tasked first with reading several books, these boys answered text based questions against competing teams from other schools in a virtual competition. Great job Axel, Jhaire, Josiah, Matias and Jameson! A great big thank you to our club sponsors Mrs. Harmon and Ms. Coleman as well.

We welcome Kindness Week, February 12th - 15th. We will be sharing the many ways we can show kindness within our school and community. Check out the information in the newsletter for the daily activities.

Congratulations to all our scholars who earned Principal's List or Honor Roll for the second grading period and were celebrated in our café' last evening. We loved seeing our proud students being surrounded by supportive family members leading the cheers for academic achievements.

Midterms will go home with students on Tuesday, February 6, 2024. Please take time with your child to discuss their progress and goals for the grading period. Grades are posted in FOCUS each week with student and parent access available at any time. Parents that need support with their username and password can access information on the district or school website or stop by the front office for assistance.

Just a reminder, there will be no school for students on February 16th and February 19th as these are district Professional Development Days. Stay safe and healthy.

Respectfully yours,
Mrs. Brennan

Kindness Week 2024 February 12th - 15th

2/12/24 Monday: Caring for our World

Read-aloud of the book Have You Filled a Bucket Today? to kick off our Kindness Week theme: **"We Are Bucket Fillers!"**

2/13/24 Tuesday: Caring for Our Friends

Read-aloud of The Kindness Book by Todd Parr on the morning news. Students can write on hearts ways they will be kind to others.

2/14/24 Wednesday: We Are Bucket Fillers!

When we are kind and supportive, others may feel that we have "filled their bucket" and allowed them to feel valued. Students will be encouraged to "fill" one another's "buckets" with kind words and deeds.

2/15/24 Thursday:

Caring for our Teachers and Family

Showing gratitude is a good way to spread kindness and happiness.

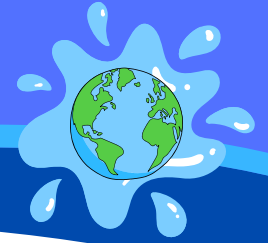
Students may write thank-you notes to teachers and family members.



Mrs. Cooper's Corner

Thank you for your continued support! I have enjoyed seeing you at our events!

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



Book of the Month

Wilfrid Gordon McDonald Partridge

Mem Fox & Julie Vivas



LEARNER PROFILE OF THE MONTH

Caring

We show compassion, empathy, and respect. We have a commitment to service, and we act to make a positive difference in the lives of others and in the world around us.

Way to go
Mildred Helms IB
World School!



Congratulations to our January Principled Learners of the Month!

PK3, VPK - Enzo L., Achilles C., Maya P., Syncere J.

Kindergarten - Linkz L., Logan M., Keyshawn D., Dakota S.

1st Grade - Charlie D., Cooper D., Deilany P., Kimberly Z.

2nd Grade - Emma B., Haven H., Olivia R., Henry C., Tharon L.

3rd Grade - Kenneth C., Catherine H., Johnathan M., Vivian L.

4th Grade - Emmalene P., Joelizz R., Brandon R., Jameson H.

5th Grade - Cole S., Iam M., Eliana B., Kiele C.

Mrs. Ingram's Counselor's Corner

Our classroom guidance lessons in January included an inquiry into bullying in 3rd and 4th grade classrooms. Students looked at research and fit it into the Key Concepts of form, function, and responsibility. Students in both grades were able to identify ways they could address bullying including telling peers they don't think it's funny and reporting the behavior to a trusted adult.

Students can also use the Say Something app or Fortify Florida to report bullying behavior they see on campus.

Kindergarten through 2nd grade will have lessons focused on the Xello career exploration app during the month of February. Parents, you can explore the games and information on this app as well. Have your student log in through their Clever account and explore together!



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Senora Carlson's Cafe Hola




PYP SPANISH CLASS SYLLABUS JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2023-24 UNIT 4 "FRUTOS DE MI TIERRA"

VOCABULARIO

Frutas (Fruits):

Durazno-Peach 


Fresa-Strawberry 

Manzana-Apple 


Naranja-Orange 

Pera-Pear

Plátano-Banana 

Sandia-Watermelon 

Piña-Pineapple

Uvas-Grapes 

Likes and Dislikes

Me gusta _____. (Singular "I like")

Me gustan _____. (Plural "I like")

No me gusta _____. (Singular "I don't like")

No me gustan _____. (Plural "I don't like")

Me gusta beber _____. (I like to drink...)

Me gusta comer _____. (I like to eat...)

Breakfast Foods

El desayuno (breakfast)

El cereal (cereal)

Los huevos (eggs)

El pan tostado (toast)

El jamón (ham)

Breakfast Drinks

El jugo (juice)

El jugo de _____ (juice)

La leche (milk)

El chocolate caliente (hot chocolate)

El café (coffee)

Lunch Foods

El almuerzo - lunch

El sandwich de Jamón, Queso, Crema de cacahuete, Mermelada

- Ham, cheese, peanut butter, mermelade sandwich

La hamburguesa - hamburger

Mayonesa - mayo

Mostaza - mustard

Salsa de tomate - ketchup

El perro caliente - hotdog

Las papas fritas - fries

La ensalada - salad

La lechuga - lettuce

El tomate - tomato

Dinner Foods

La cena

La carne

El pollo

El pescado

Colores - Colors

Rojo - red

Verde - green

Azul - blue

Negro - black

Amarillo - yellow

Morado - purple

Gris - gray

Café/marrón - brown

Anaranjado - orange

Blanco - white

Rosado - pink

MHES SPECIALISTS



Coaches Locker

PE is back on track with Mileage Club after missing a few weeks with the holidays and inclement weather. We are in the middle of the 8th week at this time.

Here are the **Top 10 Lap Leaders** after 7 weeks.

Jasiah 4th Grade 21.6 miles
Kameron 2nd Grade 21.4 miles
Victor L. 3rd Grade 20.6 miles
Tasian 4th Grade 20.2 miles
Luke 4th Grade 20 miles
Cole 4th Grade 19.8 miles
Linkz KG 18 miles
Victor B. 3rd Grade 18 miles
Matthew 3rd Grade 17.8 miles
Marquis 3rd Grade 17.6



Ms. Coleman's Book Nook



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OverDrive

Did you know that every student at our school has access to hundreds of eBooks, audiobooks, and magazines that they can read anytime through Clever? It's TRUE! Just open Clever on a device and click on one of the digital platforms (SORA, MackinVIA, or Renaissance MyOn). This month let's check out SORA.

The first time you go to SORA it may ask you to find our school so type in Mildred Helms and it should pop up to click on. The app opens on the EXPLORE homepage and you can start browsing right away! It has the current year's Sunshine State Young Reader/Jr nominated books right there.

You can search for specific titles by typing in the search box, but I recommend clicking on Filters and narrowing the selection of books by interest level and/or text difficulty. You can also limit your search to fiction or nonfiction. You can choose graphic novels or read-alongs or audiobooks as well.

If a digital book is available you can open it or borrow it. Otherwise you can click to put a hold on it and you will be notified when the book becomes available.

Isn't it great knowing that you have soooooo many books available to you at your fingertips! Enjoy exploring and reading!

~Ms. Coleman

MHES COMMUNITY



Thank you!
Your donations
matter!

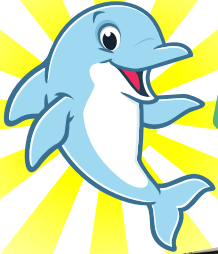
Lotz of Blessings
Chicken Salad Chick
Veronica Niesen
Kiwanis Club

BOYS READ BOOK BATTLE

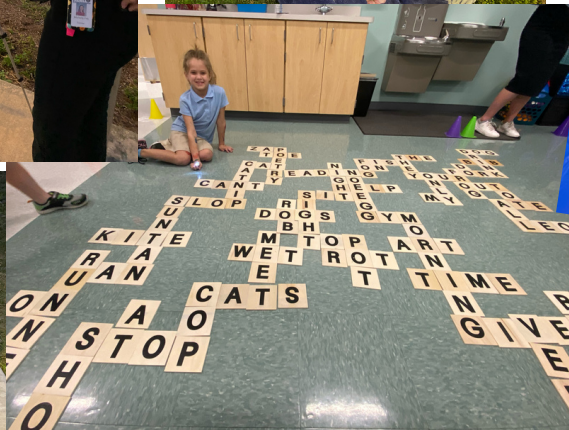
Congratulations to our Triple B-C students for working hard and earning 2nd place in the semi-finals of the Boys Battle of the Books Reading Competition!



LITERACY NIGHT!



Thanks to the MHES families that came out and enjoyed our Reading Under the Stars event!



MHES PTA HAPPENINGS



PTA NEWS!

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

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



president@mildredhelmspta.org



Teacher Appreciation Week is fast approaching... Please consider donating to our fabulous teachers!

We are looking for donations!

Individually Wrapped Items...

- Chocolate candy
- Water flavor packets
- Bags of chips
- Granola bars
- Peppermints / Gum
- Sweet treats

Upcoming PTA Events

February 12th - 16th Kindness Week

PTA Spring Fundraiser starts

March 27th PTA General Meeting

PYP Exhibition / International
Showcase

May 6th-10th Teacher Appreciation
Week



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with PTA!**












**Memberships
T-shirts
Bundles
Donations**

MHES CALENDAR



February 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 HAPPY GROUNDHOG DAY 	3
4 WORLD CANCER DAY 	5 	6 Midterms Ready, Set, Kindergarten 5:00pm	7	8	9 	10 HAPPY CHINESE NEW YEAR 
11	12 Spring Fundraiser Kickoff! 	13	14 Valentine's Day	15	16 No School for Students	17
18	19 No School for Students 	20 Class / Spring Pictures	21	22 World Thinking Day 2024 	23	24
25	26	27 NATIONAL STRAWBERRY DAY 	28	29 FEBRUARY 29 LEAP DAY 		

National School Counselor's Week

Kindness Week



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for the most up to date information!

