



Eagle's Nest News

January 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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Eagles SOAR by being:

Safe

Organized

Accountable

Respectful

Administrator's Message

2024 has arrived! We are hitting the ground running to meet the new year with all of the promise it brings and all the excitement that come with 'New.'

Attendance continues to be a major focus for the Meade Cluster of schools this year. Please help us make attendance a priority. When students are out of school, they are missing foundational instruction. Our most recent data shows 85% of our students attend school regularly and 15% of our students are chronically absent. Although we have improved from 74% of students regularly attending at this time last year, we are striving for a minimum of 95% in regular attendance. We can achieve this *with your help*. Please schedule family trips and appointments outside of school days/times. Congratulations to our 4th graders for leading the way. 88% of our 4th graders have been attending school regularly this school year to date.

Recently, we received our state score from last school year. You may have seen the news that the rubric for scoring schools changed back to the pre-Covid metric and many schools lost stars and points due to poor attendance and test scores. We are very proud to say we maintained our 4 star status and are well on our way to achieving a 5 star rating. Our growth in math and reading, as well as the staff and student satisfaction survey helped us be the highest rated school in our Meade Cluster. We are very proud of the growth we have made and are determined to claim that final star with the help of our community. We are committed to giving your children the best education possible and to meet their social and emotional needs.

I want to welcome all of our new families. I am attaching the Parent Handbook with all of our school information to this message. It is a quick way to learn about us, but I encourage you to contact your child's teacher or the office if you have any questions.

I wish you and your family a very joyous New Year!

Mrs. Espinosa, Principal



Important Dates

WIDA Testing for our English
Language Learners 1/8-1/10

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PTA Meeting/Winter  
Concert/Math Family Night Jan  
10 5-7pm

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Schools Closed
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Monday Jan 15

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2 Hour Early Dismissal  
End of Marking Period 2  
Jan 17 & 18

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School Closed
Semester Break Jan 19

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1st Day of the 3rd Marking Period  
Monday, Jan 22

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Mo Gaba Day
Friday, Jan 26

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Tu-Tu Day (2/2)  
Friday, Feb 2

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Literacy Newsletter

January 2023



Important Dates:

- *Q2 Math & Science Assessments (Gr 3-5) Jan 2-Jan 5*
- *Q2 Literacy Assessment (Gr 2-5) Jan 8-12*
- *DIBELS screening (Gr 1-2) Jan 2-Feb 16*



Tips for Reading Practice @ Home

- *Practice with iReady Reading My Path lessons*
- *Take turns reading to one-another*
- *Use technology to make it fun (PBS Kids, ABCya, IXL, AACPS classlink)*
- *Read aloud or share audiobooks!*
- *Ask questions about what your student is reading.*
- *Draw a picture to go with a book you're reading.*
- *Build background knowledge and read non-fiction text.*
- *Team with your teacher to focus on specific skills.*

January Read-Aloud Calendar

The new year brings the celebrations of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, chilly weather, and the beginning of the second half of the 23-24 school year! It's a great time to reflect on how far your student has come, and to set new goals together.



Primary Years Programme

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

The Power of Storytelling

One evening an old Cherokee told his grandson about a battle that goes on inside people.

He said, "My son, the battle is between two "wolves" inside us all.

One is Evil. It is anger, envy, jealousy, sorrow, regret, greed, arrogance, self-pity, guilt, resentment, inferiority, lies, false pride, superiority, and ego.

The other is good. It is joy, peace, love, hope, serenity, humility, kindness, benevolence, empathy, generosity, truth, compassion and faith."

The grandson thought about it for a minute and then asked his grandfather: "Which wolf wins?"

The old Cherokee simply replied, "The one you feed."

Anonymous

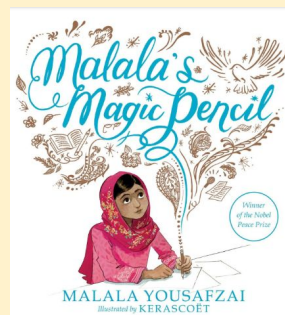
Stories are powerful. They are a way to learn about ourselves and the world in a way that invites reflection and conversation. They also are remembrances of our joy, sadness, and humanity.

Each person has an abundance of stories, small and large. Stories often reflect a shared experience, perhaps from many different perspectives. As you think about you and your family's lives, I ask you to consider bringing some of these stories to life. By sharing our stories, our children begin to think about their own stories and how to communicate them. Perhaps your child is the next Dav Pilkey or Amanda Gorman. It could all start with you and your family stories.

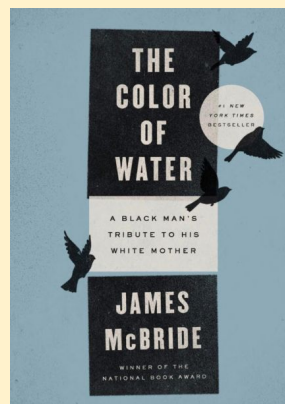
Warmly,

Ms. Ross, PYP Coordinator
mjross@aacps.org

Stories I enjoyed recently:
For Kids-

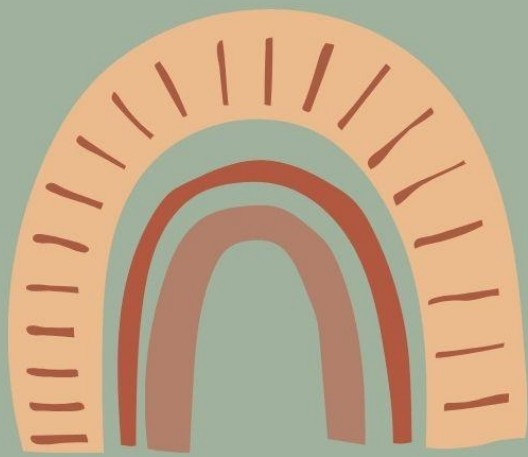


For Adults-

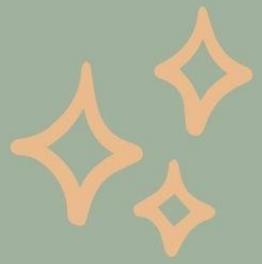


What stories have you and your family enjoyed lately?

Feel free to email and let me know.



COUNSELOR CORNER



*Shannon Willey, School Counselor
Manor View Elementary School*



January 2024



UPDATES

- Thank you to everyone who donated items for our Toy Drive in December. The Sharing Donation is so appreciative of the items they received from Manor View!
- Classroom lessons during the month of December focused on identifying feelings and looking for clues in 1st and 2nd grade. In 3rd - 5th grade, we completed our Start Talking Maryland lessons which focused on substance abuse and prevention.
- Our Anchored4Life club is meeting monthly and doing wonderful things! Our A4L members have volunteered at different events, have been giving tours to new students, and are sharing character development quotes around the building.
- Classroom lessons in January will focus on empathy and how we can show it to others.

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

We received a generous donation of winter coats last school year from the Anne Arundel County Firefighters Association. If your child is in need of a winter coat, please let me know.

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



Mandarin World Language & Culture (EEE)

In EEE Mandarin Chinese class, 4th and 5th grade students are exploring different winter holidays around the world and preparing for their holiday proposal project in the upcoming weeks. 2nd and 3rd grade students are learning different story elements from Chinese folk tales. They will make their own version with exciting and interesting details in the future and make puppets to showcase their story. 1st grade students are learning how animals work collaboratively in nature and will design their class animal mascot in the future. Ms. He is also working on recruiting a couple of students to participate in the nationwide speech contest.

Media

We've been coding in Media! At the end of December, our school participated in the international Hour of Code by coding during Media class. This month, we will continue building those coding skills using Sphero Indi robots. If your child is interested in coding, there are lots of great programs they can access at home including [Code Studio Courses](#) and [Scratch](#). Students in Grades 1 & 2 learned how to use Brightspace to access their class accounts on Code Studio Courses.

Art

Happy New Year!!!! Students who are in grades 3 & 5 are either starting or finishing exploring the medium of clay! 5th graders are making coil pots and 3rd graders are making Egyptian Cartouches using hieroglyphics. 1st Graders are learning about how growing vegetables helps our environment. They are also describing what a healthy diet looks like by eating them. 2nd graders are inventing their own iphone apps and describing its function. The 4th graders are designing their own Winter Scenes which are inspired by the artist known as Grandma Moses.

PBIS

Check out the positive things happening at Manor View!

Here's some information to get the new year started off right!

- January Eagle Feathers will be focused on being a Thinker and being Organized. Talk with your child about what they can do to show they are a Thinker and how they can be organized.
- There is a new Staff Brag Wall by the cafeteria highlighting all the amazing accomplishments of our fantastic teachers at Manor View. Be sure to check it out when you visit the school!



Check out our Eagle's Nest by the front office! Every feather reflects a student's positive behavior. Please congratulate your student when you see their name on a feather here this year!



Feather Key	
September	Blue
October	Orange
November	Black
December	Red
January	Light Blue
February	Pink
March	Green
April	Yellow
May	Dark Blue

AVID Strategy of the Month




What is it?

2 column notes

A strategy to help students sort information into 2 categories. It provides a format for introducing students to note-taking.

Example

	TOPIC/OBJECTIVE:	NAME:
		CLASS/PERIOD:
DATE:		
ESSENTIAL QUESTION:		
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When Can I use it?

When your child is reading at home.

- **Nonfiction:**
questions/answers
- **Fiction:**
inference/clue

How will it benefit my child?

The strategy helps students synthesize information, make meaningful connections, and retain concepts.



Family Academy:

[Family Academy](#) is an online video library of resources for our parents and guardians with information on Wellbeing & Growth, Academics & Programs, and Navigating AACPS. Attached is a flyer for staff that can be shared to inform them about Family Academy, and there are two flyers in English and Spanish for parents/guardians that can be sent home with students to their families. If you have any questions or suggestions for Family Academy, please contact Tamara Beger in Communications at tbeger@aacps.org.

Family Help Line:

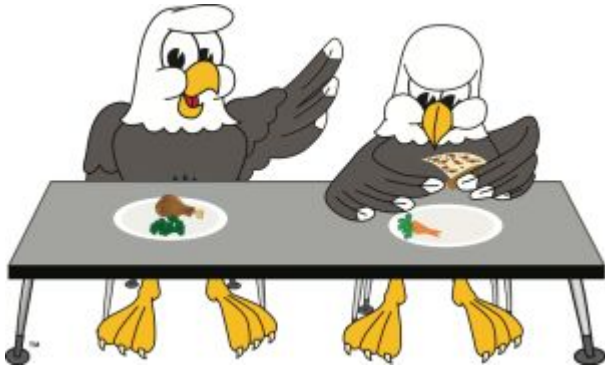
We are excited to share that the Family Help Line now has 5 language options: English, Spanish, Chinese, Vietnamese, and Urdu. Families can call 410-222-5001 and leave a message in their language of choice. Families can leave messages at any time, including after-hours and weekends. Bilingual Facilitators and the Communications Department will continue to check the messages and help families with their needs. Please share this additional tool with families!

BrightSpace: Please check your child's classroom BrightSpace online at least once a week for messages and weekly announcements. All teachers are communicating with their families through this app and we don't want you to miss any important information. You can also send messages to the teacher through BrightSpace, access homework instructions, see schedules, and more! In the event we have to go virtual for weather or other emergencies, BrightSpace is the format we will use to access lessons. Please become familiar with the app by visiting it regularly.

Our **Lost and Found** table is full! If your child is missing a coat, gloves, sweater, etc., please have them come visit the front lobby to find it.

We will be donating all abandoned items at the semester change.





Cafeteria News

Cafeteria Accounts: Parents, please bring your child's account to a positive balance. Many students have a negative account at this time. There is no school fund to cover unpaid balances. Each family is responsible for their own account. If you are eligible for free or reduced meals, you may sign up annually, but current balances are still the responsibility of each family.

Visit **MyPaymentPlus.com** for student lunch accounts. Note that there is a processing fee. If you chose not to set up an online account, please feel free to send money in with your child.

There are two options for placing money in an account. **Meal or General.** Placing money in the "**Meal Account**" will **only** allow your child to receive **One Entree** - a hot lunch, a choice of a fruit or vegetable and **only one** milk. **OR "Grab and Go"** which include cheese & yogurt combo w/ breakfast bread, a choice of a fruit/vegetable and **one** milk.

Placing money in "**General Account**" will allow your child to receive their **First Entree** (hot meal or grab and go) and if they choose to have **Second Entree** or just a **milk**. Students who receive free or reduced lunch cannot received a **second** lunch or an **extra** milk unless they have money in their "**General Account**"

Menu for the Month

Monday, January 8 Lunch: Teriyaki Potstickers, Green Beans, Carrot Sticks, Peaches, Apple Slices, Milk

Tuesday, January 9 Lunch: Taco w/Tortilla Chips & Salsa, Vegetarian Beans, Cauliflower, Apples, Peach Cup, Milk

Wednesday, January 10 Lunch: Pizza Sticks w/Marinara Sauce, Mixed Vegetables, Broccoli, Pears, Apple Slices, Milk

Thursday, January 11 Lunch: Sweet-N-Sour Chicken w/Veggie Fried Rice, Carrots, Celery, Apples, Peach Cup, Milk

Friday, January 12 Lunch: Garlic French Bread Pizza, Corn, Carrot Sticks, Mixed Fruit, Apple Slices, Milk

Tuesday, January 16 Lunch: Korean BBQ Meatballs w/Rice & Fritos, Vegetables, Celery, Apples, Peach Cup, Milk

Wednesday, January 17 Lunch: Rotini w/Meat Sauce, Sunshine Carrots, Broccoli, Pears, Apples, Milk

Thursday, January 18 Lunch: Taco w/Tortilla Chips & Salsa, Vegetarian Beans, Cauliflower, Apples, Peach Cup, Milk

Monday, January 22 Lunch: Chicken Drumstick w/Vegetable Fried Rice, Corn, Carrot Sticks, Peaches, Apples, Milk

Tuesday, January 23 Lunch: Taco w/Tortilla Chips & Salsa, Vegetarian Beans, Cauliflower, Apples, Peach Cup, Milk

Wednesday, January 24 Lunch: Mozzarella Sticks w/Marinara Sauce, Mixed Vegetables, Broccoli, Pears, Apples, Milk

Thursday, January 25 Lunch: Teriyaki Chicken w/Rice, Green Beans, Celery Sticks, Apple Slices, Peach Cup, Milk

Friday, January 26 Lunch: Pizza, Sunshine Carrots, Carrot Sticks, Mixed Fruit, Apple Slices, Milk

Monday, January 29 Lunch: Chicken Tenders w/Waffle, Oven Roasted Potatoes, Carrot Sticks, Peaches, Apples, Milk

Tuesday, January 30 Lunch: Sweet-N-Sour Meatballs w/Rice & Fritos, Carrots, Celery, Apples, Peach Cup, Milk

Wednesday, January 31 Lunch: Macaroni & Cheese w/Garlic Bread Stick, Green Beans, Broccoli, Pears, Apples, Milk

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!