

# TERRAPIN TIMES

*Grow. Learn. Thrive Together.*



## Upcoming Events

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|-------|------------------------|
| 3/30  | No School-Good Friday  |
| 4/1   | Easter                 |
| 4/2-  |                        |
| 5/25  | MCAS Window            |
| 4/4   | Staff PD               |
| 4/10  | School Site Council    |
| 4/10  | Parent Council Meeting |
| 4/16- |                        |
| 4/20  | April Vacation         |
| 5/19  | Burger Slam            |

## A Peek Behind Ms. Cheryl's Desk

- Please remember to have your child here on time for pledges at 9:30. If students arrive after 9:30, they will be marked tardy and must be signed in by an adult.
- If your child is out sick, please send a note in to your child's teacher OR an email to both your child's teacher and Ms. Cheryl.
- If your child's after school/bus plans change, please try to let us know in the morning by email or by sending a note in with your child. The changes in writing are more effective than phone calls. Thank you!  
Ms. Cheryl



## From the Desk of Mr. dB...

It is the spring of snowy Nor'easters! Here at the Manning, our students have not let the cold slow down the wonderful work they have been doing. Students at each grade are digging into engaging units such as Construction in K2 where students are learning about what inspires artists and engineers to design and build or in grade 5 where they explore Sports' and Athletes' Impact on Culture.

Staff members spent the fall collaborating to create standards-based units that engage and excite students. Now we are now watching videos of instruction and completing peer observations to continue to enhance their practice with an emphasis on building higher order thinking skills. At School Site Council we are looking at different governing options that would further support us in sustaining our mission and focus on inclusion.

Our Manning Spelling Bee competitors did a tremendous job demonstrating their hard work and spelling skills. Congratulations to Oliver Lapollo in grade 5 who won our annual Manning Spelling Bee on February 14<sup>th</sup>. Oliver went on to compete in the Boston Centers for Youth and Families Citywide Spelling Bee!



## Save the Date

### **Burger Slam!**

Get ready for the seventh annual Burger Slam! Burger Slam just gets better and better. This year you can enjoy the wonderful array of food and drink with live music by Kina Zore! There are only 200 tickets available so get yours before they sell out.

Each ticket includes

- A slider hamburger from each restaurant
- Sides
- Desserts
- 1 beverage (beer/wine/soda)
- Vegetarian options will be available as well!

100% of Proceeds go to the JP Manning School!

Join us on **Saturday, May 19th from 6-8 P.M.** to share a great evening of fun and support our students at the Manning!

Location:

Loring-Greenough House  
12 South Street  
Boston, MA 02130

## Did You Know?

Here at the Manning, students can be rewarded with **Turtle Awards!** Turtle Awards can be for a simple moment in time that was wonderful or consistent great work. We are here to celebrate hard work and perseverance, both academically and socially. We are constantly working for a culture of consistent recognition and celebration!

## Classroom Corner!

Students in Ms. Leesa's art class have been studying the history and progression of photography. Using influence from a French artist, Henry Russo, students are building a tropical jungle photo booth. While student were working on the photo booth, they got so excited, the jungle grew onto the stage! Join the Manning artists as they collaborate with Ms. Brown at the Spring Sing and Breakfast event.



## MCAS News

### & Resources

It's that time of year! Students at the Manning will begin this year's MCAS next week. There are two testing sessions for each subject. We will begin with the English Language Arts sessions followed by Math and Science. This is the first year that Manning Seniors will be taking the Science and Technology MCAS on computers. Please refer to the following schedule for dates and details:

| <u>Dates</u>    | <u>Grade Level &amp; Subject Tested</u>                       |
|-----------------|---|
| April 11 & 12:  | Grade 3 English Language Arts & Grade 4 English Language Arts |
| April 24 & 25 : | Grade 5 English Language Arts                                 |
| May 8 & 9:      | Grade 3 Math & Grade 5 Science and Technology                 |
| May 15 & 16     | Grade 4 Math & Grade 5 Math                                   |

You can use the [Parents' Guide to the MCAS](#) and [Frequently Asked Questions](#) to become familiar with the current version of the assessment or learn about ways in which you can best support your child. You can also access descriptions for the different types of test items assessed at each grade level on the [Item Descriptions](#) page.

Let's work together to make this testing season a positive and successful one! Here are some suggestions for ways to help at home:

- Ensure that your child arrives to school on time.
- Have your child eat a healthy breakfast at home or at school.
- Ensure that your child gets a good night's rest.

It's important to remind our students that they have been working hard all year and this test is just one measure of the learning they have done. Their job is to just do their best!

