



MILDRED HELMS ELEMENTARY IB WORLD SCHOOL

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Vision: 100% Student Success



October 2025

Principal's Points of Pride

Dear Mildred Helms Families,

Welcome to the Fall season! Our students have completed their first round of progress monitoring, and changes are coming with small group instruction and differentiated learning to support all our learners. We are well into learning our standards and progress and grades can be monitored through FOCUS. We will be wrapping up the first quarter on October 10th and sharing report cards on October 23rd.

Attendance and participation in class are two essential components to school success. It is incredibly important that your child is in attendance and on time daily. Tardies and early release are documented on your child's attendance record and impact their ability to start and end the day successfully. Tardies and early release students are impacting classrooms with interruptions. Parents, please ensure your child is on time and schedule appointments outside of the school day. Absences should be reported by phone or send in a note to your child's teacher.

Our next family event will be the International Walk to School Day held on Wednesday, Oct. 8th with our starting point at Publix on Clearwater-Largo Road and West Bay. We will have special guests sharing safe ways to walk to and from school. We look forward to students attending with their families as they must be accompanied by a parent/guardian to participate.

Our next SAC Meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 28th at 5:30pm in the Media Center. We welcome everyone to attend the SAC meeting and learn more about our school events and efforts to support our families throughout the year.

Immediately following the SAC Meeting, we will hold our Awards Assembly for grades 3-5 at 6pm in the cafe'. Students who earn Principal's List or Honor Roll will be recognized at the Awards Assembly. Invitations will be sent home in report cards with students receiving awards.

Let's have an awesome October! Stay safe and healthy.

Respectfully yours,
Mrs. Brennan

October Dates

10/8 Walk to School Day

10/10 End of First Quarter

10/13 No School - Pro-Ed Day

10/23 Family Fun Night 6pm

10/25 All County District

Application Programs Fair -

Pinellas Park High 9am

10/27 - 31 Red Ribbon Week

**10/28 SAC Meeting Media Center
5:30pm**

Awards Ceremony 6pm Cafe

10/29 Fall Picture Retakes

Mrs. Schneider's Snapshot

Dear MHES families,

As October approaches, we are thrilled to share that every student has successfully completed the FAST testing cycle. We are incredibly proud of the perseverance and dedication our students demonstrated throughout the assessment process. Their hard work reflects the strong commitment to learning that defines our school community.

Our students have been doing remarkable work earning IB Bucks by consistently demonstrating the IB Learner Profile attributes each day at school. **We're excited to announce that our first IB Buck Store of the year will open on October 17th!**

Thanks to the generous donations supporting PBIS at our school, the store shelves are stocked with a wide variety of items for students of all ages to enjoy.

If you haven't had a chance to donate yet and would like to contribute, we welcome donations at any time. Please drop them off with Cheryl Hauburger in the front office at your convenience. Your support helps make this rewarding experience possible for our students!

Thank you!
Mrs. Schneider



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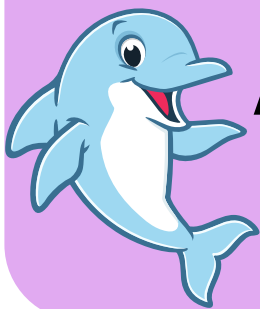
MHES COMMUNITY



Community Connections

**Thanks for
supporting our
school!**

Town of Belleair
Astro Skate
Publix
Texas Roadhouse
Lotz of Blessings
Emily Shelley
Amanda Callahan
Misty Veverka
Panera
Walmart



PTA News

We had an amazing turn out for our Grandparent's Game Night! Thank you to everyone who showed up and a special thank you to Julia Malachowski and Heather Clarke for all of your help! We are so grateful for the community we are building!

Please be on the lookout for information regarding our annual Veteran's Day event. Veterans and family of veterans, please begin choosing a photo that we can use for our Veteran's Day Wall of Heroes! Note that all photos should be photocopies as they will not be returned. If you are interested in volunteering or donating to this event, please reach out to president@mildredhelmspta.org.



October 8, 2025

Mildred Helms Elementary
is participating in Walk to School Day on
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2025

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

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



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 12,
2025

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District Application Programs Magnet Fair

Saturday, October 25, 2025

9am - 11:30am

Pinellas Park High School

UNLOCK YOUR POTENTIAL

WITH PCS DISTRICT APPLICATION PROGRAMS



Discovery Night!

Explore with us!

Mildred Helms Elementary

IB World School

Discovery Night

November 19, 2025

6PM Media Center

561 S. Clearwater Largo Rd. Largo, FL 33770



Cafe Delights



National School Lunch Week Oct 13th - 17th



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PYP MONTHLY



Welcome!



My name is Jenn Kelly and I am the IB PYP Coordinator at Mildred Helms Elementary. I am looking forward to a great 2025 – 2026 school year! Check out this page of our monthly newsletter for information about IB and what it looks like in our IB World School!

IB Learner Profile of the Month **Thinker**

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

Learner Profile Book of the Month



Click on the book cover to listen to the book.

MHES IB PMAC Takes Action!

Socktober!



Celebrate Socktober!

Sponsored by Mildred Helms IB PMAC

As an IB World School, we promote positive connections between our school and community. **This October we are collecting socks of all sizes!** We will be donating these socks to a local homeless shelter at the end of the month.

Bring in:

- socks of any size and color
- must be in original package
- place in boxes around the school's campus

Let's work together to warm the hearts and feet of those in need.



Where Dolphins make waves in their community!



Communicators of the Month of September

PK3 / VPK: Saint S., Lily Y.

Kindergarten: Hope E., Anthony T., Lucy C., Josiah R.

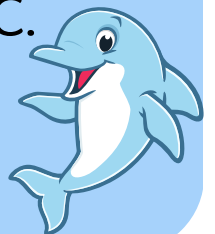
1st Grade: Spencer C., Issac W., Emma I., Corbin H.

2nd Grade: Jaxson C., Jayden M., Lucas L., Maia H.

3rd Grade: Saniez P., Joshua M., Caden M., Emanuely S.

4th Grade: Logan H., Alexa S.M., Samuel H., Czalina C.

5th Grade: Arthur H., Aiyanna S., London V., My'Joi C.



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Counselor's Connections



We are getting into the full swing of school, and I am thrilled to get to know your children.

Each month brings new opportunities for growth, learning and connection.

- Guidance Lessons: You should have received a flyer on information on Child Safety. In September, I discussed with the students the importance of being aware of your surroundings and most importantly having several trusted adults to go to and report when a child is feeling unsafe.
- In the month of October, we will dive back into Xello. Xello is an online career readiness platform designed to build awareness and explore career options. Through interactive lessons and assessments, students can discover interests and potential career paths.
- Upcoming Events-"Red Ribbon Week" October 27th-31st

We will celebrate making healthy and safe choices during Red Ribbon Week.

With much gratitude,
Mrs. Stager
School Counselor

Mildred Helms Elementary IB World School

Celebrate Red Ribbon Week!

"Life is a Puzzle, Solve it Drug Free!"

Monday 10/27	We are Problem Solvers! Participate in a beach ball problem solving game in class.
Tuesday 10/28	Sock It to Drugs! Wear crazy socks!
Wednesday 10/29	Don't Fall for Drugs! Pledge to be drug free by signing a leaf and adding it to the school's Drug Free Tree.
Thursday 10/30	Stick It to Drugs! Wear a Red Ribbon Week themed sticker.
Friday 10/31	We are Well READ! Dress up as your favorite book character. Remember: Costumes must follow PCS Dress Code. No weapons, or scary costumes, and students must wear closed toed shoes.

Ms. Coleman's Book Nook

In October, we begin our Digital Responsibility lessons in Media for Grades K-5. This district initiative is to help our students become safe, responsible, and respectful digital citizens. Be sure to read the information packet that gets sent home after each Digital Responsibility lesson. Often there are fun activities that families can do at home to reinforce the lessons taught in school. Together, we can help prepare children for life in the digital world.

Coach's Playbook

Hello MHES Athletes and Families,

Thank you for the positive and productive start of the school year. The athletes have been working hard and staying focused despite the heat and thunderstorms. We look forward to wrapping up the end of the 1st marking period as students continue to meet their expectations. We will also be adding the Mileage Club Challenge as the weather gets cooler.

High Fives,
PE



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Mrs. Clemens' Musical Notes

The 4th and 5th grade Dolphin Chorus shirt sale is from Monday Sept. 29th through Friday Oct. 10th! Each shirt is \$12.50. The student will wear this shirt for every performance this year. They can also wear it on Fridays for Spirit Day!

Students can bring their completed order forms and exact cash (or check made out to MHES) to me during breakfast in the cafeteria between 8:30-8:55am. Thank you! - Mrs. Clemens

Mr. Kiebzak's Artist's Loft

Hello families! Each grade level has completed their first drawing projects and are currently working on their second! They are doing wonderful work to start off the school year. We are wrapping up our drawing units of study, and October and November we will be getting into different types of paint projects!

Kindergarten finished their Florida Alligator drawing and is now learning about different textures in Art, both tactile and implied.

First grade bloomed some spectacular sunflowers exploring organic shapes & overlapping and learned some oil pastel blending techniques in the process! They are now working on some warm/wavy and some cool/straight landscapes!

Second grade did an amazing observational drawing of a fruit basket called a "Still Life". They are now practicing to draw 3-D shapes which will be the base of their 3-D robot drawings.

Third grade finished drawing & coloring a James Rizzi inspired "Cityscape". These are really fun buildings with depth, fun faces and expression. They just recently started working on their "Self-Portrait" drawing.

Fourth grade learned about shading, color value & lettering styles to complete their graffiti name tag project! They worked real hard on these as there were so many steps. I'm proud of the end results! They are now working on their "Finish The Image" project where they selected a piece of an image and have to draw/color their interpretation of what the rest of the page will look like.

Fifth grade finished their Kids Tag Art project and have started their multi building 1 point perspective drawing. If you signed the slip for the Kids Tag Art license plate project, those will be able to purchase around late November. I will send home information on that as soon as I receive it. Proceeds of these license plate purchases come back to the Mildred Helms Art Dept for supplies. Thanks so much for your support.

The **SPARK Art Club** has officially kicked off after school for a group of 20, 5th grade students. They started the process of creating custom t-shirts using many different mediums to design and style it!

Mrs. Carlson's Cafe Hola

Dear Families,

This month in Spanish class, we are learning about Hispanic Heritage Month (September 15–October 15). Students will explore and celebrate the cultures, music, foods, and traditions of Spanish-speaking countries in a fun and age-appropriate way. We are practicing some new Spanish vocabulary together. You can help your child by reviewing these words at home:

Vocabulary to Practice

- la familia – family
- la música – music
- la comida – food
- los colores – colors
- el baile – dance
- la bandera – flag



Encourage your child to point to pictures, sing songs, or share their favorite word with you! Thank you for supporting our Spanish learning journey and celebrating Hispanic Heritage together.

¡Gracias por su apoyo! Thank you for your support!

— Señora Carlson



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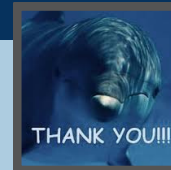
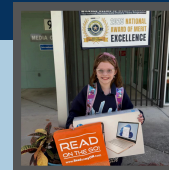
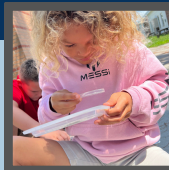
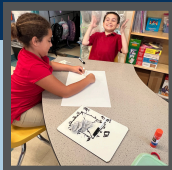
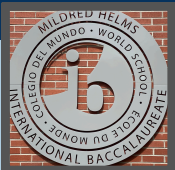
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MHES CALENDAR



October 2025



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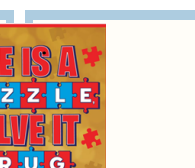
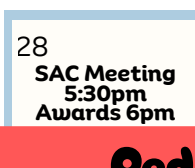
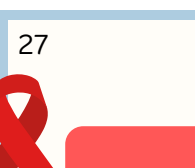
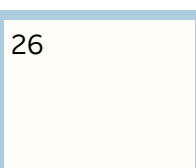
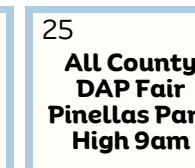
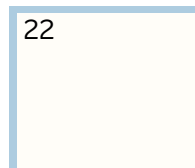
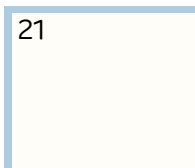
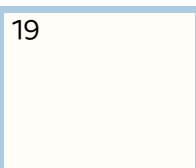
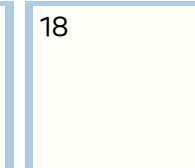
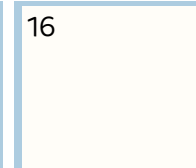
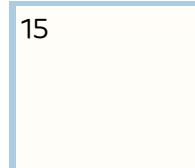
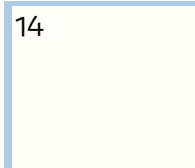
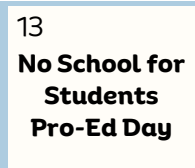
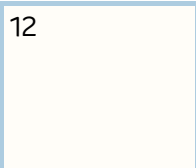
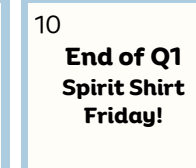
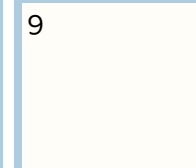
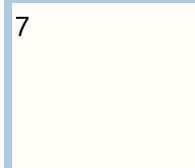
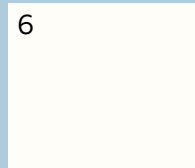
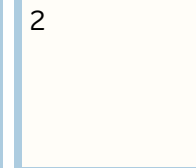
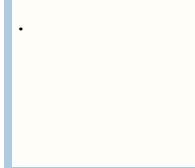
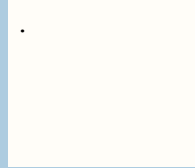
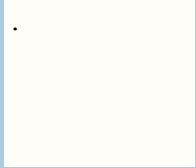
Tuesday

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Saturday



Red Ribbon Week

September 15 - October 15



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