



The Mildred Helms Messenger

Mildred Helms Elementary IB World School

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September 2019

Principal's Points of Pride

Dear MHES Families,

Thank you for a terrific start to the 2019-2020 school year. Our school community has established our essential agreements: Respect for Self. Respect for Others. Responsibility for All. We appreciate your support and commitment to these expectations in each classroom and throughout our school.

We thank you for your support for learning and invite you to our annual Title I Meeting & Open House on Thursday, September 5th from 6:00-7:30pm. The Book Fair will also be open from 5:00-7:00pm during Open House and the remainder of this week for students during the school day from 9:00am-2:45pm. A great big thank you to all of our families, community, and business partners who have supported our school with donations of school supplies and uniforms. We thank our PTA who has donated their time, funding, and support to ensure that our students have all of the materials they need for a successful school year. Our first PTA meeting will be held at 6:00pm on Thursday, September 5th in the cafeteria where we will introduce our board and approve our budget. Thank you to the well over 120 PTA members who have already signed up for the 2019-2020 school year.

Student safety is paramount to our school's success. Our students and staff have reviewed safety processes and completed essential drills to ensure students are aware of important safety practices. Supervision is a key component in ensuring student safety and parents are responsible for monitoring their student prior to 8:15am. Students should not be on campus, at the car circle, or at the music gate prior to 8:15am without parent supervision. Gates will open at 8:15am and parents may release students at this time. Dismissal is promptly at 2:55pm. Please ensure that your child knows his/her going home plan everyday. We appreciate all families who follow these safety procedures before and after school and pick up students on time. If you need before or after care support, please contact R'Club, our onsite provider.

Our first SAC meeting of the year will be held on Tuesday, September 10th at 6:00pm. We will be sharing our school improvement plan for the 2019-2020 school year. We hope you can join us to learn more about our school and our community.

Respectfully yours,
Mrs. Brennan

Class Dojo Updates

Starting this month, look for a PE Point on your child's Class Dojo report. PE teachers will be giving Dojo points through each classroom teacher.

PE teachers will be looking for the following expectations to award points to students:

Movement "Respect for Self"

Thinking skills "Respect for Others"

Responsible Behaviors and Values "Responsibility for All"

Students that meet expectations at PE will receive up to 3 points per week. Classroom teachers will be notified if a student did not earn his/her PE point each day.

You're Invited to Open House Thursday, September 5th

PTA General Meeting 6pm in Café

Title I Annual Meeting 6:15

Broadcast on iMHES in classrooms

Open House Session 1 6:20 – 6:40pm

Open House Session 2 6:55-7:25pm

Book Fair open 5:00-7:00pm

Mildred Helms Elementary IB World School

Vision: 100% Student Success

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

Pinellas County Schools Vision: 100% Student Success **Mission:** Educate and prepare each student for college, career, and life.

The PYP Monthly

Learner Profile Attribute of the Month

Communicators

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.



Current Units of Inquiry

Pre-K: Who We Are—*Every day is an opportunity to learn about me.*

VPK: Who We Are—*We build relationships at home and at school.*

Kindergarten: Who We Are—*A school community is made of diverse individuals who learn together.*

1st Grade: Who We Are—*Roles, rights, and responsibilities establish purpose in a community.*

2nd Grade: Who We Are—*Global citizens make contributions to their communities.*

3rd Grade: Who We Are—*Relationships and community are built through interactions.*

4th Grade: How the World Works—*Humans understand the world through patterns.*

5th Grade: Who We Are—*Reflection promotes personal and social growth.*

District Application Program News

September School Tours

Friday, 9/20

School tours begin at 10:30a.m. and last approximately 30 minutes.

DAP Information Fairs

Saturday, November 2nd
Pinellas Park High School
9:00a.m.-11:30a.m.

Tuesday, November 5th
Countryside High School
6:00-7:30p.m.

Mildred Helms Discovery Night

Tuesday, November 12th 6:00-7:30p.m.

Contact Kim Dennison, IB-PYP Coordinator to RSVP for a school tour or for more information about the IB-PYP at Mildred Helms Elementary School.

(727)588-3569 ext. 2104 or dennisonk@pcsb.org

Want to learn more about the IB-Primary Years Programme?

[Click here for The International Baccalaureate](#)

[Click here for the Primary Years Programme](#)

[Click here for the PYP Playlist, a resource for teachers and families](#)

FITNESSGRAM™

Parents of Physical Education Students:

Our Physical Education Department will be testing your child on the health-related components of fitness. We strive to help students understand the health-related components of fitness, how they are being assessed, and then how to use their personal information to develop a lifelong fitness program that they enjoy.

Pinellas County Schools uses FitnessGram protocols to test the five health-related components of fitness: aerobic capacity, body composition, muscular strength, muscular endurance, and flexibility.

- Aerobic capacity/cardiovascular endurance tests include the Pacer test.
- Body composition is determined by Body Mass Index (BMI). The BMI is a calculation of the ratio of weight to height. Pinellas County Schools will use this method. Weighing and measuring will be done discreetly during class.
- Muscular endurance is measured by using the curl up which measures abdominal strength and endurance, and the trunk lift which measures strength and flexibility.
- Muscular strength is tested by push-ups.
- Flexibility is measured by the sit and reach test.

Each test measures minimal fitness and compares the student's score to the healthy fitness zone for their age and gender. The test also gives the student pointers on how to either improve or maintain their fitness level. It is our goal to help students make good choices in their fitness activities so that they can live a long, healthy life.

If, for any reason you prefer that your child not be tested, or have any questions/concerns, please send a note to your child's physical education teacher.

Sincerely,
Physical Education Department
Pinellas County Schools

Music Notes



Welcome back everyone. Please make sure to connect with Ms. Wyatt's music class on ClassDojo. Invites have been sent home will all students. Class Dojo class leaders will be shared in our newsletter.

4th and 5th grade chorus

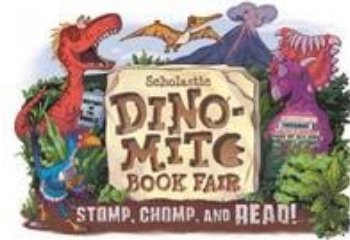
4th and 5th grade chorus will meet on Monday afternoons. Our first performance will be on November 8th at 6:00 p.m. for our Fall Festival and Veteran's Celebration.

Winter Concert

Our Winter Concert will be at Largo High School on January 30th. The dress rehearsal will be January 28th at Largo High. The concert will feature Drama Club and the 4th & 5th grade Dolphin Chorus. Drama club invitations will be sent home with students in the month of September.

Florida Orchestra

All 5th grade students are preparing for our field trip to the Florida Orchestra on October 22nd . This year the theme is "One Giant Leap" the 50th anniversary of the moon landing.



Sept. 3rd through 6th

9am-3pm Tuesday-Thursday

9am-12pm Friday

Open House Thursday 5pm-7pm

Support Our Technology and Media Programs!

Please include sales tax with your order!

[Click here to shop online through September 6th.](#)



Hub of Inquiry

Are you ready for the Battle of the Books?

A contest of knowledge of the 15 Sunshine State Young Readers Award books for 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades. Students join the battle by just reading the books! The list of books is available on Clever. In January, there will be a quiz with two questions from each book. The top 20 scorers will be on our team!

We will meet and practice at lunch. Three teams are formed and they will compete at our school battle in February. The winning team will represent our school in the district-wide battle in March.

Join the Battle to have a lot of fun and win some great prizes!

MHE Community News

MHE PTA News

First General Membership Meeting Sept. 5th

Registration at 5:45pm Meeting at 6:00pm
Members will be voting on this year's PTA budget.
New memberships will be accepted at the door.

Grandparent's Night: Spaghetti Dinner & BINGO

Sept. 9th 6:00-7:30pm
MHE Café RSVP by Sept. 6th



Tijuana Flats School Spirit Night

Sept. 25th 5:00-8:00pm

Questions for PTA? Contact Heather Hunsucker, PTA President, at president@mildredhelmspta.org.



Thank you!

Thank you to our local community for all of their generous back-to-school donations! Our students and staff appreciate everything you do for us!



Wednesday, October 2, 2019
7:45-8:10am
Publix
857 West Bay Dr.

September Mentor Workshops

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| 9/4/19 | 3:00-5:00pm |
| Pinellas Education Foundation | |
| 9/11/19 | 12:00-1:30pm |
| Pinellas County Schools Administration Building | |
| 9/12/19 | 1:00-3:00pm |
| City of St. Pete Water Resource Building | |
| 9/12/19 | 5:30-7:00pm |
| Woodlawn Elementary | |
| 9/18/19 | 12:00-1:30pm |
| Highland Lakes Elementary | |
| 9/18/19 | 12:00-1:30pm |
| First Presbyterian Church, St. Pete | |
| 9/19/19 | 6:00-7:30pm |
| Indian Rocks First Baptist Church, Largo | |

[Click here to sign up for a Mentor Workshop](#)

September 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
1	2 Labor Day No school for students and staff	3	4	5 Open House & PTA General Meeting 6:00pm Book Fair 5-7pm	6 Spirit Day 	7	
Book Fair 9/3-9/6							
8 International Literacy Day	9 PTA Grandparent's Night 6-7:30pm <i>RSVP Required</i>	10 SAC 6:00pm	11	12	13 Spirit Day 	14	
15 International Day of Democracy	16	17	18	19	20 Picture Day School Tour 10:30am	21 International Day of Peace	
 International Peace Week 							
22	23	24	25 PTA Spirit Night @ Tijuana Flats 5-8pm	26	27 Spirit Day World Tourism Day 	28	
29	30						



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