

TERRAPIN TIMES

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Upcoming Events

- ✦ 3/8 Parent Council 6:30 pm
- ✦ 3/9 5th Grade Field Trip Fundraiser Bertucci's 3:00 - 8:00
- ✦ 3/14 School Site Council 5:15 pm
- ✦ 3/17 Evacuation Day - No School
- ✦ 3/18 Marks Close
- ✦ 3/25 No School - Good Friday

A Peek Behind Ms. Cheryl's Desk

- ✦ Please try to have your child's transportation changes noted first thing in the morning, preferably by putting a note in your child's bag or emailing your child's teacher. Afternoon calling should only be if there is an unexpected last minute change.
- ✦ If your telephone number has been changed, please let me know as soon as possible
- ✦ If your child is absent from sickness, even if you call to let me know, please put a note in your child's bag the day he/she comes back to school. Travel is not an excused absence, even with a note.



February's Super Turtle Award Winners!



From Mr. dB...

We have really lucked out with our winter! What a difference a year makes! We have just completed all six weeks of our Behavior Expectations, staff have seen an improvement in hallways, at recess, and in the cafeteria. We hope your children have been talking about the different lessons on behavior at home.

Our annual Manning Spelling Bee was on Thursday, February 11. It was evident that every fourth and fifth grade student spent substantial time preparing and studying their words! I want to send congratulations to our finalists: 4th place, Josiah Pierrette in Grade 5, 3rd place, Bruno Batty in Grade 5, 2nd place, Luke Fredericks in Grade 4, and our grand winner Rebecca Lapham, Grade 5. There will be a citywide spelling bee held at Mildred Ave Middle School, 5 Mildred Avenue, Mattapan on Saturday March 19 at 10:00 am. If you can, please come to support our 5th grade champion!

This year's budget has been quite a complicated process, which occupied much of December, January, and early February. The Manning



Did You Know?

Each month the Manning community is given a genre challenge - to read at least three books in a specific genre. For the month of February, a total of 88 Manning students completed the challenge! That is the highest amount of students in the history of the genre challenge! Next month's genre challenge is Realistic Fiction. Let's continue building our love of reading!



All 88 students who completed the biography genre challenge!

Family Resources

BPS Transportation:

BPS Transportation Hotline: (617) 635-9520

Where's My Bus? App:

visit schoolbus.bostonpublicschools.org

Boston Public Library E-Books

The Boston Public Library has free downloadable apps for several different types of tablets. When you download the app you will be able to access E-Books, audiobooks, digital magazines, and media all through your library card!

Link: <http://www.bpl.org/>

Then click on "Download eBooks and Audiobooks" for directions.

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suffered a 5.1% loss overall. Although there are still components being finalized, we have had to make very difficult decisions. Currently in order to work in the confines of the budget and do our best for our students we have had to rearrange roles and responsibilities in regards to Ms. Walsh. As you all know, Ms. Walsh is our Special Education Coordinator. She currently is split evenly between two schools. The plan is for Ms. Walsh to work here at the Manning full time by combining the Special Education Coordinator, Resource Room and ESL teaching positions. We also may need to reduce our library position although this is not finalized yet. We know how important each and every team member is to maintaining all integral parts of our community and culture.

Classroom Corner!

Fourth grade has had a busy winter full of robust learning! Math has been filled with multi-digit multiplication strategies. Students have been exploring different ways to break numbers apart to multiply fluently. In reading and writing, we have just wrapped up our unit on poetry and learning about the biographies of poets. We will be moving to begin working on animal defenses next! Social studies has been filled with learning more about United States geography and the specific regions our country holds.



Parent Council Update

SAVE THE DATE: Burger Slam

Saturday, May 14, 2016
6:30 pm @ Spontaneous Celebrations

To volunteer, please contact:

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At Parent Council this month, the components of the newly adopted EngageNY math curriculum was explored. The new curriculum addresses the shifts from the 2011 Curriculum Frameworks: coherence among grade levels and concepts, fluency in grade level benchmarks, and rigor with real-world application of concepts. You can find all information on the new math curriculum at www.engageny.org.