

Eagle's Nest News February 2024 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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Administrators' Message



This February, we are hoping to spread the love of learning with our students! We are continuing to implement our student engagement strategies to help students identify how and where they learn best! We are using our 4 unique learning spaces (Science Lab, MakerSpace, Courtyard, and PYP Classroom) to find unique places to learn about any subject.

We are learning more about empathy and caring in our Project Unity Day lessons. Students and staff are encouraged to wear orange on Unity Days to show our support for connectedness and kindness. This month, Unity Day is Tuesday, February 6th. Our students will be released at 12:25 so our staff can attend Equity training in the afternoon.

We love our School Counselor, Ms. Willey! National Counselor Appreciation Week is February 5-9. Please let Ms. Willey know what a positive influence she is at Manor View during this special week of recognition.

For Valentine's Day, our classes will celebrate Friends. Students may bring a card or treat for each of their classmates to distribute at the end of the day. It is a learning day with the addition of focusing on acts of kindness and friendship. Look for more information from your classroom teachers.

Our love of school should be showing in our attendance! We had 85% of our students attending regularly in November, but December only had 84% of students as regular attenders. Our school goal is 98%. Please help us make attendance a priority. When students are out of school, they are missing foundational instruction.

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

Mrs. Espinosa, Principal

Important Dates

2 Hour Early Dismissal **Project Unity Day** Feb 6

Football Jersey Day Feb 9

PTA Meeting Tuesday Feb 13 @4 PM

5th Grade Field Trip Drownproofing Feb 14 & 15

Friendship Day Feb 14

School Closed President's Day Feb 19

School Assembly Thursday, Feb 22

Scholastic Book Fair Feb 26-Mar 1

Family Reading Night Friday Mar 1@5 PM



Literacy Newsletter February 2024



Important Dates:

- DIBELS Screening (Gr 1-2) Jan 2-Feb 16
- iReady Diagnostic Reading & Math (Gr 1-5) Feb 5-Feb 16
- F&P Benchmark Screening (Gr 1) Feb 20-Mar 22



Building Student Vocabulary at Home

- Why is this important? A rich vocabulary and diverse background knowledge are the two greatest impacts to reading comprehension..
- 5 Tips to Build Vocabulary at Home
 - O Have conversations: By talking and listening, you will build oral language and vocabulary.
 - o Involve your Student: Let them participate in activities around the house to learn new vocabulary words.
 - O Sorting & Grouping Objects: Students will learn words to label categories, and discuss the way items are similar and different.
 - O Tell Stories: Telling Stories is an engaging way to have your student ask and answer questions, and strengthen their vocabulary.
 - O Make Meaning Through Art: Use a drawing or acting to help learn new words.

February Read-Aloud Calendar

February is filled with the celebrations of Black History Month, Lunar New Year, the 100th day of school, Valentine's love, and Groundhog Day.

Inquiring Minds Want to Know...PYP in Action February 2024

Learning Intentions

Learning in school is not just about facts and basic skills. It's about how we make connections to ourselves and others with those facts and skills. In fact, it's using them to build understanding in unfamiliar areas. That's where learning intentions come into play.

Learning intentions help us focus on growing beyond information we've learned and USE it to continue to learn and grow throughout our lives.

That takes some intention. Sometimes asking ourselves questions can help focus. Here are a few questions to get you started talking with your child about their learning intentions:

Are you curious?

 Do you wonder about things? Do you want to know more? Are you fascinated by things around you? How might you use your curiosity to learn?

Are you open-minded?

Do you allow your thinking to change? Do you consider other possibilities?
 Do you try to find out different points of view? How might you keep an openmind?

Are you reflective?

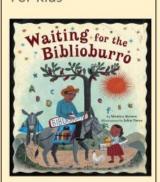
 Do you stop to think about what you do and say? Do you learn from your mistakes? Do you take time to think? Do you ask questions and take time before making decisions? How might your reflections help you grow and learn?

Learning is a long and wonderful journey, even when things are difficult. Try building your learning intentions to focus that journey.

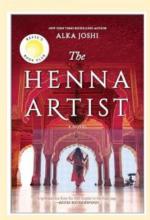
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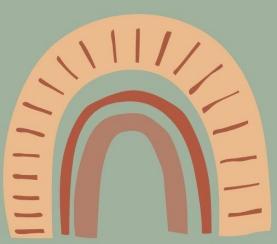
Ms. Ress PYP Coordinator mjross@aacps.org Books you might enjoy:

For Kids-



For Adults-





COUNSELOR CORNER

Shannon Willey, School Counselor Manor View Elementary School







UPDATES

- We still have winter coats that were donated last school year if your child is in need of a new coat during this winter season. Please contact me!
- Classroom lessons during the month of January focused on understanding and showing empathy to others.
- Classroom lessons for the month of February will focus on Erin's Law which teaches students in grades Pre-K through 12 about sexual abuse prevention. These lessons are mandatory for all students and I will teach and talk to students about personal body safety, distinguishing between appropriate and inappropriate touch, how to use refusal skills, etc. Please be on the lookout for a letter coming home with your student at the beginning of February which outlines what will be taught and discussed in your child's class lesson.
- I will be meeting with selected students in small groups in both 1st and 3rd grade this month.

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 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline: 988

REMINDERS

Our Anchored4Life club is participating in a Pet Donation Drive for the whole month of February. Please bring in new or gently used items such as dry food, pet beds, toys, etc. to support this great cause!!

Thank you for reading the Counselor's Corner!

I look forward to a great school year and working hard to support you and your student the best that I can!!

If you have any questions or need any support, please don't hesitate to reach out.

My email is swilley@aacps.org

Cultural Arts Corner: February Newsletter Submissions

Media

This month, we are learning how to be digital citizens in Media! From understanding the difference between internet use at home and at school, to analyzing digital photos for alterations, to navigating online news sources, our students are learning the skills to be safe and responsible whenever they go online. We will also be exploring different types of literature--from Tricker Tales and Pourquoi Stories to readable nonfiction like cookbooks and joke books!

PE

This month students will finish up their Floor Hockey unit and begin Soccer. On February 15th, the after school Manor View Disc Golf Club will have their first meeting. If interested, please submit your permission slip before February 7th.

Art

This month many of our students will be experimenting with clay! The 1st graders will be learning about how culture connects us through pinch pots and portraiture. 2nd graders will learn about prehistoric art and examine cave paintings. 3rd graders will be learning about the famous Pop Art era and learning about onomatopoeias. 4th graders will be learning about how Art can be used to bring about social change and awareness. Finally, 5th graders will be learning about various street/graffiti artists which can be found on buildings and other public places.

Mandarin World Language & Culture (EEE)

February will be an exciting month because the Lunar New Year is around the corner! All grade levels will celebrate the Lunar New Year in fun and interactive activities. A slide of how to make dumplings will be sent out to the community before Feb.10th. 4th and 5th grade students continue their journey of different holidays and learn about fun facts and make crafts. 2nd & 3rd grade students will learn different versions of the monster Nian's story and start to plan their creation of stories. First grade students dive deep in the sea and learn about marine animals in Chinese. They will also focus on how marine animals collaborate with each other to achieve a common goal.

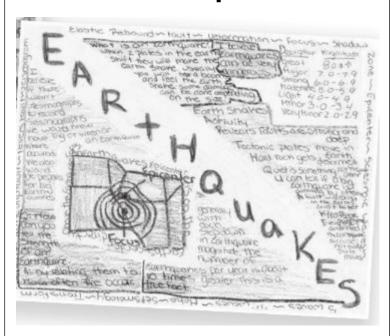
AVID Strategy of the Month



What is it?

A one-pager is just that!
One page to show what students know. It can be used as a pre or post assessment, and students should be instructed to fill up the entire page with that certain topic.

Example



When Can I use it?

- Before reading
- During reading
- After reading
- To show thinking during all content areas including math, science, and social studies

How will it benefit my child?

The strategy allows students to show their thinking and be creative.

Announcements





Congratulations to Alyson Wilson for winning the **Mo Gaba Perseverance and Positivity Award!** Thank you, Ms. Wolf, for nominating her.

Do you have **new or gently used** clothing items we can have? We are in need of items that will fit our students in case of an accident at school. If you have pants, sweatshirts, t-shirts, or socks you can donate, we would appreciate it! Just send them in marked for the office. Thank for your generosity!



Congratulations to Gwen Austin for winning the **Mo Gaba Positivity and Inclusivity Award!** Thank you, Ms. Sullivan, for nominating her.



Please check Lost and Found items for any missing sweaters or coats. We have a large pile of found items. Access Manor View Elementary School's website:

Logon to 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 President Emily Gershey at pta.manorviewes@gmail.com

Please join us at our monthly meetings to learn how you can support our school.

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 and ready for use.

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!