

# TERRAPIN TIMES

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## Upcoming Events

- 4/11 School Site Council 5:15 pm
- 4/12 Parent Council 6:30 pm
- 4/15 - 4/24 Spring Recess No School
- 4/27 PARCC testing begins

## A Peek Behind Ms. Cheryl's Desk

- Please take time to fill out the **school climate survey!** They were sent home in backpacks. You can either fill out the survey and drop it in the mail with the envelope it came with, or send it back to school where we will mail it for you! You can also complete the survey online at [www.bostonpublicschools.org/climatesurvey](http://www.bostonpublicschools.org/climatesurvey) This survey gives us information on how our families view their experience on the Manning. It is so important to us that you take the time to fill it out! Thank you!
- School will be **in session** on Friday, June 17!
- Parents in grades 3-5 received consent forms for a research study happening here. **Please send them back!** All families who send them back will be entered to win one of two \$100 gift cards to Amazon!



Families enjoying Discovery Night!



## From Mr. dB...

Happy Spring! This school year is flying right by us. Across the school we have spent substantial time learning many new things. I walked throughout the school the other day and so much great learning has been posted on bulletin boards! Student writing, artwork, school core values, mathematics, you name it - we have it posted! It truly is a beautiful array of creativity and a great sampling of the fabulous instruction happening at each grade level.

We are so happy to announce that Ms. Cahill will officially be able to remain our full time librarian 5 days a week! Due to central office budget challenges settling down and becoming resolved, we are able to make this happen. We are grateful to be able to keep her here!

With springtime comes the state standardized testing. This year, the Manning is transitioning to computer based assessments. We will be taking the PARCC assessment in grades 3-5 during April and May. The PARCC is designed to have shorter testing sessions, so that the entire day is not lost to testing. However, because of that, there are more testing sessions. There are four ELA sessions, and four mathematics sessions for each grade. In addition, 5th grade has two Science MCAS testing days as well. The following are the dates for each grade level:

	Grade 3:	Grade 4	Grade 5
<b>ELA:</b>	May 16, 17, 19, 20	May 2, 3, 4,	April 27, 28, 29, May 10
<b>Math:</b>	May 9, 10, 12, 13	May 10, 11, 12, 17, 18	May 25, 26, June 1, 2
<b>Science:</b>			May 11, 12

Also, a big congratulations to Rebecca Lapham! She placed 4th in the Citywide Spelling Bee! A huge accomplishment for Rebecca, and I know I can speak for the entire Manning Community when I say we are all so proud of you!

Lastly, I wanted to let our community know why I have been absent recently. I have an acutely herniated disc in my back. Unfortunately I will have be out until after April vacation. I have missed being at school very much and am looking forward to getting better and being back full speed!

We are looking forward to everything the spring brings with our school year!

- Mr. dB



## Parent Council Update

Parent Council this month included an update from administration that all staff members have been given keycard access thus meaning we have locked doors during the duration of the school day!

New Manning spirit gear has been ordered and is available for purchase! Flyers have been sent home advertising different goods for adults and children - tee shirts, baseball tees, sweatshirts, drawstring bags, and stickers. Coming soon we will have mugs, pencils, pens, and water bottles! If you are interested in purchasing goods please contact Laureen Wood of Tonya Miller [tlkmliller@yahoo.com](mailto:tlkmliller@yahoo.com) or 617-314-0711.

The next Parent Council meeting will be on Tuesday, April 12, 2016.

## Family Resources

### BPS Transportation:

**BPS Transportation Hotline:** (617) 635-9520

### **Where's My Bus? App:**

visit [schoolbus.bostonpublicschools.org](http://schoolbus.bostonpublicschools.org)

### **"Summer Stuff"**

BPS has been updating their Summer resources! Make sure to check out the page to find activities, camps, and reading lists for your child!  
[www.bostonpublicschools.org/summer](http://www.bostonpublicschools.org/summer)

## Connect with Us!

We want the Manning Community to be in the know! If you use social media, please connect with us:



@JPMANNINGSCHOOL

## Classroom Corner!



Grade 2 has been busy learning about lots of interesting topics over the past few months. Students have learned about the process of making maple syrup through a book Ms. Windus' mother wrote, pictures of each step of the process, and graphing the amount of sap collected daily throughout the season. This learning culminated in a trip to Rhode Island to see Ms. Windus' family sugar house. Students collected sap, saw the evaporator, and even got to try some delicious maple treats!

This year we were fortunate to get a field trip to the MOS Eye Opener Program. This program is only for second graders and is fully funded by the MOS. Students went behind the scenes to the Live Animal Center that isn't open to the public yet. They went to the Butterfly Garden and to many other areas of the museum. They enjoyed the lightning show, the bed of nails that they got to lie on and the space shuttle among other things. Upon our return to school, we worked on a mini writing unit on writing letters so students could write thank you letters to the Museum friends!



Additionally students have been working on researching a chosen state. They have made brochures, a map and a flag all about their state. In the next week or so they will be practicing and then giving presentations about what they learned about their state. Check out the map and brochures outside of room 107!

In ELA second graders have been working on writing opinion books and giving reasons for their opinions. This carries over in our reading work as students practice answering questions about the stories/books they have read and providing evidence from the text to support their answer. In addition students are learning how to dissect stories into their different elements and look critically for the features of nonfiction texts. While students look at the story/text as a whole, they are also building vocabulary, identifying homophones, and searching for pronouns.



With all this learning going on, it is hard to believe we have had time for fun, too! We have dance breaks using GoNoodle.com and

have collaborated with 5th grade to learn new dances!

It's been fun sharing all of our great learning with you! If you want to know more, please ask a 2nd grader!

### **SAVE THE DATE: Burger Slam!**

Saturday, May 14, 2016

6:30 pm @ Spontaneous Celebrations

### **To volunteer, please contact:**

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