

Dear Manning Families + Caregivers:

As we close out this year, we are writing for your support in continuing to create thoughtful, inclusive and enriching opportunities for our students. I believe deeply in working hard to create conditions at our school and in our community for students to be able to actualize their best selves. This means fostering experiences for our students that help them to see beyond their own purview

At the Manning, we are committed to the academic, social and emotional growth of every child and recognize that *one size does not fit all*. As such, while we have funding provided by the Boston Public Schools based on a city-wide algorithm to ensure that our school is properly staffed and materials and curricula are accounted for, there is still a need for funding that goes beyond what is provided by the Boston Public Schools budget, such as: Field trips, books, online academic licenses, assemblies, author talks, music + art supplies, technology, funds for events, Student Council initiatives, revamping and sprucing up our school grounds and making joy a part of our community, everyday!

The Manning is such a special place. I have had an unwavering adoration for this work and your children since the day I started last Spring. Our teachers are AMAZING and some of the best I have ever worked with in my 17 years as a school leader and our students are truly our most valuable asset. I have stated this many times before, but I want you to know again how much I love and appreciate this community and I am certain that we are well positioned to continue to do great things. In the time that I have been leading the Manning, we have checked off a lot of items on our “to-do” list and we have more to go. At the heart of every one of my decisions is your child and I believe in giving them agency and voice. They have lots of great ideas and with your support we can make them a reality.

More specifically, this year we hope to use the funds you donate to purchase:

- Sheds for our school grounds, designed and crafted in partnership with the students of Madison Park Vocational Technical High School and our 5th and 6th grade students as part of a math unit of study.
- Whole school assemblies that provide students the opportunity to learn from and see children’s book authors and understand their processes and inspirations. We also hope to be able to purchase a bundle of the featured author’s books so that students can have a signed copy at home!
- Provide transportation for students and families to attend school based events who live outside of the immediate proximity and do not have access to reliable transportation.
- Manning sweatshirts for our students to wear and show their school pride.
- Culminating end-of-year activities for our Manning Seniors that include field trips as a whole class.
- Supplemental Science subscription to [IXL](#) for students to use at school and at home.
- And several other initiatives that will likely arise as a result of our newly founded Student Council.

Your donation in any amount is deeply appreciated.

Onward + Upward,

Allyson Hart

Principal

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