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# Manoa Monthly

The e-newsletter of Manoa Elementary School

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## From the Principal

Manoa is off to a great 2019! Manoa scholars have been working rigorously with our curriculum and also building a sense of community with

Morning Meeting and our Character Counts traits.

Congratulations to all of our scholars who were Students of the Month for January. Also, congratulations to our Silver Award winners. The next Student of the Month Assembly is Friday, February 22, 2019 for the character trait Fairness.

Scholars began the Ronald McDonald House reading incentive. This great cause encourages reading and also raises money for Ronald McDonald House.

Sincerely,  
Dr. Ramoundos

*Hello Readers,*

*We are excited to announce Manoa is starting a newsletter. Our 5th grade editing team will put together a newsletter once a month, and this is our first edition. Included will be calendars, interviews, surveys, and even a game page.*

*We hope you enjoy reading it as much as we enjoyed putting it together!*

*Your Manoa 5th Grade  
Editing and Content Team*



## Save the Date

Dental  
Screening  
Grades 1-3  
**Thursday**  
**1/31/19**

Valentines Day  
Check your  
homeroom for  
details.  
**Thursday**  
**2/14/19**

In-Service Day -  
Early dismissal for  
elementary  
students (PM K in  
session)  
8:45 AM -  
11:50AM  
**Friday 2/15/19**

President's Day  
Holiday  
Schools and  
Offices Closed  
**Monday 2/18/19**

End of 2nd  
Trimester  
**Friday 2/22/19**

## New Student Council Elected

President Mackenzie gave us an insider's view on Student Council. Mackenzie shared that being a member of Council means being a role model, being respectful, responsible, fair, kind, trustworthy, caring, and inclusive.



Officers: President Mackenzie, Vice President Francesca, Secretary Nyah and Treasurer Brian.

At Student Council meetings members discuss ideas that could make Manoa even better. Student Council members listen to everyone's ideas and feedback from each other, the homeroom representatives, Dr. Ramoundos, and, Dr. Habert. At each meeting members go over a list of ideas and decide which ones will work. At the end members review what they talked about. Mackenzie finished by saying "One thing I am excited about for Student Council this year is settling on an idea or two to make our school a better place."

## Homeroom Representatives

Fourth and fifth grade homerooms are represented in Student Council by the Homeroom Representatives. The "reps" of Manoa work together to plan the future Manoa. The reps all brainstorm ideas and compromise what they think the school would want. The reps listen to the ideas and come up with and report them back to our class.



### *Quotes from our reps:*

"Homeroom reps come up with ideas to make our school better" - Emily

"I was happy to become a homeroom rep" - Jacob

Some Homeroom Representative at a recent Student Council Meeting.





**At Manoa Elementary School**

# Character Counts



## Caring

- be kind • be compassionate and show you care • express gratitude
- forgive others • help people in need

--Trait for December





## Trustworthiness

- be honest / tell the truth
  - do not take things that do not belong to you
  - have the courage to do the right thing
  - be reliable - do what you say you're going to do
- Trait for January



The Character Counts trait for the month of January was Trustworthiness. Students who won this award are honest, reliable, and have the courage to do the right thing.

Silver awards: Mrs. Gray's class – slippers; Mrs. Hale's class – spoon; and Mrs. Smith class - sneakers.





## Read for the House Kick-Off



A whole school assembly on January 17, 2019 started Manoa's participation in "Read for the House". "Read for the House" is a reading competition to raise money for Ronald McDonald House so that sick children at Philadelphia area hospitals and their families have a place to stay.

Here is how it works. From February 1 to the 28 Manoa scholars read as many minutes as they can. They then get pledges for the minutes they read. We send the donations to the Ronald McDonald House. Students can earn prizes for their donations. This helps families going through illness and disease. People participate in it because it helps our community, sick children, and helps us be better readers.

## Geography Bee

The Geography Bee was held in December 2018. Eighteen students in 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade qualified to participate in the Geo Bee. They all worked hard, displayed a strong knowledge of geography and exhibited great sportsmanship.



This year's Geography Bee winner is 4th grader Ben. Fifth grader Matt was 1st runner up. Congrats to everyone who participated.



Above: *Mrs. Turek with Ben and Matt*

Right: *A great display of sportsmanship*

Below: *All Geo Bee participants*





## Young Writers' Day

There is more to writing than 2<sup>nd</sup> grade animal projects and 4<sup>th</sup> grade biographies! Young Writers' Day was a day for Manoa scholars to learn about all different kinds of writing. Over 20 writers came to Manoa this year including authors' of books, reporters, poets, song writers and story tellers.



We learned about different types of writing and different mediums for writing. We heard how writers follow their interests, and we even learned a little bit about the process of getting a book published.

The day ended with a great assembly.





**We interviewed teachers in every grade to find out:**

**What's going on around Manoa?**



### ***Kindergarten***

In LA students are learning about nonfiction. They are learning about frogs and whales. They are researching and then the kids will have to write a report on what they have learned!

In Math the kindergarten students are learning how to count to twenty using tools including a rekenrek and number dots.

Kindergartners are excited for the 100th day of school! They will make a poster with 100 things on it. Another exciting thing coming up is a trip to the high school in February.

### ***First Grade***

In Math students are learning about ordinal numbers. In LA they're learning about short and long vowels, inferencing, and that stories have a problem and solution. In science they are learning about weather, the water cycle, and the seasons.

Mrs. DeFruscio reports that she is looking forward to winning a silver award and a field trip in February.



### ***Second Grade***

Mrs. Cirillo reports that she is very excited for the Immigration Project. We are multiplying and working on measurements in Math.

Second graders have also started using computers to research projects and are learning computer programming in Library. In pair programming 2nd graders work together. The driver controls the computer and the navigator helps the driver. Communication is key!



## ***Third Grade***

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Nathan talked to Mrs. Donovan about some of the upcoming Events in the 3rd grade. In Social Studies they are learning about Jamestown and the early U.S. colonists. In science they will soon get plants that they will grow.



In LA 3<sup>rd</sup> graders are learning how to write a realistic fiction story. They are also finishing writing biographies.

Finally, in math they are learning about bar graphs and line plots, and multiplication.

## ***Fourth Grade***

According to Mr. Feldgus:

**Q:** What is coming up in science?

**A:** Electricity

**Q:** What upcoming field trips do you have?

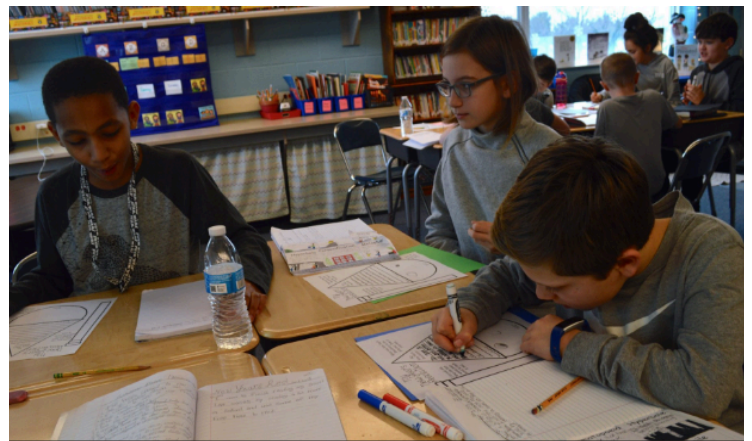
**A:** We have the Franklin Institute in March.

**Q:** What is the 4th grade doing for Valentines Day?

**A:** We are doing valentines mail boxes.

**Q:** What are you doing in E.L.A.?

**A:** We just finished our biography bottles.



## ***Fifth Grade***

In 5th grade there is a lot going on including activities and field trips. First, there is t-shirt design contest going on to see what the design of the graduates' shirt. PSSA are coming up for 5th, 4th, and 3th grades.

There are some upcoming field trips and some after school activities including floor hockey and track.

There will be a visit to the middle school so the 5th graders know what to expect next year. Finally, there's the 5th grade end of the year picnic.



## Field Hockey Champions

Manoa 4th and 5th grade field hockey players had a great season and won the school district field hockey championship by prevailing over teams from Chatham Park, Chestnutwold, Coopertown, and Lynnewood. Go, Mustangs! Coaches Mrs. Cirillo and Ms. Grossman are so proud of their teams.



### ***Q and A with Mrs. Cirillo***

**Q-** How do you feel about the Field Hockey Team winning the championship?

**A-** I am very happy and very proud of all the girls that worked hard.

**Q-** How many times has Manoa won the Field Hockey Championship?

**A-** Manoa has won 4 times. This was my first time winning.

**Q-**How many trophies do you want from Manoa?

**A-** As many as possible.

**Q-** Would you like to coach another sport in Manoa?

**A-** I would love to stick to Field Hockey

**Q-** Is there anything you would like to share with Manoa?

**A-** Manoa is a great place to be! I love it here!

**Q-**Mrs. Cirillo, another student wanted to know if you know who Maximus the Mustang is?

**A-** I do not know.

## World of Wolov



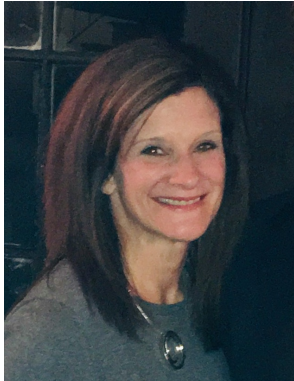
### Spot Light on Staff

Mrs. Wolov has been at Manoa for 24 years. She taught 4th grade her first year and then 3rd grade until this year, when she moved to 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

Mrs. Wolov said, "it has been wonderful to work with so many great teachers over the years and to become friends with them. It has also been amazing to see the children of former students come to Manoa. I am even teaching with a former student this year! Manoa has been a special place for me and holds so many great memories."

Mrs. Wolov loves seeing students grow as readers and thinkers. Even though she has taught many things in math, language arts, science, and social studies, Mrs. Wolov's favorite part of teaching is getting to know her students.

Mrs. Wolov is married and has 3 sons, Tanner, Campbell and Jack. She has 2 dogs, Dempsey and Chase. Mrs. Wolov likes to cook, run and watch sports in her free time.



### Interview with 5th Grade Scholar: Penny

**Q:** What's new this year?

**A:** The switching order, new, harder, projects.

**Q:** What are you most excited for this year?

**A:** Picnic and the field trips.

**Q:** Scared for?

**A:** Leaving my friends and the teachers at Manoa to go to the Middle School.

**Q:** Happy for?

**A:** New party to replace the pool party.

**Q:** Strongest subject?

**A:** Writing. In writing I can really express myself.

**Q:** Activities?

**A:** Track, Long distance and Relays.

**Q:** 6th grade?

**A:** New school, new class, and new schedule.

**Q:** Who was your favorite teacher?

**A:** Mrs. Donovan.

### Spot Light on Scholars

**Q:** Goals?

**A:** Be a better writer and be better at Math.



*"Over the years Manoa has given me some lifetime friends" --Penny*



# Game Page

KICK	FOOTBALL	TOUCHDOWN	EAGLES	THROW
SUPERBOWL	FIELDGOAL	HURDLE	HUDDLE	RUN
PUNT	RECEIVE	ENDZONE	CROWD	CHEER
SWOOPS	QUARTERBACK	FUMBLE	PASS	SACK
TEAM	FLAG	REF	GAME	JERSEY

## Word Search

M F O O T B A L L P L S C R  
 Q U A R T E R B A C K A R E  
 E T E D Q N Q W L G Q C O K  
 V O M T Z E D N A L N K W I  
 I U A E B N N S O S B F D C  
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 L N T G U R C P F E H O M S  
 A S J L H E J V N P U O B A  
 G S N E F F V D Y U B P L P  
 J E R S E Y J B O S R S E K

## Football Jokes

**Q:** Why did the football coach go to the bank?

**A:** To get his quarter back.

**Q:** What do football players wear on Halloween?

**A:** Face Masks!

**Q:** How do football players stay cool?

**A:** By standing close to the fans.