

TERRAPIN TIMES

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ 9/16 - Parent Council Meeting
Nominations 6:30 pm
- ◆ 9/24 - Open House 6 - 7:30 pm
- ◆ 9/29 - School Site Council 5:15 pm
- ◆ 9/30 - Back to School BBQ! 5:00 pm
- ◆ 10/12 - Columbus Day, No School
- ◆ 10/14 - Picture Day

A Peek Behind Ms. Cheryl's Desk

- ◆ Please remember to send in all the forms that were sent home the first day of school, especially the most important one - **THE EMERGENCY FORM!** We need to have the most updated contact information as soon as possible.
- ◆ Please call me (617-635-8102) if your child's bus is up to 5 minutes late. I can call transportation and find out where it is and let you know.
- ◆ Please send a note or email to either myself or your teacher if there will be a change in plans for your child for dismissal. Phone calls don't always get reported. And as always, please call me if you have any questions or want to check on your child!

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From Mr. dB...

We have had a wonderful start to the year and are excited to finally be with our students, your children! Probably the biggest change this year is in our schedule as we move to our Extended Learning Time Schedule. Everyone in our community, from students to staff to families, have done a great job adjusting to our new extended day. One of the things parents might be wondering is, "Well, what exactly are we gaining with our additional 40 minutes a day?" We had an extended learning time committee that worked very hard in the spring and into the summer to design a program that would benefit ALL our children and be in line with our school goals. We have done two major things with our schedule. The first is that we have extended the amount of time for Morning Meeting so that every class is now able to have Morning Meeting everyday. Before, it either did not happen or happened at the expense of core instruction. Morning Meeting is a critical part of our day during which we do a lot of community building through both social-emotional and academic learning. The second is that we have added a fifty-minute period four days a week called Learning Labs. This time is for more individualized time during which we can work on both intervention and acceleration. Previously, students who needed intervention often missed core instruction and thus had trouble getting to grade level work. Learning Labs will also allow us to push students who are already at or above grade level. We are all learning how best to use this time, but are excited to have the time to meet the needs of ALL our students. Lastly, I look forward to seeing all of you at Open House next week, Thursday, September 24th.

Thank you for sharing your children with us,

Mr. dB





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!

Family Resources

BPS Transportation:

BPS Transportation Hotline: (617) - 635-9520

Where's My Bus? App:

visit schoolbus.bostonpublicschools.org

Drop Off/Dismissal Procedures:

Drop Off:

You may drive into the yard and quickly drop your child as long as you do not park in the yard. If you need to come in to the school in the morning for drop off, you **MUST** park in the neighborhood and walk in so the busses remain orderly and children are safe.

Dismissal:

Please remember you **MUST** park outside the school year and walk in with your child to drop them off or pick them up.

Next Newsletter: Friday, October 16



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Classroom Corner!

Mr. Springer is our new science teacher and he is very excited to be a part of the Manning Community. He comes to us from the Newton Public Schools where he taught 5th grade for many years. Now, he is teaching all of the students at the Manning from kindergarten to grade 5!



Mr. Springer loves to travel and learn about the world. He has explored Angkor Wat in Cambodia, taught in Beijing, China, and gave a speech at a Peace Conference in Hiroshima, Japan. He has canoe camped in the Everglades, hiked parts of the Appalachian Trail, and camped on Mt. Desert Island in Maine. He was born in New York City.

While Mr. Springer also loves history, Shakespeare, and literature, he has always been amazed by the natural world. As he continued to teach science, his interests broadened to include earth science and physics and technology. He looks forward to teaching and exploring Science at the Manning!

Parent Council Update

Are you wondering how parents and families can get involved at school and support the Manning? Come find out at a SPC meeting! The School Parent Council (SPC) is a community-building and supporting organization for the school. We work on fostering communication between families and teachers, as well as connecting individual families to school-wide issues. We meet on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 6:30. Babysitting and pizza is available, so bring the kids and join us for a meeting.

School Site Council Update

The first meeting for School Site Council (SSC) is set for **Tuesday, September 29 at 5:15 pm**. SSC is an open meeting that meets monthly, where anyone in the school community can come. The role of the SSC is to engage families and teachers to serve with the Principal as the central decision-making body of the school. Please consider attending meetings to help enhance our school community!

School Pledge

I am somebody special and smart, with kindness and love in my heart. I pledge to work hard every day, so I can proudly say, I am the best at what I do, I can even teach you!