

TERRAPIN TIMES

Grow. Learn. Thrive Together.



Upcoming Events

- ◆ 11/25 Early Release 2:10 pm
- ◆ 11/26 -11/27 Thanksgiving Recess -
No School
- ◆ 12/4 Marks Close
- ◆ 12/5 Showcase of Schools 9 - 1
- ◆ 12/8 School Site Council 5:15 pm
- ◆ 12/8 Parent Council 6:30 pm
- ◆ 12/8 School Tour 5:30 - 6:30 pm
- ◆ 12/15 School Tour 10 - 11 am
- ◆ 12/15 - 12/16 A2 Interim Assessment
Gr. 2 & 3
- ◆ 12/17 - 12/18 A2 Interim Assessment
Gr. 4 & 5
- ◆ 12/18 Holiday Sing 2 pm
- ◆ 12/18 School Tour 7:30 - 8:30 am
- ◆ 12/18 Report Cards

A Peek Behind Ms. Cheryl's Desk

- ◆ 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 (cpastore@bostonpublicschools.org).
- ◆ 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
- ◆ We could use parent help with the school tours (dates listed above). Please let the office know if you are available.

Before/After School

Happy Holidays! It's that time of the year again...

The Candy House Competition
Friday, December 11, 2015.
5 P.M. - 6:30 P.M.

Come and have a Jolly Good Time!



From Mr. dB...

It has been an absolutely beautiful fall! The weather cannot be beat, the foliage has peaked, and our campus has been painted in fallen leaves. It is very important to note that with all the fallen leaves on the ground, the presence of ticks have been much more pronounced. We do our best to check children after recesses, but please make sure to check your children when they come home from school as well! Additionally, we are happy to report all busses have been running on time. We will continue to keep you updated with all information in regards to transportation.

The School Culture Committee has crafted a Behavior Expectations Document that details expected behavior in six major areas of the school: the classroom, hallways, cafeteria, bus, bathrooms, and recess/playworks. This is something that will be taught to all students by all staff members methodically after the holiday break in January. We will also send a copy home to families to ensure all expectations are clear among all community members. Next September, you can expect to have these Expectations taught in the first six weeks of school. Our goal is to have a school community with a common language and clear expectations to build a safe and happy place to learn and grow together.

November always brings feelings of gratitude, appreciation, and reflection. I know I can speak for the Manning staff to say we are so grateful for the families we have in our community. We are blessed to be able to educate your children in a school that values relationships and community. We are fortunate to be in your children's lives!

- Mr. dB





The community art project created in collaboration with all Manning students grades k-5 has began to take shape! You can watch the construction and development all year in the lobby of the school!

Did You Know?

We are working to celebrate growth and goal setting in our community. This year we have developed a monthly award, the Super Turtle Award! This is awarded to a student at each grade level for setting a goal and working hard to improve. At each Birthday Book Assembly, students will be celebrated and honored for their hard work in front of the school community.

Family Resources

NEW SCHOOL WEBSITE!

www.jpmanningschool.com

Our new school website has gone live! please visit the link above to see all it has to offer. The classroom pages are password sensitive.

Milestones:

www.greatschools.org/gk/milestones

A free online collection of videos aimed at helping parents understand grade-level expectations in grades K-8. Milestones show students demonstrating what success looks like in reading, writing and math, grade by grade.



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Classroom Corner!

Playworks is a not-for-profit organization striving to bring active and inclusive play to public schools in 23 communities across the United States. At the Manning school, Coach Jack Mohrbacher is working to instill the Playworks core values of respect, inclusion, healthy play and healthy community to improve the school climate and make recess safe and fun for all students. Playworks programming has been shown to reduce bullying and improve classroom behavior and attention. One of the most impactful programs Playworks has brought to the Manning school community is the Junior Coach Leadership Program. Coach Jack has selected 15 fourth and fifth graders to serve as junior coaches at our three daily recesses. Junior coaches attend two weekly trainings where they work on developing skills of empathy, conflict resolution and leadership--skills they can use in the classroom as well as the recess yard. Coach Jack would love your continued support as he and his junior coaches work to create a safe, fun and inclusive school culture. If you have any suggestions, or would like to observe Playworks recess or Junior coach training, please email Coach Jack at jack.mohrbacher@playworks.org.



Parent Council Update

Parent Council met on Tuesday, November 10, at 6:30 pm. Mr. dB announced that keycard access will be given to teachers in the school building, resulting in locked doors for the entirety of the school day. This should be finalized in the next few weeks! City Councilor Matt O'Malley and Citywide Parent Council Chair Heshan Berents-Weeramuni spoke in regards to how the parent school community can support the budget process. Here is a link explaining the Boston Public Schools budget process: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NIkLbUEXiM>. We had a great turnout on Tuesday, but want to hear more voices! Please consider coming to the next meeting on Tuesday, December 8 at 6:30 pm.

Race Dialogues

The Manning is partnering with the YWCA Boston to have an open, honest, and action oriented dialogue on race, ethnicity, and community. The goal of the conversation is for the community to mobilize a diverse group of stakeholders in the creation of stronger and more unified communities. These sessions run from **6-8pm on Wednesday Evenings**. These meetings will begin in January. Since the location is still to be determined, please contact the office if you are interested so we can send the information along when we receive it!