



# MILDRED HELMS ELEMENTARY IB WORLD SCHOOL MESSENGER

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**October 2024**

## PRINCIPAL'S POINTS OF PRIDE

Dear Mildred Helms Elementary IB World Families,  
Happy Fall! We were very excited to welcome all our students and families back from the storm last week. We hope that you all were safe with family and friends. We do have resources available, should any of our families need assistance. Please contact Mrs. Weber, our Social Worker, if you need information regarding resources and to be connected to local community partners and supports.

Attendance and participation in class are two important components to school success. The end of the first grading period is next Friday, Oct. 11th and report cards will go home with students on October 24th. Remember parents have access to grades at all times through FOCUS with their parent portal.

Our next family event will be the International Walk to School Day held on Wednesday, Oct. 9th. Starting at PUBlix, all students must be accompanied by a parent or guardian to participate.

Our next SAC Meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 29th at 6:00pm in the cafeteria. We hope you can join us to learn more about our School Improvement Plan and efforts throughout the year. Immediately following the SAC Meeting, we will hold our Awards Assembly for grades 3-5. Students who earn Principal's List or Honor Roll will be recognized at the Awards Assembly and will receive an invitation with their report card.

Stay safe and healthy.

Respectfully yours,

*Mrs. Brennan*



## **Celebrate Red Ribbon Week! Oct. 21 - 25**



- Monday 10/21** - Proud to be Drug Free! Wear a red uniform shirt.
- Tuesday 10/22** - Pledge to be Drug Free! Sign the pledge at school!
- Wednesday 10/23** - Sock it to Drugs! Wear crazy socks.
- Thursday 10/24** - We have better things to do than drugs! Brainstorm a list of ways to spend your time.
- Friday 10/25** - Team Up Against Drugs! Wear your favorite team shirt.

## **Mrs. Cooper's Corner**

Dear MHES families,

It has been such a wonderful start to our school year! I hope to see you at upcoming events soon!

We have completed our first FAST/STAR testing for our Fall assessment and you should have received score reports at this time. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions!

Last year we were so thankful for the many donations for our PBIS store. Your continued donations help us keep our store stocked and ready for our students! Our students will have a chance to spend their IB bucks at the end of our 1st quarter for our first PBIS Store on October 25th! If you would like to donate to our PBIS store or for more information, please contact me at (727) 588-3569 or [cooperkar@pcsb.org](mailto:cooperkar@pcsb.org).

Thank you!

*Mrs. Cooper*

# MHES COMMUNITY



## PTA NEWS!

PTA is still looking for more members!

On Monday November 11, 2024 the PTA will be hosting a Veteran's Day event. We are looking for volunteers to help in the morning with set up, assisting with the event and/or clean up. Please email [president@mildredhelmspta.org](mailto:president@mildredhelmspta.org) if you are able to help!

**VETERANS DAY**  
HONORING ALL WHO SERVED



## GREAT AMERICAN TEACH IN

The Teach-In provides an opportunity for parents and members of the community to come in and speak with students about their occupations, hobbies, or areas of interest. Although the focus of the teach in is to give students information on a variety of careers, we also encourage volunteers to speak about hobbies, areas of interest, organize an activity, read a story or teach a class. Speakers can choose the school they would like to visit and the amount of time they wish to speak for, from one hour to an entire school day!

Nov 13,  
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October 9, 2024

Mildred Helms Elementary  
is participating in Walk to School Day on  
**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2024**

Join children and adults around the world to celebrate the benefits of walking and bicycling.

### About our event:

We will meet in the Publix parking lot at 7:45am located at 857 W. Bay Drive, Largo 33770.

We will leave at 8:20am and walk to school as a group.

Parents must accompany their students.

Learn more at  
[walkbiketoschool.org](http://walkbiketoschool.org)

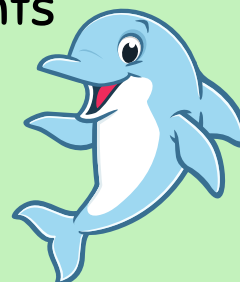
Walk to School Day is coordinated in the U.S.A. by the National Center for Safe Routes to School.



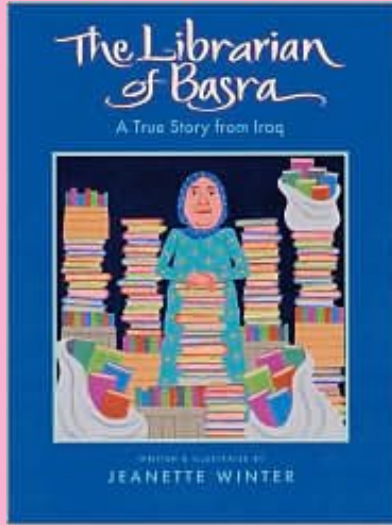
Thank you to the following for supporting our school!

Chick-fil-A  
Astro Skate  
Tijuana Flats  
Katie Schneider  
Lanfranchi Family  
Lotz of Blessings  
The Rosery Apartments  
Erlene Goldston  
Ice Cold Air  
Elison of Pinecrest

Thank you!



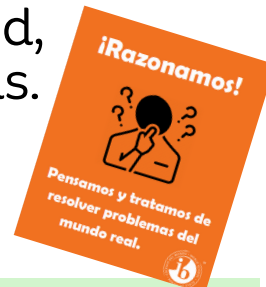
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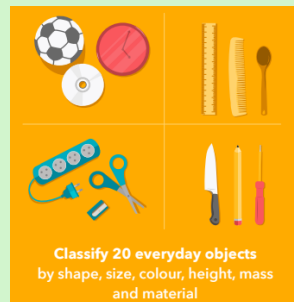
## LEARNER PROFILE OF THE MONTH

### Thinker

We use critical and creative thinking skills to analyze and take responsible actions on complex problems. We exercise initiative in making reasoned, ethical decisions.



## Ways to Grow our Critical and Creative Thinking Skills at Home!



## Congratulations to Our Communicators of the Month of September!

**PreK/VPK:** Breon B., Lucas L., Arianna S.

**Kindergarten:** Eliana S., Ireland H., Everett A., Maylene H., Marceau B.

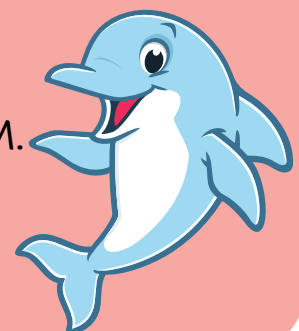
**1st Grade:** Jackson C., Alina S., Logan M., Sophie S.

**2nd Grade:** Grayson G., Cristel C., Siobhan B., Olivia S.

**3rd Grade:** Emma B., Emma H., Lance B., Kameron M., Renatha M.

**4th Grade:** Sofia H., Salome' E., Kenneth C., Violet G.

**5th Grade:** Josiah C., Luke D., Sebastian P., Betsy H.

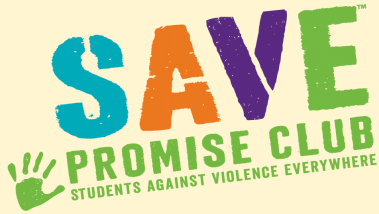






## Counselor's Corner

In the month of September, we established our S.A.V.E Club. This is open for 4th and 5th graders. S.A.V.E stands for Students Against Violence Everywhere. Some of the students made amazing posters on how to reach out and say "Hello" to their peers. It included saying Hello in different languages. We will continue to meet monthly and brainstorm ways we can make our school a more welcoming place that makes sure no one feels left out or isolated.



## Mrs. Clemens' Musical Notes

In music classes, we have begun playing instruments: rhythm sticks, hand drums, xylophones and metallophones (aka. barred instruments), and many others!

Parent Connection: Use two items at home that can become "rhythm sticks" or a "drum" (two pencils tapped together, or on a book, or...your hands on the edge of a table) Ask your child to make a short rhythm pattern for you to echo.. AND (for 2nd-5th grade parents) make-up a short, repeated pattern (called an Ostinato) that you can tap together!

4th & 5th Grade Dolphin Chorus Families! Chorus Shirt Order forms go home on Friday, Sept.27th! The cost is \$12.50 per shirt. I will be collecting money and forms through Tuesday, October 8th! Each chorus member should purchase a shirt! We wear them for ALL performances. Please let me know if you have any concerns.

All 5th Grade Families! We will be taking a field trip to Ruth Eckerd Hall to attend "The Florida Orchestra Youth Concert" at 11:00am on Thursday, October 24th, 2024! Permission slips are going home soon! Please complete and return the form by Friday, Oct. 18th! Questions? Contact your child's classroom teacher.

Thank you for your support of the ARTS in your child's life!  
- Mrs. Clemens, MHES Music Teacher



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## Ms. Coleman's Book Nook



Starting this month and throughout the school year, students in Grades K-5 will be learning about Digital Responsibility in Media class. Digital Responsibility is a district-wide initiative that teaches students to become responsible users of technology to learn, create, and participate. Lessons and activities are age-appropriate and tailored for a specific grade level.







Topics include how to be a responsible digital citizen, staying safe online, the importance of having media balance for well-being (Not always being on a device!), and other important lessons to help our students participate positively in the digital world. Letters and sometimes activities will be sent home with students, explaining what we learned about in the Media Center and to help families reinforce digital responsibility at home. Looking forward to our students becoming savvy digital citizens who use technology effectively, safely, and responsibly!



# MHES CALENDAR



## October 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 	3	4 	5
6	7	8	9 <b>Walk to School Day</b>	10	11	12
13	14 <b>Hurricane Make-up Day</b> 	15	16	17	18	19 <b>All County DAP Fair</b> Largo High School 9am
20	21 Proud to be Drug Free! Wear red uniform shirts!	22 Pledge to be drug free!	23 Sock it to Drugs! Wear crazy socks.	24 <b>Report Cards Go Home</b> 	25 Team up against drugs! Wear favorite team shirt.	26 <b>National Pumpkin Day</b> 
27	28	29 MHES Discovery Night 5:30pm SAC Meeting 6:00pm Awards Assembly 6:20pm	30 <b>Fall Picture Retakes</b>	31 		

**Red Ribbon Week**



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for the most up to date information!

