



MANISTEE ELEMENTARY

MARINERS MONTHLY



MONTHLY WORD

from Principal VanVoorst



Dear Families,

April is here — and what a busy and exciting month it is! We are in the final stretch of the school year with just two months remaining. This month brings state testing, April showers, and (of course!) plenty of mud. We have a few important reminders to help set your child up for success both in and out of the classroom.

Our students in **grades 3–5 are participating in state assessments** this month. These tests are an important opportunity for students to demonstrate everything they have learned this year, and your support at home makes a real difference.

Here are some simple ways you can help:

- Ensure your child gets a full night of rest — 9 to 11 hours is recommended for elementary-age students.
- Establish a calm, consistent evening routine: dinner, homework, wind-down time, and lights out at the same time each night.
- Limit screen time in the evening, especially in the hour before bed.
- Offer encouraging words — remind your child to do their best and that you are proud of them!

Spring weather means wet grass, puddles, and muddy playgrounds — and we love seeing our students enjoy outdoor recess no matter what! To make sure everyone stays comfortable, please make sure to send in some extra socks and pants with your student.

Our **lost and found** is absolutely overflowing with winter gear that is waiting to go home. If your child has been missing any of the following items, there's a good chance it's here:

- Snow pants
- Winter jackets and coats
- Sweatshirts and hoodies
- Hats and mittens
- Boots
- Water bottles

Please send a message to the school office, and we will do our best to help locate your child's belongings. Any items not claimed by the end of April may be donated to local families in need.

With only two months left in the school year, there is still so much to look forward to. Thank you for your continued partnership — it truly takes a village, and we are grateful for each and every one of our families.

Wishing you sunshine between the showers.

Sleep Matters!

Research consistently shows that well-rested students perform significantly better on assessments. A solid bedtime routine — the same time every night — helps the brain consolidate learning and arrive at school ready to focus. Even one extra hour of sleep can make a big difference.

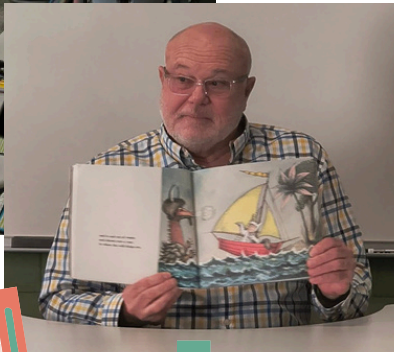




COOL THINGS HAPPENING IN OUR CLASSROOMS

Reading Month!

Mr. Stoneman was invited to read to Ms. Hunter's 5th grade class. He brought and read a classic, "Where the Wild Things Are."



It was dress like your favorite character day for reading month at MES. These three 5th graders coordinated to dress-up as Three Blind Mice!



The halls of MES proudly displayed our love for reading!

