

TERRAPIN TIMES

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Upcoming Events

- ✦ 10/14-10/15 A1 Interim Assessment
Grade 2 Reading & Math
- ✦ 10/20 - 10/21 A1 Interim Assessment
Grades 3 & 4 Reading & Math
- ✦ 10/22-10/23 A1 Interim Assessment
Grade 5 Reading & Math
- ✦ 10/26 - 10/30 Scholastic Book Fair
- ✦ 11/1 Daylight Savings Time
- ✦ 11/10 School Site Council 5:15 pm
- ✦ 11/10 Parent Council 6:30 pm
- ✦ 11/11 Veteran's Day No School
- ✦ 11/14 Showcase of Schools

A Peek Behind Ms. Cheryl's Desk

- ✦ There are still some families that have not sent in their **emergency forms!** This is VERY important so that we have contact information for all students. Please send in your forms as soon as possible.



Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Steve cooking at the Family BBQ last Tuesday!



From Mr. dB...

The first month of school is behind us! The weather is starting to feel a little more like fall and we are in the midst of great teaching and learning. Our first interim assessments are coming up in the next weeks! The time really has flown by.

Through our Instructional Leadership team, we have finalized our instructional focus for this school year:

We will develop students' ability to utilize a deep, analytical thought process across content areas and types of tasks, emphasizing the appropriate use of evidence. We will measure student progress in multiple ways, including but not limited to verbal and written evidence-based tasks.

This instructional focus will lead the work that our teachers will be engaging in to better children's learning. We are working to make sure all students at the Manning are spending their learning time really thinking about concepts in class, and showing their thinking through evidence. Additionally, we are working as a school to make sure the work begins in kindergarten and bridges up to the 5th grade. We will keep you posted as our work progresses this school year!

We had our first Birthday Book celebration of the school year. The picture above shows the students celebrating their summer reading accomplishment!

Lastly, our family BBQ was a great success! It was so nice to see families talking, laughing, and enjoying each other together on Tuesday. Let's keep working to keep building opportunities for our community to come together throughout the year.

- Mr. dB





Did You Know?

Located in the front lobby, we have two red-eared terrapins, Buttercup and Squirt! These terrapins have been a part of our community for nearly 12 years! We are writing to you with exciting news: At nearly 20 years old, Buttercup is laying eggs! Both Buttercup and Squirt were adopted by the Manning Community and nursed back to health. They are now living happily in our lobby!

Family Resources

BPS Transportation:

BPS Transportation Hotline: (617) 635-9520

Where's My Bus? App:

visit
schoolbus.bostonpublicschools.org

Academic:

www.learnzillion.com

Having trouble helping your children with homework with the new state standards? LearnZillion is a FREE account that can be made where you can search the topics your children are working on in school and see easy to follow instructional videos to build understanding in students and families!

After School

The Manning Before and After School Program philosophy is
 "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it". Proverbs 22:6

contact vbrown07@gmail.com to sign up!

Next Newsletter: Friday, November 20



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Classroom Corner!

There are lines everywhere at the Manning!!! All throughout the month of September Manning artists have been exploring and experimenting with lines in our Art Studio!! We have painted, drawn, collaged and built sculptures using lines as our main element of art. The first half of our school year is where the Manning Artists learn and practice implementing the Elements of Art. For the month of October we will be exploring and investigating the Element of Shape. As a community of Artists the whole school is working on building a gigantic Turtle sculpture to be seen in the lobby, by combining lines, shapes, textures colors and forms.



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**. The first meeting will be Wednesday 10/28. 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!

Parent Council Update

Parent council meets on Tuesday's right after School Site Council at 6:30. Childcare is available and pizza is provided for dinner! This past meeting parents broke into three different committees discussing family engagement, community building, and fundraising. Parent Council meetings are open to all families here at the Manning. Please consider joining our next meeting, Tuesday, November 10, we'd love for you to join!

School Site Council Update

The School Site Council is officially up and running! We have had two meetings this school year thus far. We have talked about our main goals for this school year: Extended Learning Time and our K-8 Expansion! We have parents and staff members working together drafting a letter for the K-8 Expansion. Family surveys will be out soon to express interest and/or concerns regarding our expansion. Our next meeting is Tuesday, November 10 at 5:15. All are welcome to join!