



# Eagle's Nest News

March, 2023

Laura Espinosa, Principal

**Mission Statement:** Empowering our students within the community to cultivate global connections through knowledge, compassion, and action.

**Vision Statement:** Manor View is a school where students strive to be responsible, respectful, creative, caring, and globally-minded independent thinkers.

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## Eagles SOAR by being:

Safe  
Organized  
Accountable  
Respectful

## Administrators' Message



This March, we are feeling lucky! Our students are attending school at a higher rate (up by 4% overall) and our Maryland Student Survey results from last year show our students feel safe at school and connected to our staff. We are working hard to build those relationships and engage our students through inquiry and lessons that are exciting and relevant.

We are celebrating READING this month! There will be daily activities, such as STOP, DROP, and READ when everyone—and I mean EVERYONE—will stop what we are doing and read for 15 minutes at the same time. Our PTA is helping us purchase a book for every teacher and student that we will read together. In fact, our staff is signing up to record a chapter for students to listen to, if they prefer. We will also be reading with Book Buddies from a different class and are looking forward to some surprise guest readers. We encourage you to ask your students questions about what they are reading this month.

Our Cultural Arts Showcase will be held on Friday, March 3rd. We look forward to welcoming our families into these exciting classrooms to show off the fun things your children are learning/doing in these weekly classes. Come have fun in PE, explore your creativity in ART, move to the beat in MUSIC, practice some MANDARIN in World Culture and Language, and of course, shop at the Book Fair in the MEDIA center! The office staff will be selling hot dogs with chips and a drink for \$5 (Cash Only) to benefit the Outdoor Learning Space in our courtyard. We are raising money to purchase shaded tables so classes can enjoy the outdoor space. We hope to see you there!

Thank you for partnering with us to support our Eagles! We wish you all the luck and fun of the month.

Mrs. Espinosa, Principal

## Important Dates

2 Hour Late Arrival for  
Conferences

March 2

2 Hour Early Dismissal for  
Conferences

March 3

Family Book Fair Night and  
Cultural Arts Showcase

March 3 @ 5-7 pm

PTA Meeting

March 7 @ 6pm

5th Grade MISA Testing

March 15-17

Global Parent Café

March 29 @8:15 am

Project Unity Day

2 Hour Early Dismissal

March 29

End of Marking Period 3

2 Hour Early Dismissal

March 30-31

*Read Across America*

A CELEBRATION OF READING

# Testing Newsletter

## March 2023

### Important Dates:



#### ★ MISA Science Assessment (5th)

- March 13, 15-17

#### ★ ELA & Math MCAP Assessments (3rd-5th)

- 3rd Grade
  - April 24-27
- 4th Grade
  - May 1-4
- 5th Grade
  - May 8-11

#### ★ Make Up Dates will be assigned as needed

### Home Resources:



- Utilize iReady to practice reading and math skills!
- Practice with Khan Academy
- Visit the MCAP practice Site

## Testing Tips **TIPS**

### ★ Be at school and on-time!

- Make-up testing interferes with the learning schedule, late students are not allowed to join a session in progress, and students are not eligible for early release during a testing session.

### ★ Get a good night of sleep and eat breakfast!

### ★ Practice with the released MCAP assessment to become familiar with the question types and technology format.

### ★ Review test-taking strategies

- Read the entire question before providing an answer.
- Use the technology tools (i.e., answer eliminator, highlight tool, flag)
- Answer the question in your own words before reviewing the choices.

### ★ Ways to use scratch paper during testing:

- Create your own multiplication chart
- Use 2-column notes or other graphic organizer
- Track your thinking

### ★ Pace yourself and practice completing work with a timer.

### ★ Be confident and do your best!



# Primary Years Programme

## PYP Parent Global Café



### Inquiring Minds Want to Know...

#### PYP in action March 2023

Spring is in the air, birds are arriving from colder climates, the daffodils are blooming, and my chickens have started laying eggs again! For those of you who've been at Manor View a few years, you may remember my story about my chickens and eggs. It's a great way to share what we'll be exploring at our PYP Parent Global Cafe on March 30th.

*"You have chickens?" my friend Julia remarked when she visited me from D.C. "But you live in the woods!" My five beautiful hens sparked a lively conversation, especially when we found one lovely white egg in the coop. "I wonder why some eggs are white, and others are brown or even blue," she wondered.*

*"Maybe it depends on the breed," I ventured.*

*"Maybe it's what they eat," Julia offered.*

*"Let's look it up!"*

*We found our answer, but even more importantly, we found another question. One explanation led to more information and the statement that you can often tell what color eggs a hen will lay based on the color of her earlobes. What! Chickens have earlobes? That, of course, led us back out to the chicken coop to check out the color of chicken earlobes.*

You may be giggling at this point, or reaching for your laptop. Either way, you've just reached the heart of **inquiry**.

Exploration (an experience or provocation)...Questioning (I wonder...)...Finding answers and making meaning...More questioning...more exploration...questioning...exploration...Figuring out how to use your new information. Yes, indeed you've fallen down the rabbit hole of lifelong learning.

Inquiry is about curiosity. It can happen any time, in any place, no matter how young or old you are. So I offer a challenge to keep you and your family hopping down the inquiry trail. Start an "Inquiry Journal" or "Family Wonder Book". Capture those questions or wonders you and your children have about all sorts of things. Talk about it, find out about it, write down what you find, draw pictures, and add to those additional wonders that come out of your inquiry.

Ms Ross, IB PYP Coordinator, [mjross@aacps.org](mailto:mjross@aacps.org)

IB Action Girl



### PYP Parent Global Café An inquiry into INQUIRY

Wednesday, March 29th 2023 8:15-9:30 a.m.  
Manor View PYP Learning Studio

[RSVP HERE](#)

# COUNSELOR'S CORNER

*Greetings*



Spring is fast approaching and I love the warmer weather and seeing flowers bloom. It's a beautiful sight to see! I know I love getting outside and soaking up some sunshine as often as I can. What about you?

During the month of March, all classroom lessons will focus on college and career awareness by having students explore the platform, Xello. Xello is an awesome interactive program that helps young learners get a jump start on building self-knowledge and understanding the world of work. Students will be introduced to Xello and the program features this month and will have more time to explore later in the school year. It is definitely never too early to start thinking about what you want to do when you get older!

Please see the reminders below about things happening at Manor View and in the community!

- If you are interested in volunteering at Manor View please email me so that I can provide to you next steps for completing the background check process, etc.
- Howard Community College is offering summer opportunities for students ages 6-17 years old through their Kids on Campus program. Registration opened at the end of January. If you are interested in please visit their website at [www.howardcc.edu/koc](http://www.howardcc.edu/koc) for more information.
- Arlington Echo is offering Summer Swim Camps to students in Kindergarten through 5th grade. It is free of charge and transportation is available. The dates are July 3, 5, and 6th. Registration opened on February 10th. To apply go to the following website: [www.aacps.org/summer](http://www.aacps.org/summer).

Thank you for reading the Counselor's Corner! If you have any questions or need any support, please don't hesitate to reach out.

My email is [swilley@aacps.org](mailto:swilley@aacps.org)

**If you or someone you know is in crisis please use one of the following resources below:**

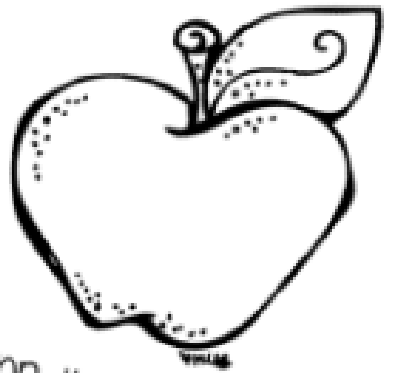
Anne Arundel County Crisis Response/Warmline: 410-768-5522

Crisis Text Line: Text HOME to 741741

Student Safety Hotline: 1-877-676-9852

MD Youth Hotline: 1-800-422-0009

# Manor View 1st Grade



FOR the MONTH of  
March

## NEWS

### Academic Focus

#### PYP

- In March will continue with our 4th PYP unit, Who We Are. During this unit we will learn about what culture is and how ours are similar and different to other cultures around the world.

#### Math

- We are getting ready to start learning how to tell time! After that, we will move on to adding and subtracting in word problems.

#### Reading

- We will be digging into many things this month, including comparing ideas in a text, using text features, identifying the author's purpose, and identifying reasons to support points in a text.

### Important Extras

- March 2nd and 3rd are parent conferences. If your child's teacher has reached out to you, please sign up for a time using the sign up genius link.
- March 3rd is Family Night at the bookfair! Come out, enjoy the evening with your family, and purchase a few new books students can read at home.
- March 3rd is also our Cultural Arts Showcase Night! When you are out visiting the bookfair, stop in to each of the Cultural Arts rooms to see what your child is learning. There will be hotdog dinners for sale as well to benefit our courtyard beautification project.

Have a question? Please feel free to reach out to your child's teacher at any time!

### Contact Information:

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# March

# NEWSLETTER



## LANGUAGE ARTS

- 2nd grade is continuing our focus on comprehension strategies using non-fiction texts, as well as fluency practice daily
- At this point in the school year, 2<sup>nd</sup> graders are expected to use the "Hamburger Paragraph" template and the MINTS capitalization strategy when writing

## pyp

**CURRENT UNIT:** Where We Are in Place & Time

**CENTRAL IDEA:** Earth's systems impact the relationship between living things and the environment.

### FOCUS QUESTIONS:

- When might we use a map?
- What are different types of landforms and bodies of water?
- How does weather change the Earth?
- How does where we live affect how people meet their needs?

## 2<sup>nd</sup> GRADE REMINDERS

- March 22<sup>nd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter district reading assessment
- March 30<sup>th</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter district math assessment
- Classroom teachers will reach out to individual families regarding March conferences

## MATH

- Comparing 3 digit numbers
- Adding and subtracting 3 digit numbers with re-grouping

### HOME PRACTICE

- Fact fluency through 20
- Basic place value knowledge
- iReady math My Path



**MARCH**

4<sup>th</sup> Grade

# NEWSLETTER

## NOTE FROM THE TEACHER:

- Please make sure all students bring coats and gloves for outdoor recess.
- In the event of a virtual learning day please check Brightspace for directions.

## LEARNING FOCUS: PYP

Unit of Inquiry Overview: How the World Works.  
Students will be investigating the impact of scientific and technological advances on society and on the environment.

### Literacy

Students will read multiple texts that will enable them to compare and contrast stories themes and topics, as well as integrate information from several texts.

### Math

Students will begin exploring and adding fractions with denominators of 10 and 100. Students will learn to rewrite fractions using decimal notation.

### Science

Identify examples of energy and explain how energy is used. Create and illustrate a model of a circuit.

### Social Studies

Students will investigate whether the Declaration of Independence united or divided Americans.

# 5th Grade: How We Organize Ourselves

## Current Unit of Inquiry

### How We Organize Ourselves

#### Central Idea:

Systems keep our community organized

#### Lines of Inquiry:

An inquiry into...

\*Political changes impact advancement of a society

\*Scientific discoveries influence the Reconstruction Era

\*Scientific exploration influences societal behavior

## Math Focus

- We have just completed unit 8, which deals with dividing unit fractions and whole numbers. Students will now explore the concept of decimals through the practice of the four different ways of computation. They will use manipulatives and strategies to extend their previous knowledge of adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing decimals.

Please encourage students to practice their skills on I-Ready at least three times a week at home

## Language Arts Focus

### Reading

- This month's focus will be on making inferences and connections to text evidence. Students will practice their skill of using evidence from the text to understand what is not being explicitly stated. Students will determine evidence in the text that connects to the inferences made in order to provide reasoning and support for their ideas.

### Writing

- Students will apply their understanding of opinion writing by responding to a prompt of choice. Students will have to choose an argument to write an opinion piece about. The students will use their inquiry skills by collecting research from different databases that will be used as evidence in their writing. Students will then organize their ideas and write their essays, using the format they have been practicing throughout the unit.

If you have any question, please email [Pwolf@aacps.org](mailto:Pwolf@aacps.org)

\*Reminder: Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on March 1st and 2nd



# CULTURAL ARTS CORNER



**Art-** March is a very exciting time as it is Youth Art Month. Selected students will have their artwork on display at the Severn Library with other neighborhood schools throughout the month. Letters will be sent home to those students within the next week notifying them if their work was chosen. Congratulations! Grades 1, 3, and 5 are exploring with clay by creating pinch pots, Egyptian Cartouches, and various handbuilding techniques. 4th grade is working on weaving skills, and 2nd grade will be exploring the artwork created by Inuit artist known as Kenojuak Ashevak. Student artwork can be viewed on our Manor View Artsonia Website and we are on Twitter as well. Follow us @MVESVisualArts

## **PE**

In PE things are marching right along. In fact, the youngsters have their locomotor movements skill down well! We finished up Stunts and Tumbling / Gymnastic and now we roll into maybe to kids favorite activity, our Basketball Unit. Younger students use only softer playground balls, while the older students in grades 3-5 use mid-size basketballs. We will explore various challenges of dribbling, passing, catching, shooting. We have all kinds of age-appropriate fitness and lead-up drills, skills and lead up games. It's March madness!

## **Media**

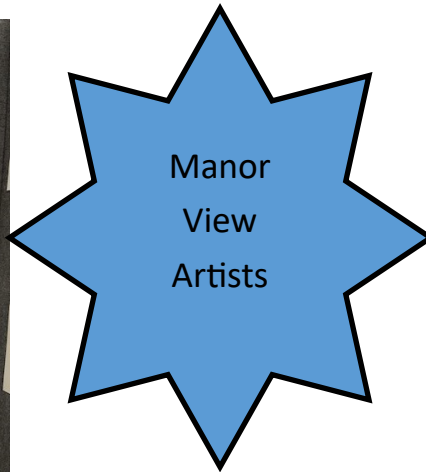
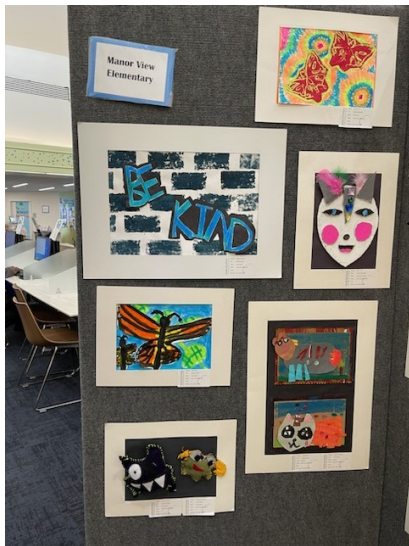
It's great to be back in the Manor View Media Center! This month, students at all grade levels are diving into coding! Grade 4 & 5 students are learning how to use Scratch, while students in Grades 1, 2 & 3 will be learning how to access school-based accounts through Code.org. Both of these programs are available to students at home through their My Apps classlink page. Be sure to ask your students to show off what they've been working on!

## **Music (General)**

Hello everyone! We are working on lots of things at the moment. 5th grade and 4th grade both finished up some great theme and variation projects and third grade is working on learning what accidentals are. Second grade is learning the notes on the treble clef staff and first grade is working on form in music (the pattern of a song).

**Music (Band & Strings)** Hello families! The students have learned so much in our first 7 weeks of class. They are growing their knowledge every class about rhythms, notes, staying together, reading music, and caring for their instruments. We are beginning to practice songs that they will be performing at their concert in late May.

**Cultural Arts Showcase** is coming **Friday, March 3rd** from **5:00-7:00 pm**. Each area will offer free, fun activities to participate in as a family. Come experience a taste of what your children do each week. The Book Fair will be open in the media center, as well!



The following students have artwork displayed at the Youth Art Month Exhibit at Severn Library. A special reception will be held later this month. Great job, Eagles!

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|--------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1.)Yoshua P  | 2.)Marisol P   | 3.)Annalisa R  | 4.)Addy K      |
| 5.)Desmond B | 6.)Levi H      | 7.)Allieanna H | 8.)Ren P       |
| 9.)Kori K    | 10.)Micah M    | 11.Parker P    | 12.)Fiona H    |
| 13.)Sophy B  | 14.)Scarlett H | 15.)Madeline H | 16.)Isabella B |
| 17.)Emily Z  | 18.)Malika L   | 19.)Camille J  | 20.)Emma F     |
| 21.)Nariah M | 22.) Adam A    | 23.) J.J L     | 24.) Lacen T   |
| 25.) Rae M   |                |                |                |

# Yearbook

## YEARBOOK NEWS



This year we had over 60 entries for our annual yearbook cover contest!

Thank you everyone for your awesome artwork!

Congratulations to Ava Escalera and Rae Mayfield in 4th grade!

Your designs will become the front and back cover art for the 2022-2023 yearbook!

Yearbook pre-sale will begin in mid March. Pre-sale yearbooks will be \$17.95 each. Online ordering information will be provided soon. There will be a very limited number of first come, first served yearbooks available for purchase after they are delivered in June.

Access Manor View Elementary School's **website**:

Logon to [www.aacps.org](http://www.aacps.org)

At the top of the screen, find School Links. Click Elementary Schools. Scroll down and click on Manor View Elementary School. This will bring up an informational page about Manor View. At the center of the screen, click on School Website.



### School Hours

- Doors open at 7:40 a.m.
- Instruction begins at 8:00 a.m.
- Dismissal begins at 2:25 p.m.

**ADULT SUPERVISION IS NOT AVAILABLE OUTSIDE FOR STUDENTS UNTIL 7:40 AM.**

### Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

You can reach the PTA officers by emailing Danielle Davenport at

[mvespta2022@gmail.com](mailto:mvespta2022@gmail.com)

Please join us at our monthly meetings on the 1st Tuesday of every month beginning at 6 pm in the cafeteria.

### Absence Notifications

When your child is absent from school, you must provide a note of explanation to the school **within 3 days of your child's return** to school. Absences due to illness in excess of 5 days requires a physician's note.

**Tech Talk:** Please be sure all students in grades 3-5 are bringing their devices to school daily. Devices need to engage with the school system in order to update for proper use. 1st and 2nd graders should have a school device at home. Please make sure it is fully charged for the winter.

***In the event school is closed for bad weather or an unexpected emergency, virtual learning may be provided and Chromebooks will be necessary.***

### MEDICAL CONCERNS & ADMINISTERING MEDICATION:

- Parents should make the school aware of any medical problems a child might have.
- **Only the health room staff may administer medicine** to students at school, including cough drops, aspirin or medicated chap stick.
- A **medical authorization form** is attached in newsletter in case you have a need for it. Please complete this **whenever your child will need to take medication during the school day. This must be signed by a doctor.**
- **Any medication to be given at school must be delivered to the health room by an adult. PLEASE DO NOT HAVE YOUR CHILD BRING ANY MEDICATION TO SCHOOL.**

*Thank you for your cooperation!*