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From the Principal

Scholars, I am so proud of your accomplishments and all the hard work you have put forth towards learning and meeting your individual goals. Keep up the good work!

I believe that each of you has the power to make a positive difference in our world. Please continue to utilize our Character Counts traits that we learned during the school year. Character Counts traits will help you to be a positive role model in our community.

To our 5th graders, I wish you the best at Haverford Middle School and look forward to hearing about all of your successes.

Have a safe and happy summer break!!

Dr. Ramoundos

Hello Readers,

We are excited to announce that some 4th graders joined our team for the last newsletter of 2018-19. They have worked with our 5th grade editing team to put together the May/June newsletter.

*Your Manoa 4th and 5th Grade
Editing and Content Team*



Save the Date

**Science Fair
(5:30-7:30)**

**Wednesday
5/29/19**

**Act 80 Day
Early
Dismissal
(8:45-11:50)**

Friday 5/31/19

Field Day

Friday 6/7/19

**Last day for
scholars (8:45-
11:50)**

**5th Grade
Graduation (9:00
am)**

Friday 6/14/19

**1st Day of
school for
Manoa
Scholars**

**Tuesday
8/3/19**



At Manoa Elementary School

Character Counts



Citizenship:

- Be involved.
- Volunteer.
- Do your share to make your school and community better.
- Respect authority.



The Character Counts trait for the month of May was Citizenship. Scholars who won this award respect authority, cooperate & follow the rules.



Silver Award Winners:

2Foreman – Silver Slippers;
2Hale – Silver Spoon; &
5Soucek – Silver Sneakers.

STEM Week at Manoa

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Manoa came alive with scientists and engineers during STEM Week. Activities included an **explosive** assembly by Haverford High School Science Teachers, the Science Fair, and an engineering activity for every grade.



3rd Graders use an i-pad timer to measure how friction slows an object moving down a ramp.



4th Grade scholars focus on their design and build activity.

Science Fair Fun!

The HHS Robotics Team thrilled young scholars with their ball-playing robot, while Manoa scholars showed-off their science skills.



Kayla's Amazing Catch

Have you ever wondered how awesome it would be to catch a ball from Bryce Harper during his first season playing for the Phillies? Well, that's exactly what a student at Manoa did. Her name is Kayla.

Walking into the Phillies Stadium, Kayla had no idea what an unforgettable game it was going to be. She sat down in her front-row seat and started to watch, just like any Phillies fan would do.

Her life-changing moment happened in the 5th inning. The Phillies were on the field. Harper had the ball. Then, something amazing happened. Bryce Harper threw it straight to Kayla! As the ball flew towards her, Kayla was really excited - and happy. Later, after she caught the ball, she remembered something her father coincidentally had said before the game: "What if you catch a ball?" And then, she did. Bryce Harper's, in fact.

Kayla is still excited about her catch. "It was the best Phillies game I've ever been to!" she recalls. She plans on getting the ball signed and framed. Kayla won't be forgetting that game.

4th Grade Goes to 1797

Fourth grade scholars visited the Federal School in April and May. It may be 2019, but at the Federal School 4th graders spent a school day in 1797. A scholar in Mrs. Butler's class described the Federal School as "different and fun!"

Back in 1797 scholars had to memorize sentences and share them with the class. That was different from our curriculum today. During recess they played tag, jump rope and cup in a ball. That part of the day was a lot like school now. "The most fun thing we did was writing in cursive in the copybooks we made." While the Federal School was described as "fun" and "cool", Manoa scholars decided that they preferred the things we do at school now, better than the memorization required back in 1797.



District Track Meet

Manoa 4th and 5th graders did a great job at the HTSD Elementary Track Meet, coming in second place overall among the District's 5 elementary schools.



Highlights included all the teachers losing their voices cheering on our fast scholars.



We interviewed teachers in every grade to find out:



Kindergarten

In kindergarten, scholars are learning how to read, retell stories, write two sentences, and use colors in their pictures. In Math they are working on subtracting and equal symbols.

Kindergartners just had Grandparents and



Special Friends Day. Some of their favorite people came to visit and listened to our songs.

They also learned that Q and U always go together at the Q and U wedding.



What's going on around Manoa?

First Grade

First grade scholars are learning about living things (plants and animals). They took a field trip to the Elmwood Zoo on May 8th.

In Math they are learning how to regroup in addition and subtraction, and mental math.

In ELA they finished Cause and Effect and reading If You Give a Mouse a Cookie. Now they are learning compound words, long vowels and drawing conclusions.

All the first grade teachers and scholars are looking forward to their class picnic.



Second Grade

Second grade scholars were open for business on Market Day. Students make, sell and buy interesting things. This year's Market Day was great. They sold stress balls, paper airplanes and bookmarks.



They also wowed family and friends with a wonderful performance of "Going Buggy." Mrs. Cirillo described the 2nd graders' work on this classic as "smooth."

The June trip to Tyler Arboretum was a lot of fun. In Science second grade scholars are learning about how caterpillars turn into butterflies. They are looking forward to releasing their butterflies, and to the end of the year picnic.

Second grade teachers' favorite part of this year was the awesome kids.

Third Grade

In May, third grade scholars went to the Philadelphia Zoo. In Language Arts they are working on drawing conclusions and making inferences, and finishing thier procedural text writing.

In Math they are working on multi-digit multiplication and long division.

The Spring Concert featured third graders

singing and playing their recorders. It took a lot of practice, but they all sounded great!

In Science, it is time for the Animal Unit. Scholars set up habitats and got to observe and take care of frogs, crabs and millipedes. Everyone is looking forward to the 3rd grade picnic at the end of the year.



Fourth Grade

We spoke with Mrs. Davis about Fourth Grade.

Q: Favorite thing this year?

A: Reading Olympics, Federal School, share, and track. I am excited for field day and the picnic.

Q: What's going on in LA?

A: Science- Fiction stories, creative stories, 30 book challenge, and novel studies.

Q: What's happening in science and social studies?

A: The States Project, and science week.

Q: What are 4th graders learning in math?

A: They are testing on decimals, fractions, and angles.



Fifth Grade



This month we interviewed Mrs. Smith and this is what we found out about Fifth grade. First, in LA fifth grade finished writing biographies and held a wax museum to show what they learned.

The fifth grade also did 2nd grade buddies were they meet up and did morning meeting together.

The fifth grade end of year party is coming up and they all got their fifth grade shirts and made their aspirations.

Finally, 5th grade scholars just got back from Unity Day at the Middle School, and of course, graduation is coming up.



Spot Light on Staff

A Hale Hello

Emma and Kayla interviewed Mrs. Hale to find out her favorite things.

Favorite people: The staff and students at Manoa, and, of course, my family.

Favorite place to work: Manoa Elementary.

Years teaching: 18! **Favorite thing to teach:** second grade and every subject; math, ELA, science and social studies.

Favorite thing in second grade: Making gingerbread houses, and the Going Buggy second grade play.

Favorite Saying: Always do your best!

Other interesting facts: Mrs. Hale won a lot of the silver awards at Manoa. She has been married 24 years, and has 3 children and 2 dogs.



Interview with 2nd Grade Scholar: Adelyn

Adelyn has lived in Havertown all her life and has been at Manoa since Kindergarten. She has a younger brother who is in Kindergarten at Manoa right now.

Adelyn really likes animals and has 8 pets: 4 rabbits, 1 dog, 1 cat and 2 fish.

Adelyn's favorite subject is social studies because they did a lot of cool projects in 2nd grade social studies like Market Day. One challenging things this year was doing 3 digit subtraction with regrouping.

The funniest thing that happened this year was when Mrs. Hale had the hermit crab out and she lost it and couldn't find it. One of the students had to help her.

According to Adelyn, the best thing about Manoa is all the really nice teachers.

Her advice to incoming 2nd graders is to work hard and do your best.



Spot Light on Scholars



Game Page

Spring: A cartoon about a rabbit who gets a little too excited about Spring. By Jordan.



Word Search

A S U M M E R Q Z F L N
F R E E D O M L V U O O
B Y F P M C V S U N S H
A C I J L E T H W F W O
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SUMMER FREEDON FUN BARBEQUE OCEAN SMORES BLOCKPARTY
NO HOMEWORK FIREFLIES SWIM SHORE MOUNTAINS SUN FLOAT
WATERICE PLAY PHILLIES JOY

Q: What do frogs drink on a hot summer days?
A: Ice cold Croak-o-cola.

Q: Why did the teacher wear sunglasses to school?
A: Because her students were so bright.

Q: What's a dad's favorite summer treat?
A: POPSicles!

Jokes

Q: What is a teacher's favorite season?
A: Fall! See you in September, Manoa Scholars.