MILDRED HELMS ELEMENTARY
IB WORLD SCHOOL

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Vision: 100% Student Success

September 2026

Principal's Points of Pride

Dear Mildred Helms Families,

What a successful start to the 2026-27 school year! Just last week we held our Title I Annual Meeting and Open House. It was our pleasure to host our families and provide the opportunity for you to learn about our staff, our IB Programme, the curriculum, and our school. Thank you to everyone who attended.

We will continue to welcome in our community with our first PTA General Meeting followed by our PTA sponsored Grandparents Gaming Night on Tuesday, September 15th. We encourage all PTA members and those interested in PTA to attend.

Communication between home and school is vital to the success of our students. Please ensure that you are reviewing communication folders or agendas daily and that contact information , such as email addresses and phone numbers, are updated in FOCUS. All communication is initiated through the information supplied by parents in FOCUS. Therefore, it is critical that information is updated by parents by logging into FOCUS to make changes. If you need assistance or find that you are not linked to your students, please stop by the front office with your government ID and we will be happy to help.

STAR and FAST assessments of student learning continues and testing results serve as a baseline for instruction for the beginning of the year. All testing results can be found on FOCUS. We look for students' continued improvement throughout the year and achievement of proficiency on all grade level benchmarks by May. Please be sure to attend conferences for updates on your child's progress.

We hope you join us as a partner in your child's education and as a valued member of our IB learning community. Together, we will continue to elevate excellence as an "A" school.

Respectfully yours,
Mrs. Brennan

Dates to Remember

9/7	No school - Labor Day
9/9	Midterms go home
9/11	Fall Pictures
9/15	PTA General Meeting 5:30pm Grandparents Event 6pm
9/21-25	Start with Hello Week



Mrs. Craig's Corner

Dear MHES families,

We have had a fantastic start to the 2026-2027 school year. I enjoyed meeting several of you at Open House and hope to see you all at our upcoming events. Students have been doing a great job following school and classroom expectations allowing them to earn Dolphin Tickets and IB Bucks. Students will be able to spend their IB Bucks at the Dolphin Depot at the end of Quarter 1. If you would like to donate to our PBIS store or for more information, please contact me at (727) 588-3569 or craigdau@pcsb.org.

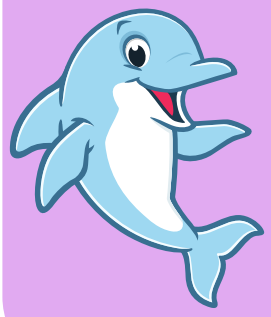
Thank you!
Mrs. Craig

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Community Connections

Thanks for supporting our school!



Kiwanis Club of Mid Pinellas County
Town of Belleair
Electric Motors Lift Station Service
The Backpack Lady Project
Dunkin Donuts



Check out these opportunities to volunteer!



GREAT AMERICAN TEACH IN

The Teach In provides an opportunity for parents and members of the community to come in and speak with students about their occupations, hobbies, or areas of interest. Although the focus of the Teach In is to give students information on a variety of careers, we also encourage volunteers to speak about hobbies, areas of interest, organize an activity, read a story or teach a class. Speakers can choose the school they would like to visit and the amount of time they wish to speak for, from one hour to an entire school day!

Nov 18, 2026

CONTACT :
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Mildred Helms Elementary
IB World School

Welcome Families to our 2026-2027 school year!

I am Cheryl Hauburger, Mildred Helms Elementary Family & Community Liaison.
Phone: 727-588-3569 Email: hauburgerc@pcsb.org
I look forward to working with you as a returning or new volunteer.

All Pinellas County Schools volunteers are required to undergo Level 2 background screening. Level 2 background screenings for Pinellas County Schools are exclusively provided by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement Clearinghouse. Please allow up to two weeks from the date of fingerprinting for volunteer approval.

Volunteers and Community Partners make a huge difference throughout the school year. There are lots of Volunteer Opportunities for you to be involved.

Returning Level 1 or Level 2 Volunteers

Please go to www.pcsb.org/volunteerregistration
Click on "I am a current PCS volunteer."
Then choose whether you are a Level 1 or Level 2 and follow the instructions that are given for each level.

Brand New Volunteers

Please complete the online volunteer registration form at
www.pcsb.org/volunteerregistration
Watch for an email from the Clearinghouse with instructions to fingerprint. Complete a fingerprint scan at any Live Scan Vendor. Fingerprint costs range from $75-$90 depending on the vendor. You will receive your eligibility email from Pinellas County Schools, which will provide you your username and password to access your volunteer account. This email will also contain steps to pick up your Level 2 Badge.

Volunteers Opportunities

Walk Your Child to School Day: Wednesday, October 7, 2026
Great American Teach In: Wednesday, November 18, 2026
PTA, Book Fair, Field Trip Chaperone, Media Center, Picture Day, PBIS store, PBIS Celebration, and Lunch Pal Mentor

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FALL PICTURES!

Friday, September 11, 2026

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Mildred Helms Elementary School

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Students may be out of uniforms on picture day. All outfits must follow the PCS Dress Code Policy.

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We did it!

WE ARE PROUD TO BE A NATIONALLY CERTIFIED MAGNET SCHOOL!

MAGNET SCHOOLS OF AMERICA — CERTIFIED MAGNET SCHOOL — CERTIFIED NATIONAL MAGNET SCHOOL

Thank you to our amazing community of students, teachers, and families for making this possible!





Cafe Delights

Snacks are back on September 4th, 2026! Every Friday, students may purchase a snack!

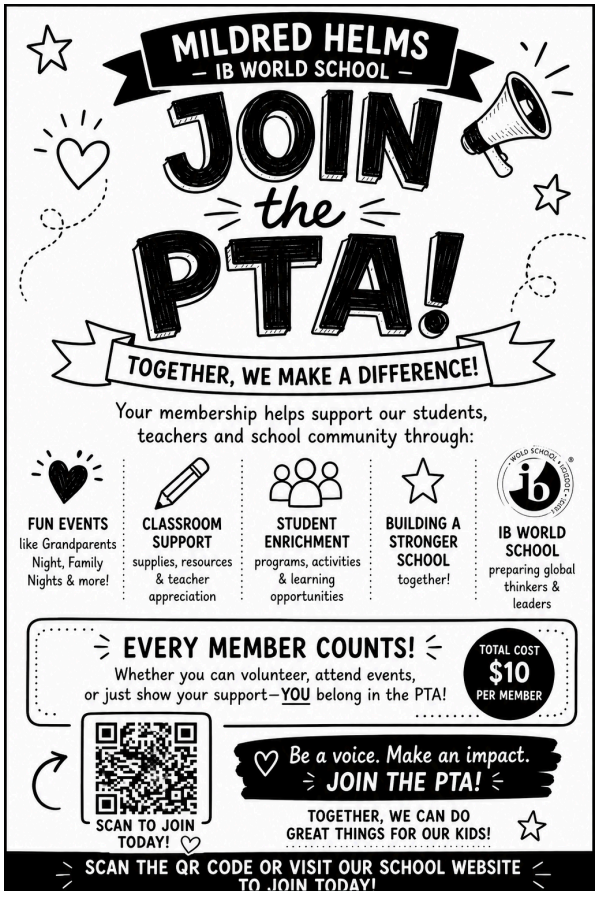
Ice Cream cups & small ice cream sandwiches are $1.00
Ice Cream cones are $1.50
Chips are $1.00
Fresh Baked Cookies are $.75

Parents! Please click link to add funds

https://www.myschoolbucks.com/ver2/getmain?requestAction=home

Parents can look up all nutritional facts about our healthy choice snacks at this link below:

https://www.pcsb.org/departments/facilities-and-operations/food-and-nutrition/special-dietary-needs/nutrient-information-and-ingredient-list/smart-snacks



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PYP MONTHLY

Welcome!



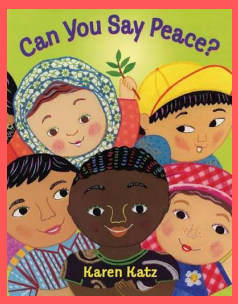
My name is Jenn Kelly and I am the IB PYP Coordinator at Mildred Helms Elementary. I am looking forward to a super great 2026 – 2027 school year! Check out this page of our monthly newsletter for information about IB and what it looks like in our IB World School!

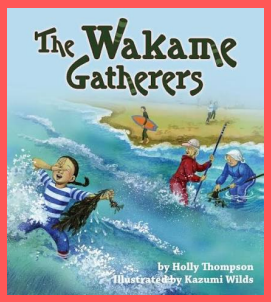
IB Learner Profile of the Month

Communicator

We express ourselves confidently and creatively in more than one language and in many ways. We collaborate effectively, listening carefully to the perspectives of other individuals and groups.

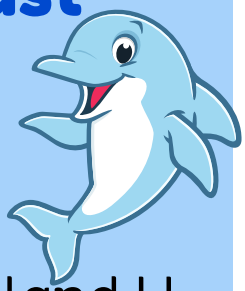
Learner Profile Books of the Month





Risk-Takers of the Month of August

PK3 / VPK: Aren M., Dylan M., Ralph V.
Kindergarten: Cayson G., Braxton W., Chase H.
1st Grade: Xya Z., Mia T., Basily J., Aurora M.-T.
2nd Grade: Audrey S., Daelynn T., Kimberly R.Z., Ireland H.
3rd Grade: Lincoln V., Ethan, Logan M., Jedidiah T.
4th Grade: Martell J., Jeweliette G., David O.
5th Grade: Czalina C., Eve M., Naomi T.





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Counselor's Connections

Happy September! 🌟

A warm welcome to all of our students and families/guardians as we begin a wonderful new school year! I am so excited for the year ahead and feel truly honored to serve as your school counselor.
As your school counselor, I am here to support your child's academic, social, and emotional growth. My goal is to help every student feel safe, supported, confident, and ready to learn. Please know that I am always here as a resource for our students and families/guardians.

💙 S.A.V.E. Club: Our S.A.V.E. Club (Students Against Violence Everywhere) will begin meeting in September! The S.A.V.E. Club will meet once a month and will focus on spreading kindness, inclusion, friendship, and school unity. Our students will have opportunities to make a positive difference throughout our school community.

🤝 Upcoming Event: Start With Hello Week This month, we will celebrate Start With Hello Week, a nationwide initiative that encourages students to connect with one another, build meaningful relationships, and help prevent social isolation and bullying. We will participate in activities that remind our students of the importance of saying hello, including others, and spreading kindness.
I am so proud to be your school counselor, and I look forward to a year filled with kindness, connection, growth, and wonderful memories! Together, we can make our school a place where every student feels valued, welcomed, and supported.

With kindness,
Mrs. De Sapio
School Counselor



Ms. Coleman's Book Nook

This school year, the Media Center is all about WONDER!
Students will explore big questions and discover amazing worlds:
✨ What kinds of books and stories are out there—and which ones do I enjoy most?
🌍 How can I learn more about the world around me?
✨ What kinds of things am I curious about?
💡 What information can help me solve problems?
✨ How can I be successful at a skill I want to learn?
(Examples: playing tennis, building a robot, or speaking French)

💻 How can I effectively use technology and become a super digital citizen while still staying safe online?

This school year is going to be extraordinary as our Dolphins dive into the Media Center and discover a world of wonder, learning, and endless possibilities!
Ms. Coleman

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Mrs. Clemens' Musical Notes

PreK through 5th grade music classes are off to a great start!
We are learning that every song has a STEADY BEAT and a METER!

Parent Connection: When you're listening to music at home or in the car, ask your child, "Can you find the beat of this song?" Ask your 2nd-5th grader, "Can you find the STRONG beat in this song?

The 4th and 5th grade Dolphin Chorus News - We're off to a great start! We have 45 students involved this year! Rehearsals are on Fridays during the school day.
Parents! Be looking for more communication through Focus from me on upcoming Chorus events! Please make sure you OPT IN to receive TEXT messages through Focus.

Thank you for supporting the ARTS in your child's life! - Mrs. Clemens, MHES Music Specialist

Coaches Court

Hello Families,
We've had a great start to the school year in PE! Our athletes have done an amazing job staying positive and enthusiastic despite the heat and rain. Even when the weather sends us indoors, we're finding creative ways to keep moving, stay active, and have fun. We're proud of their effort, energy, and positive attitudes!
Kind reminder:
We ask that students come to PE prepared to participate safely and comfortably. Please make sure your child has:

- appropriate athletic footwear that is secure and suitable for physical activity that adhere to school and county guidelines. (Closed toe shoes, no crocks)
- a labeled water bottle or tumbler to stay hydrated throughout PE class.

We appreciate your support in helping your child develop healthy habits and a positive attitude toward physical activity.
Thank you for partnering with us and supporting your child's success!
Warmly,
Coach Curti
Coach Sedely

Mr. Kiebzak's Artist Loft

Hello parents! Thanks to everyone who stopped by the Art room during open house, it was really great meeting you or seeing you again. Each grade level has started their first "Drawing" project for the year. Every grade level has certain learning targets that I will be teaching them, and then creating a project based around those targets and goals.

Pre-K / VPK - Working on identifying and drawing different shapes and various lines
Kindergarten students are working with shapes and various line types and creating a drawing of a Florida Gator made out of nothing but.. shapes and lines!
1st grade is also working with lines and shapes (geometric and organic) to create a "Spectacular Sunflowers" drawing and will be blending colors on the leaves with oil pastels.
2nd grade is working on an observational drawing called a Still Life. They are drawing a fruit basket on a table based on their observation & imagination.
3rd grade is learning about depth and overlapping and integrating those concepts into their James Rizzi inspired "Cityscape" drawing.
4th grade is learning about graffiti and designing their very own graffiti name tag. They are incorporating shading, contour, color value and more into their project!
5th grade is working on their Kids Tag Art license plate design. These designs will be available to be purchased on a real metal license plate! It can be used for the front of your vehicle, or for a great decoration on your wall! More information will be available in November about the purchase process. Also, the majority of the proceeds come back to the Mildred Helms IB Art Dept. for supplies! Also 5th grade families, I will be starting an after school art club mid September, so if your child shows an interest in joining, I will send home an application they can fill out. Space is limited!!!

Any questions - kiebzakj@pcsb.org

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Mrs. Andura's Spanish Adventures

¡Hola, Dolphin Families!

September is an exciting month in Spanish class as our Dolphin scholars continue building their language skills through songs, stories, games, movement, and interactive activities. This month, students will explore new vocabulary while making meaningful connections to culture and their everyday lives.

📚 **This Month We Will Learn:**

🧑 Describing Ourselves
- ·Name, age, and basic personal information
- ·Physical traits and characteristics
- ·Using simple Spanish phrases to talk about ourselves

👀 Body Parts
- ·Identifying and naming body parts in Spanish
- ·Learning through songs, movement, and interactive games

❤️💔 Likes and Dislikes
- ·Expressing preferences using:
  - oMe gusta... (I like...)
  - oNo me gusta... (I don't like...)
- ·Sharing favorite foods, activities, and hobbies

😊😢😠 Feelings and Emotions
- ·Recognizing and expressing emotions in Spanish
- ·Building communication skills through role-playing and conversation

👮👩‍🚒 Community Helpers
- ·Learning about the important people who help our communities
- ·Exploring jobs such as firefighters, police officers, doctors, teachers, and more
- ·Discussing how we can be caring members of our community

🌎 Hispanic Heritage Month

September 15 through October 15 marks Hispanic Heritage Month, a time to celebrate the rich cultures, traditions, histories, and contributions of Hispanic and Latino communities.

Our students will:
- 🎵 Explore music and dance from Spanish-speaking countries
- 📖 Read stories and learn about influential Hispanic leaders
- 🌎 Discover traditions and celebrations across the Spanish-speaking world
- 🎨 Participate in cultural activities that promote respect and appreciation for diversity
- 🎉 Celebrations Around the World

Students will learn how different cultures celebrate special occasions and traditions. Through stories, art, music, and classroom discussions, we will discover the similarities and differences that make our world unique and interconnected.

💙 Family Connection Corner

Practice Spanish together at home!

Ask your child: ✅ How do you say your favorite body part in Spanish?
✅ What are three things you like (Me gusta)?
✅ How are you feeling today? (¿Cómo estás?)
✅ Can you name a community helper in Spanish?

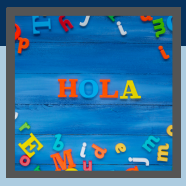
Encouraging your child to share their learning helps build confidence, curiosity, and communication skills.
Thank you for supporting your child's language learning journey. I look forward to another month of learning, exploring, and celebrating together!

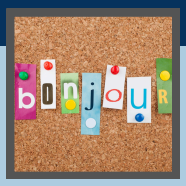
¡Hasta pronto! 💙
Señora Andura - Spanish Teacher

MHES CALENDAR

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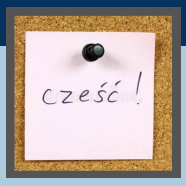










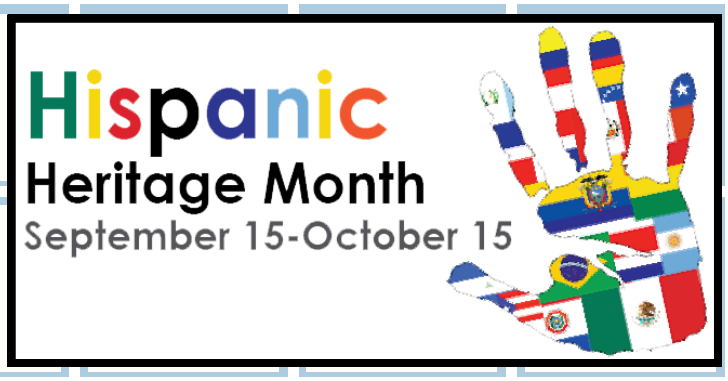






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Start with Hello Week



Visit us at https://www.pcsb.org/mildred-es for the most up to date information!

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