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# Manoa Monthly

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## From the Principal

Wow!!! February was an amazing month at Manoa! Congratulations to all of our scholars who were Student of the Month recipients in February. Also, congratulations to our Silver Award winners. The next Student of the Month Assembly is Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> for the character trait **Respect**.

Thank you to the PTO for our Valentine Day Parties and the Special Someone Dance. The parties and dance were a wonderful time for our scholars and parents.

Also, thank you to the scholars who participated in the Ronald McDonald House reading incentive. The Ronald McDonald House reading incentive is a great cause to encourage reading and also raise money for the Ronald McDonald House. I look forward to a great month of March!

Sincerely,  
Dr. Ramoundos

## DEAR Time and Read for the House

DEAR stands for "Drop everything and read. During the month of February, Manoa scholars did DEAR time. This is a time to drop everything and read. We did it to read more and to raise money for the Ronald McDonald House.

The full count is not in yet, but so far Manoa scholars have raised over \$5,000 to help families of sick children stay at Ronald McDonald House.



## Save the Date

4<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Trip to  
Franklin  
Institute  
3/6/19

Student  
Council  
Officers  
Meeting  
8 am  
3/8/19

Report  
Cards  
Issued  
3/11/19

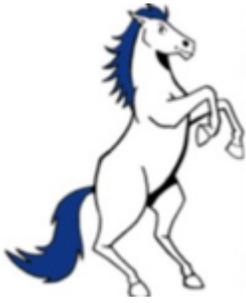
Early  
Dismissal,  
Parent Teacher  
Conferences  
3/13, 3/14 &  
3/15/19

5<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Trip to  
Valley  
Forge  
3/26 &  
3/27/19

Student  
Council HR  
Reps  
Meeting  
8 am  
3/27/19

**Manoa Celebrates  
Valentines' Day with  
Science, Technology,  
Engineering, Art and  
Friendship!**





**At Manoa Elementary School**

## Character Counts



On February 22, 2019, students who showed the character trait of fairness received certificates. These students showed fairness around the school. Congratulations, winners!



### ***Fairness***

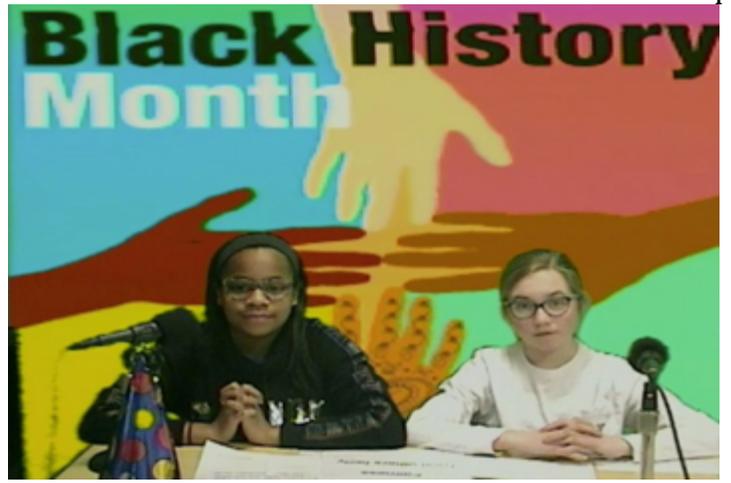
- think of others feelings
- take turns and share
- play by the rules
- be open-minded
- treat others fairly
- be open-minded

*--Trait for December*



**Silver award winners:** Silver Spoon – Mrs. Foreman's Class; Silver Slippers – Mrs. Zitkevitz's Class; Silver Sneakers – Ms. Tierney's Class.

**Manoa celebrates...**  
by reading, researching, writing,  
signing, performing reader's  
theater, and more!



## Black History Month: Interview with Dr. Adrienne Gordy



*Dr. Gordy introduces Black History Month in 2C.*

Dr. Adrienne Gordy, the school district's Technology Lead Teacher, got great resources for teachers to use during Black History Month. Manoa teachers and scholars learned about African Americans who played important roles in our country's history.

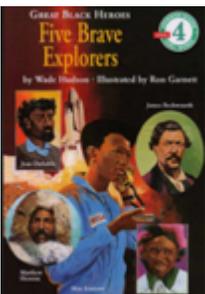
We interviewed Dr. Gordy by email to learn more about Black History Month and resources about African Americans that Manoa scholars could use during Black History Month and throughout the school year.

**Q: Why is Black History Month important?** Black History Month is important because it is the annual celebration of the achievements of African Americans. Too often, the contributions and sacrifices of African Americans have been overlooked or negated, but Black History Month provides an opportunity to recognize the central role of African Americans in American history.

**How did you choose the books to give Manoa teachers?** I primarily worked on developing resources for teachers that would give background knowledge and a historical perspective on the individuals I profiled. Once that was completed, I collaborated with both the Humanities Curriculum Coordinator and Language Arts Lead Teacher to find books that coincided with the profiles highlighted at each grade level. We tried to select books that were not only informative and interesting, but looked inviting to read.

**What inspired you to do this job?** From childhood I learned about the accomplishments of people of color and it fostered a sense of pride in me. As an undergraduate, I chose to go to a HBCU (Historically Black Colleges and Universities) and graduated with a degree in African American Studies so that same sense of pride was compounded. Though I grew up learning Black History many of my colleagues did not have the same experience, so they had little recourse but to teach about the same two or three historic figures. Ideally, curating this resource not only broadens teachers' knowledge and enriches their understanding of African Americans in history, but fosters a sense of pride in all learners and the belief that *greatness lies within*.

**Is there anything you would like to share to the Manoa Family?** "Thank you for asking for an interview. I feel very honored that you did so."

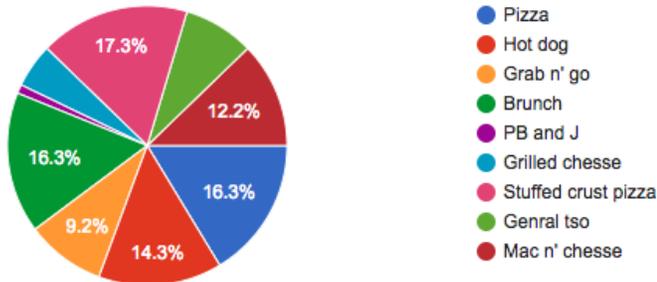


## Survey says....

We surveyed Manoa scholars to find out their most and least favorite cafeteria lunches. Here are the results.

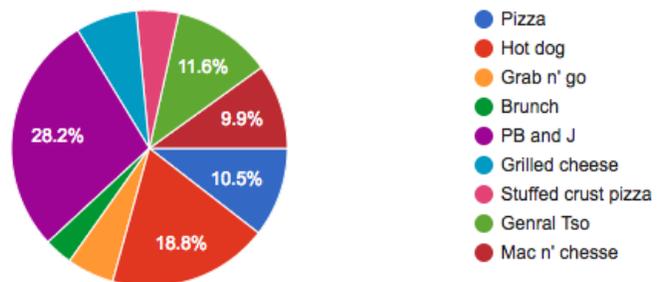
### Which is your most favorite

98 responses



### What is your least favorite?

181 responses



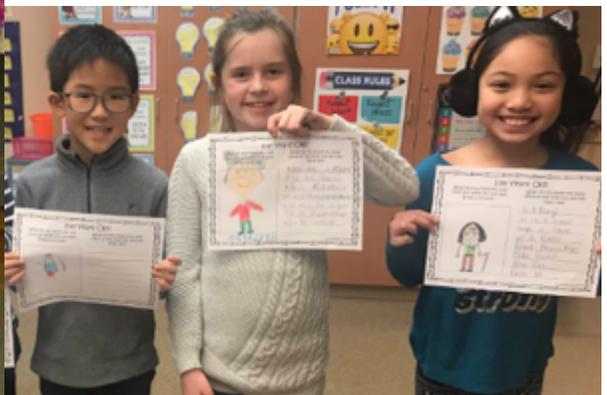
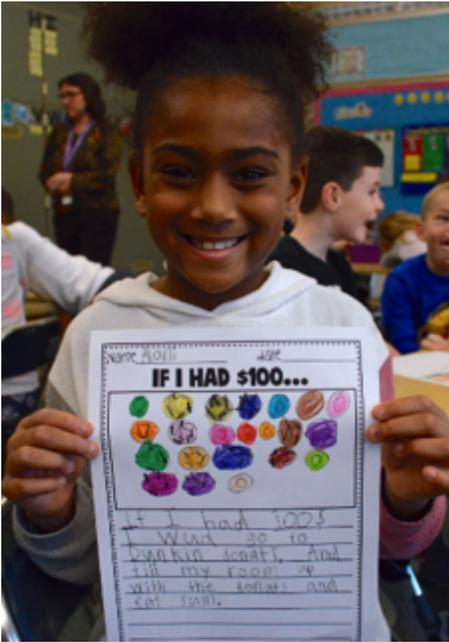
## Science Of Sound

Manoa scholars attended the Science of Sound assembly, run by Caroline Lin. During the assembly she taught the students how sound works and how we hear it. She also was able to create entire songs using only her 5 string violin. She used looping sound boxes to make sounds that created the songs. She also included many of the students allowing them to use some of the equipment and made people feel like a part of the assembly. "It was a nice experience that showed us all that science and sound can relate to each other." said Abby, a fifth grader at Manoa.



# 100 Days of School

Manoa scholars celebrated 100 days of school this month.



We interviewed teachers in every grade to find out:



### **Kindergarten**

Mrs. Henry is having a blast with her amazing kindergarten class! Many fun things are happening. They recently went on a Field Trip to see the High School Orchestra. For the 100 days of school, kindergarteners made posters with 100 things on it.

In LA, children are kid writing 2 sentences: something they like and describing it. For Read-Aloud, they are reading Press Here, and predicting what will happen next. Each day, they bring home a book to read by themselves. In Math, kindergarteners are learning about tens, ones, and 2-digit numbers.

For Black History Month, they found out about Charlie Parker, John Coltrane, Duke Ellington, and other Jazz musicians. The children relate to this by writing how Jazz Music makes them feel.

### **Second Grade**

Mrs. Forman was super friendly and welcomed me into her class. She reported that the kids are excited to learn cursive. Mrs. Foreman is excited for the new science unit on Matter.

In Math they are working on mentally solving math problems. In ELA, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade is in Unit 7 and doing predictions. Second graders love to read. Popular books in Mrs. Foreman's class are Hey Little Ant, I Survived book series, Cat Splat, and Chocolate Touch.

Mrs. Foreman loves teaching second grade and is especially proud of our school library. "There are books for everyone and it is free. I love it."



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

### **First Grade**

Mrs. Doblin's first graders are enjoying working on ipads, and sharing and playing games during morning meeting. They also like keeping track on the number of teeth lost by students, and earning table tallies to win prizes.

In LA they are learning how to make inferences and are reading books about important African American figures for Black History Month. First graders are also writing responses to what they read. In Math they are learning to measure.

Mrs. Doblin's friends are looking forward to Dr. Seuss Day and are working hard to try to earn the Silver Slippers Award..



### **Third Grade**

Mrs. Mazzella loves her smart 3rd graders who do something fun and exciting everyday.

In Math they are learning about division and fractions. Fact, opinion, and persuasive letters are the focus in L.A. In Science they are growing risilo plants and they are growing a lot.

For Black History Month 3rd graders have been reading about African American historical figures. Some are famous, like Rosa Parks. Others are not that famous, but played important roles, like Jean Baptist Point Du Sable who founded Chicago, and explorers Matthew Henson and James Beckwourth.

3<sup>rd</sup> graders are looking forward to the spring concert, which they all perform in, and their field trip to the zoo.

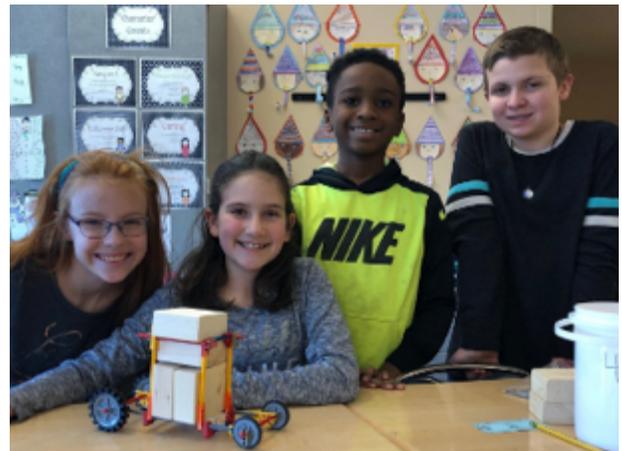


### **Fourth Grade**

We asked Ms.Davis what is going on in 4th grade and this is what we found out. Starting with Language Arts she told us they are working on making inferences and drawing conclusions. They are doing a lot of projects and fun activities with poetry this includes reading and writing for Dr.Seuss and Read Across America Day.

In Math 4th graders are working on fractions and improper fractions, and are using tiles and number blocks to represent fractions.

In Social Studies 4th grade scholars are focusing on Black History Month and learning about African American firsts. Scholars also did a project about the African Americans they studied. They researched the person, then they made amazing lap books all about them.



### **Fifth Grade**

Mrs. Longosz started teaching at Manoa this year and really enjoys it. "The teachers have been very welcoming and helpful. I really enjoy teaching the fifth grade students and we have a lot of fun."

Her favorite moment of the year so far was the trip to colonial living, spending the day with my students and learning what life like during the colonial times. She is excited to go to the fifth grade picnic because word is "it's a lot of fun and there is a lot of cool activities."

In LA 5<sup>th</sup> graders are working on making inferences and using clues from the text. In writing we just started persuasive essays.



## Floor Hockey

Manoa 4th and 5th grade floor hockey players had a great season.

Congratulations to the Avalanche for being the 2019 Floor Hockey Champions. Thank you to all who played. It was a fun and fantastic floor hockey season. Thanks to Ms. Carney and Mrs. Stefanski for coaching this year.



### Interview with Ms. Stefanski

This month we talked to Ms. Stefanski all about floor hockey and this is what we found out. First, Ms. Stefanski thought that this was a great season because of all the sportsmanship. Players were just very respectful and nice overall. There was only one injury and to go along with being respectful everyone took a knee for the player who got hurt as a sign of respect.

The goalies this year were terrific. Even when the opposing team scored a goal they would not get upset, they just kept going. Captains were very supportive and would help out the team when needed. Parents were also wonderful. They supported everyone at every game, and had a great time.

Looking forward to next year, Ms. Stefanski is hoping that at the end of the season next year they can have a game for fun where the winning team of the year can challenge against the staff.



**Floor Hockey:**

**Roll! Shoot! Score!**

**Got Stick?**

**Please don't feed the goalie.**

**Mr. Davidson****Spot Light  
on Staff**

It is Mr. Davidson's first year at Manoa and so far he really loves it.

**Q:** What are your favorite things about Manoa so far?

**A:** I love Manoa because of the nice, fun, and kind kids. The children at Manoa have awesome characters. I also love this beautiful gym!

**Q:** What's your favorite sport?

**A:** I enjoy playing and watching football, but I enjoy teaching soccer the most.

**Q:** Did you teach before this? **A:** Yes, I did, in Haddonfield, New Jersey.



**Q:** Out of all the grades you teach, which grade do you like the best?

**A:** All of them.

**Q:** What else should we know about you?

**A:** I'm in my 7th year of teaching and I couldn't be happier to call Haverford my home now. I have two dogs, Maya and Minnie, they are Shiba Inus. My hobbies outside of school are going to the gym, playing flag football, and traveling. The most important trait that I look for in students is their character, and we have great character at Manoa!

**Interview with P.E. Scholar: Samantha**

Sam is a third grade student in Mrs. Donovan's class. She is thrilled to be the Spot Light Scholar.

**Q.** What's new at Manoa with you? **A.** I have lots of new friends.

**Q.** What are you excited for?

**A.** I cannot wait for 4th grade, but I am a little nervous about not knowing a lot of people.

**Q.** What are you hoping for while in Manoa? **A.** To make lots of new friends.

**Q.** What are your favorite activities at Manoa?

**A.** I love playing games at the end of the day.

**Q.** How is Manoa?

**A.** I love Manoa. It is a great school and I have great teachers.

**Q.** What is your favorite subject? **A.** Math

**Q.** What is your strongest subject? **A.** LA

**Q.** What is your favorite special? **A.** I love Gym.

**Q.** What are your goals? **A.** I would love to become a better reader.

**Scholar  
Spot Light**

## Black History Month

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MartinLutherKing    discrimination  
 freedom                Segregation

abolitionist            Civil War  
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## Great Quotes

“Never be limited by other people's limited imaginations.” - Dr. Mae Jemison

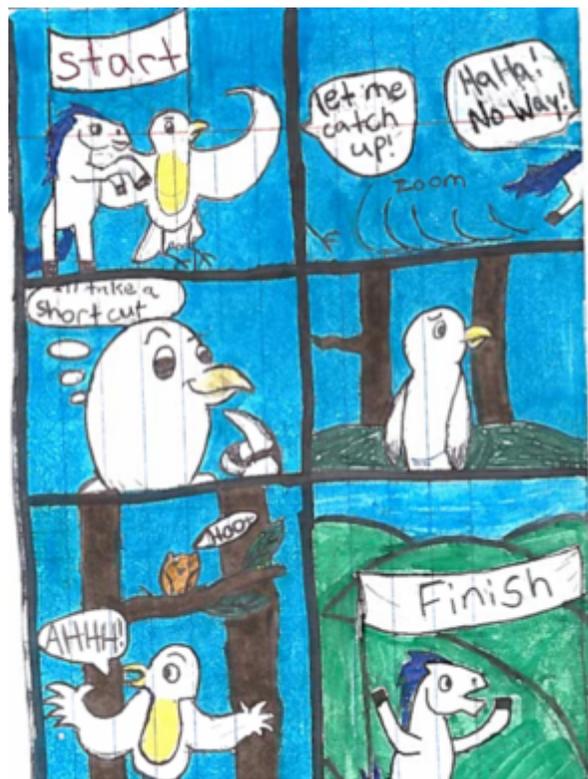
“The time is always right to do what is right.” - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

“The future belongs to those who prepare for it today.” - Malcolm X

“If you are dissatisfied with the way things are, then you have got to resolve to change them.” – Barbara Jordan

“It is easier to build strong children, than to repair broken men.” – Frederick Douglass

“Always do your best.” – Colin Powell



Manoa Mustang vs Chestnutwold Phoenix