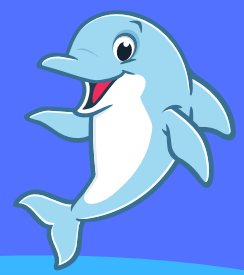




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Vision: 100% Student Success



January 2025

PRINCIPAL'S POINTS OF PRIDE

Dear Mildred Helms Elementary IB World Families,
Welcome back from Winter Break! We hope you enjoyed time with families and friends and are ready for the second semester of the year.

I would first like to congratulate Mrs. Clemens and our Dolphin Chorus for their amazing first ever outdoor performance at Largo Central Park Holiday Lights. We appreciate all the hard work put in by Mrs. Clemens, our chorus members and the City of Largo in making this a very memorable event.

Another thank you to all the parents and community members who supported our school this month by volunteering to chaperone for field trips and supporting our PBIS Store and PBIS Penguin Party. Thank you to our community members who support our families with donations as well. We couldn't do it without you!

Report cards will be sent home with students on January 16th and our Academic Awards Night will be held the same evening. Invitations will be sent home with students who are being recognized.

Our January SAC meeting will be held on January 16, 2024, at 6pm in the cafe. We look forward to sharing our midyear data and information on our second semester events. We welcome your input on these items.

Save the date - Our next family night will be held on Thursday, January 23 with student led conferences and literacy night!

Just a reminder, there will be no school for students on Monday, January 20th.

Have a safe and healthy start to the New Year.

Respectfully yours,
Mrs. Brennan

Upcoming Events

- 1/6 School Resumes**
- 1/16 Report Cards Go Home**
SAC Meeting 6pm
Academic Awards 6:30pm
- 1/20 No School - MLK Jr Day**
- 1/23 Literacy Night / Student Led Conferences**
- 1/24 Club Pictures**
- 1/27 Celebrate Literacy Week**



Mrs. Cooper's Corner

Dear MHES families,

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 party and PBIS store shopping were a great success! Our students saved their hard earned IB bucks that they received for demonstrating our Guidelines for Success and our IB Learner Profile and chose to use them for fun rewards in the store and to attend our Penguin 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 23rd! As always, please feel free to reach out anytime at (727) 588-3569 or cooperkar@pcsb.org.

Thank you!
Mrs. Cooper

MISSION:

Mildred Helms is committed to developing knowledgeable, inquiring, and caring lifelong learners within an intellectually challenging, transdisciplinary program emphasizing international mindedness.

PTA NEWS!

The MHES PTA is looking for members to join a nominating committee to help select the Board for next year. If you are interested in being on this committee or if you'd like to join the Board would like to help with upcoming PTA events and/or fundraising, please email president@mildredhelmspta.org.

**Thank you to the following
for supporting our school!**

Hilary Wahlbeck and Son

Lotz of Blessings

Malachowski Family

American Legion Auxiliary

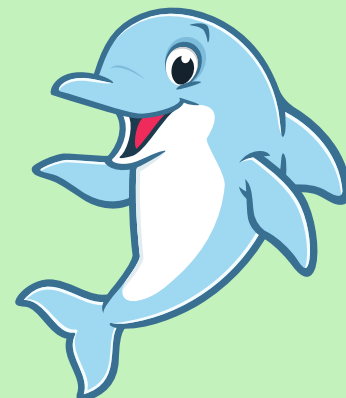
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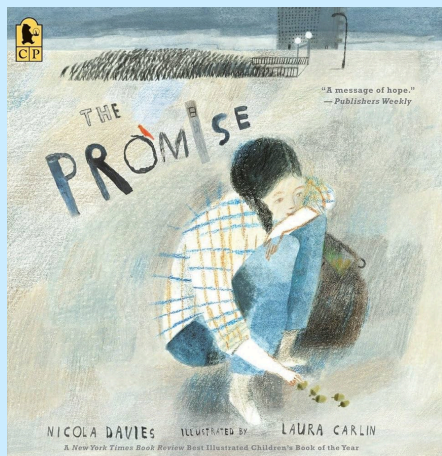
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Adopt a Class Sponsor:

David Bassett



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 consequences.



District Applications Open January 7, 2025

If you are a family looking to attend Mildred Helms Elementary IB World School, but live out of our school zone, you can apply to be a magnet student!

Check out www.pcsb.org/Domain/10466 for more information!

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

PreK/VPK: Jameson W., Avacyn B., Westin C.

Kindergarten: Haven B., Axel N.R., Alice C., Linden M.N., Emma I.R.

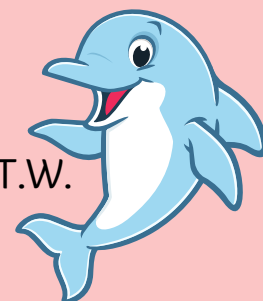
1st Grade: Addison O., Floraella W., Nekhet L.J., Ariella R.

2nd Grade: Noel M., Yareni T.C., Alma G., Mila A.

3rd Grade: Asher P., Christopher S., Olivia R., Christian H., Cynthia T.W.

4th Grade: Aaden L., Thorin B.C., Sophia D., Serafina G.

5th Grade: Aleksandro P., Jasiah R., Sanh K., Matthew B.



MHES SPECIALISTS



Counselor's Corner

Time flies! I can't believe we are into the next year already. Remember to slow down and enjoy the little things with your children - the smiles, the laughter, the hugs.

For the month of January, we will be focusing on setting goals and a growth mindset. Often students can get stuck into thinking they will never be good at certain things. My goal is to help them challenge their beliefs or thinking patterns that they are still learning and through hard work and effort they can achieve their goals.

We have an exciting 5 months of school left where we will be stretching our brains and seeing how our hard work and effort pays off.

"There are no secrets to success. It is the result of preparation, hard work and learning from failures."
Colin Powell



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Ms. Coleman's Book Nook



In the Media Center in January, we are focusing on Sunshine State Young Reader Award (SSYRA, Grades 3-5) and the SSYRA, Jr. Books (Grades K-2). The Sunshine State Young Readers Award Program is a statewide motivational reading program where students are the book judges, and grown-ups are not allowed a vote. Students who read at least 3 of the nominated Sunshine State books are eligible to vote for their favorite in the spring.

The Boys Read Book Battle Club will be competing in the "Boys Read" district-wide semi-finals in January. The semi-finals are virtual, and the two school teams that are the finalists will compete "live" at the PCSB's Administration building. This group of fourth and fifth grade boys have been meeting after-school, digging deep into the books chosen for the Boys Read Club and having a great time in the process.

At the end of January, I will be looking for 4th and 5th grade girls and boys interested in participating in the district's "Battle of the Books" competition. To compete, our school will need a team of 4 members to represent us in the competition. Team members will read the "Focus 5" books, five books that are current nominees for the Sunshine State Awards. Which 5 books will make up the Focus 5 will be revealed either right before or right after break. We do know one title already, and that is Future Hero: Race to Fire Mountain by Remi Blackwood. So if you are interested in being a member of the Battle of the Books Club, you can get a head start and read that book now! We have copies of the book in our school library, and in SORA. The public libraries all have the Sunshine State books too! Happy Reading this Winter Break!



Mrs. Clemens' Musical Notes

The 4th and 5th grade Dolphin Chorus had two wonderful Holiday Concerts in December! Great job, everyone!!

Our Spring Concert will be on Tuesday, April 9th at 6:45pm in the MHES Cafeteria!

3rd Grade Families! All students in 3rd grade will perform a music concert on Tues., April 9th at 6:00pm. They will sing a few songs and also perform on recorders for family and friends! We will begin learning how to play this instrument in music classes at the beginning of the semester.

K-5th grade music classes will continue to focus on developing skills in singing, playing instruments, moving to music and also theater acting! All while building life-skills of teamwork, communication and self-esteem!

Looking forward to a great semester!



Coaches Playbook

After a late start to mileage club due to hurricanes and warmer than normal weather, the students are making excellent progress catching up.

After 4 weeks the school leaders are:

1. Isaiah M. 3rd grade 14.60 miles
2. Kameron M. 3rd grade 12.40 miles
3. Avery H. 4th grade 11.80 miles
Jasiah R. 5th grade 11.80 miles
4. Ezekiel M. 3rd grade 11.40 miles
5. Kyrie C. 3rd grade 11.20 miles
Glaukus M. 4th grade 11.20 miles

Great work Athletes!

**Please have a fun, safe and enjoyable
Holiday Break!**



Mr. Kiebzak's Artist's Loft

Hello Mildred Helms families! Every grade level has been working hard making some impressive artwork in the art room! We have been learning about different artists, eras, styles of art, and incorporating different tools and techniques into each lesson. Grades K-2 just wrapped up their digital art projects and will be creating some sculptures upon return from break. Grades 3-5 have been drawing and painting and will step into the digital landscape as well as sculpture when we resume.

One digital Art app that I use with grades 1-5 is called Art Rage Vitae. It is a really great app to create some wonderful digital art on. I encourage all my students to create some art over the holiday break! Whether its drawing, painting, digital, building with lego or play doh or crafting some jewelry, being creative allows them to express themselves and build on the skills they learn in the art room. Hoping everyone has the happiest of holidays. I am just an email away of you have any questions! kiebzakj@pcsb.org



Senora Carlson's Cafe Hola

Unit 4: Los Frutos de la Tierra – The fruits of the earth

Key Questions:

- ¿Qué te gusta comer?- What do you like to eat?
- ¿Qué no te gusta comer? – What don't you like to eat?
- ¿Dónde está la comida? – Where is the food?

Line of Inquiry: Necesidades Esenciales (Essential Needs) vs Los Deseos (Wants)


Key Concepts: form, function, change, causation, connection

New Vocabulary: Cognates, Fruits, Vegetables


MHES CALENDAR



January 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 HAPPY new YEAR	2	3	4
5	6 Students Return to School!	7 DAP Initial Applications Open	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16 SAC Meeting 6pm Academic Awards 6:30pm	17	18
19	20 MLK Jr. Day No School 	21	22	23 Literacy Night / Student Led Conferences	24 Club Pictures	25
26	27	28	29	30		

Celebrate Literacy Week!



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