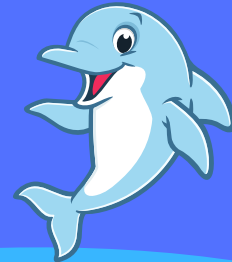




MILDRED HELMS ELEMENTARY IB WORLD SCHOOL MESSENGER

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Vision: 100% Student Success



May 2025

PRINCIPAL'S POINTS OF PRIDE

Dear Mildred Helms Elementary IB World Families,

WOW - what a school year! We achieved incredible results with student achievement and earned TOP Magnet School of the Year. As we approach the last month of the school year, I would like to thank you for your support in increasing student achievement through assistance at home and participation in school-wide events. We appreciate your participation in family night events as we attained increased attendance over previous years. Our goal is to have even more families join us next year for these fun-filled educational events.

Teacher Appreciation Week kicks off on Monday, May 5th through Friday, May 9th. Our theme this year is "Teachers are like a good book, they can change you forever!" We hope you received the flyer sent home to recognize teachers for all their hard work through the year!

Congratulations to all our visual and performing artists who have been recognized throughout the year with district art shows and musical performances. Check out additional information posted in the newsletter and on display in the front office!

Our next family night event is our last PTA event of the year on Tuesday, May 6th at 5:30pm in the Media Center. We will wrap up the year and elect our PTA Board for the 2025-26 school year. We hope you can join us.

Beginning this week, FAST ELA and Math testing begins for third, fourth and fifth grades. Teachers will be sharing the exact dates for testing through FOCUS messages. Please make sure that your child is in attendance and on time on their scheduled day so they can test in the best environment possible. We look forward to the results of these assessments to show the progress our scholars have achieved. Remember, parents and students have access to all assessment scores as well grades through the FOCUS portal.

Please ensure you are taking time to reflect with your child on their progress across the year. What academic areas are they most proud of their growth? What areas do they feel like they need to devote more time and effort to get stronger? Report cards will be sent home with students on the last day of school, Thursday, May 29th. Fifth grade promotion ceremonies will be held in the Café on the last day as well. Exact times will be shared with families next week.

Thank you again for an amazing school year.
Stay safe and healthy.

Respectfully yours,
Mrs. Brennan

May Events

5/6 FAST Testing Begins

PTA Meeting 5:30pm

5/22 & 5/23 PBIS Shopping & Celebrations

5/23 LAST Day for Backpacks

5/26 No School - Memorial Day

5/29 5th Grade Promotion Ceremonies

5/29 Last Day of School - Full Day



Mrs. Cooper's Corner

Dear MHES Families,

We are excited about the growth our scholars have made and know they will finish the year strong! Testing continues this month for FAST! Please ensure your student gets a good night's rest and is here on time.

Thank you for all that continue to support our wonderful PBIS store for our IB scholars! We are in need of donations for our PBIS store to help make our last shopping event of the year the biggest one yet! Some favorite items have been fancy pens, stuffed animals, small trinkets like small Rubik cubes, slap bracelets, and larger items like stuffed animals, art sets, sports items, and more! Anything is appreciated!

If you would like to donate or for more information, please contact me at (727) 588-3569 or cooperkar@pcsb.org.

As always, thank you for your continued support and an amazing 2024-2025 school year!

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!

Our final PTA Meeting is scheduled for May 6, 2025 at 5:30pm in the Media Center. Please park in the car circle lot as this is the only gate that will be open. We would love to see current and potential members. We will be voting on the new board members for the 2025-2026 school year!

If you are interested in joining next year's PTA Board or have any questions, please email president@mildredhelmspta.org.



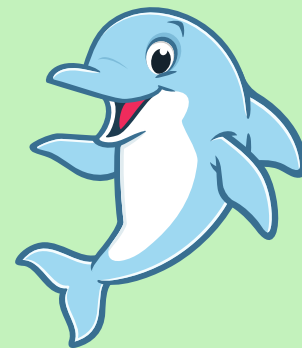
Thank you to the following outstanding businesses and community members for supporting our school!

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Salon West
Wawa
Benedicts Family
Restaurant**

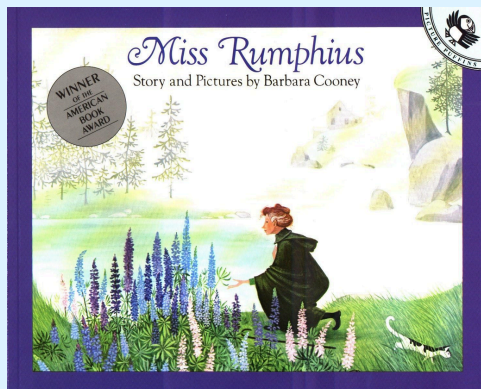
**Frida's Café and
Bakery
Einstein Bagels
Dunkin Donuts
Kristen Otis and
Family**

Adopt a Class Sponsors:

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Katie Schneider, Realtor
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American Legion Auxiliary #119



Book of the Month



LEARNER PROFILE OF THE MONTH

Reflective

We develop and use conceptual understanding by exploring knowledge across a range of disciplines. We engage with issues and ideas that have local and global significance.



Encourage Inquiry Over the Summer!

Consider Your Child's Interest and Curiosities

- Asking them to come up with one main question they'd like to find an answer to.
- Helping your child come up with smaller questions that help them with the main question.
- Asking your child to investigate their questions. You can guide them by taking them to the library to find books on the topics, finding resources online or helping them write down what they find. No matter the results of their research, be sure to record it. Asking questions and investigating is an important part of the inquiry-based learning process.

Give Your Child Opportunities for Learning

- Going to a local museum
- Making a bird or butterfly feeder
- Attending summer camp
- Writing a letter to school friends
- Visiting a national park
- Starting a garden
- Having an outdoor scavenger hunt
- Going to the library
- Building a backyard fort or treehouse
- Going berry picking
- Observing the stars from your backyard

Congratulations to Our Knowledgeable Learners of the Month of April!

PreK/VPK: Kaiden L., Kyliah D., Patrick J.

Kindergarten: Tyas C., Spencer C., Ilian M., Sawyer G., Daelynn T.

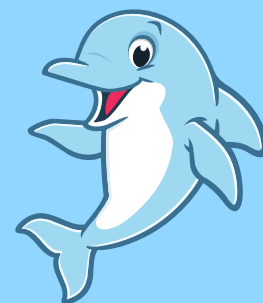
1st Grade: Ariana R., Izabella C., Cayson W., Jayda L.

2nd Grade: Joshua M., Brooks A., David O., Wyatt F.

3rd Grade: Eve M., Allan I.R., Connor B., Paris V., Henry C.

4th Grade: Dean M., Vivian L., Aidan L., Maleah M.

5th Grade: Brad B., Zoey D., Brandon R., Jackson J.



MHES SPECIALISTS



Counselor's Corner



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Hello Families!

It's hard to believe the school year is almost over. May is a busy month full of reflection, celebration and preparation.

As we wrap up another year, you can ask your child to share their proudest moments during the school year. Students can look back on what they learned from the beginning of the year. Always remember to celebrate achievements, big and small. Be in the moment, enjoy it and take it in. Summer will come and go, but the memories, friendships and good times will stay with us.

I wish you and your families a safe, fun and restful summer break. We can't wait to welcome you back with open arms and hopeful hearts.

With deep gratitude,

Ann Stager

School Counselor



Mrs. Clemens' Musical Notes

Congratulations to our 4th and 5th grade Dolphin Chorus on a GREAT YEAR of performances! I'm so proud of every student who participated! -Mrs. Clemens



From the Nurse's Office

The school year ends on May 29th. Pinellas County Schools (PCS) policy does not allow us to send medication home with students or store it for summer.

Please arrange to come to school to pick up any unused medication, including inhalers and epinephrine devices.

Any unclaimed medications will be disposed of on Thursday, May 29th, 2025, at the end of the school day without exception.

Ms. Coleman's Book Nook



All Library Books are Due Back to the Library by May 1st!

On May 2nd our "Race to the Moon" competition blasts off!

Check out the Media Center's big window and see where your class's rocket ship is in the race to the moon. Which class will return all their books and reach the moon first? Our teachers love a competition and some have already claimed that their class will be the first winner!

Students who return all of their library books from this school year (or paid for all lost books), will have their name entered for the prize raffles in May.

Names will be pulled out during morning announcements and winners will have a choice of prizes in the Media Center. Good luck!

MHES SPECIALISTS



Mr. Kiebzak's Artists' Loft

WOW! Hard to imagine the 24/25 school year, and my 4th year as the Art Teacher at Mildred Helms is coming to an end. I am very proud of each student and the work they put in when they are in the Art room! In each grade level, students have learned about and created projects in the following mediums: drawing, painting, sculpture, ceramics, mixed media, digital art and printmaking.

March is youth art month, so the last couple months have been packed with amazing art shows around the county! For each Exhibition, I submit 3-5 pieces of art. Then the student's work is adjudicated by a panel of art teachers to determine who gets accepted into the shows. Congratulations to everyone whose art I submitted and whose art got accepted for the 9 different art shows throughout the year!

Kudos to the following 5 students for having their ceramic sculpture displayed at The James Museum, in St. Petersburg, FL for the "Dynamic Dimensions" Exhibition..Zara M. (5th), Imani R. (5th), Aurora K. (5th), Steffany V. (3rd), Emma B. (3rd).



Emma B.



Imani R.



Aurora K.



Steffany V.



Zara M.

Congratulations to Mila A. (2nd) for having her digital art selected to be displayed at the Leepa-Rattner Museum, in Tarpon Springs, for the "State Of The Digital Arts" exhibition.



Mila A.



Alexzander K.



Haylee P.

Alexzander K. (3rd) & Haylee P. (5th) had their ceramic sculptures displayed at Studio620, in St.Petersburg for the "Exceptional Voices" exhibition! Great job!!

Mainsail Arts Festival just held its 50th annual festival at Vinoy Park in St.Petersburg. I'm happy to share that Lily C. (5th) had her ceramic sculpture displayed and Ella R. had her 1 pt. perspective on display! Proud of you girls!!



Ella R.



Lily C.

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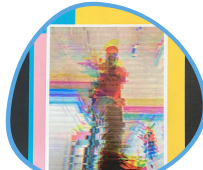
There will be 10 students who will have their artwork displayed at the Pinellas County Schools Administration building next school year. Congratulations to Indiana C. (1st), Julia G. (2nd), Aksel Y. (3rd), Madeline A. (3rd), Jeleyka G. (4th), Havana K. (4th), Vivian L. (4th), Dallas G. (4th), Glaukus M. (4th), Aurora K. (5th).



Indiana C.



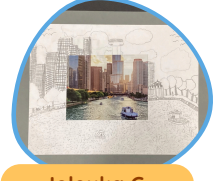
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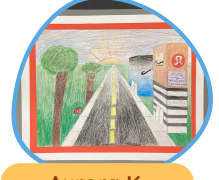
Vivian L.



Dallas G.



Glaukus M.



Aurora K.

FAEA (Florida Arts Education Association) has their yearly online exhibition and 2 of the students artwork were recognized with Awards of Excellence. Congrats to Zara M. (5th) & Christian H. (3rd)!!



I will be swapping out the artwork in the front office these last 6 weeks so if your child has a piece being displayed in there, they will be notified & they will get that artwork back next school year! Each student who had their Artwork displayed in one of the exhibitions this year will be given a 9"x12" sketchbook with a picture of the art inside!

Looking forward to the 25/26 school year as your child's Art teacher again! I encourage them to practice art skills over the summer in any way for at least 1-2 hours a week!! Have a safe, relaxing and fun summer! Please reach out anytime: Kiebzakj@pcsb.org

MHES CALENDAR



May 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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