

MANISTEE ELEMENTARY

MARINERS MONTHLY

GO MARINERS!



MISSION

Mariners lead the way by providing an inclusive, high-quality, diverse educational environment that inspires and fulfills the goals of all learners at every stage of their journey.

2026-2027 Office Hours
Monday 8:30-4:00
Tuesday-Thursday 7:30-4:00
Friday 7:30 - 3:15

26/27 District Calendar

MAPS Website

MES CONTACTS

Main Office: 231-723-3271

Shelly VanVoorst, Principal
Beth Adams, Assistant Principal
Kassandra Johnson, Secretary
Carly Liston, Office Assistant

Reminder!

Wednesday, November 25th is a half-day of school.
We will dismiss at 11:20 am. Lunch that day will be Domino's pizza, and students can eat it at school. Aftercare students will have their lunch waiting for them to eat with their aftercare friends at MECC.

School will be closed for Thanksgiving Break on November 26 and 27.

MONTHLY WORD from Principal VanVoorst

Dear MES Families,

November is a month of gratitude, and we have so much to be thankful for, including all of you!

We're excited to launch a Gratitude and Kindness Challenge this month. All students can participate each day, and we'll award prizes throughout the month. Watch for more information coming home soon, and students can tune in to the morning announcements each week to learn more!

Talking About Gratitude and Kindness at School
You can help prepare your child by talking through what these look like during the school day. Here are a few ideas to review together.

Ways to show gratitude at school:
- Say "thank you" to a teacher, paraprofessional, bus driver, or lunch staff member
- Thank a classmate who shared, helped, or included you
- Notice and appreciate the people who keep our school clean and running smoothly
- Write or draw a thank-you note for someone at school

Ways to show kindness at school:
- Invite someone to join your game at recess or sit with you at lunch
- Help a classmate who is stuck, lost, or having a tough day
- Hold the door, share supplies, or take a turn cleaning up without being asked

Remember: Every day your child attends school with a kind heart, they invest in their future and make our school a better place for everyone.

With gratitude,
Shelly VanVoorst
Principal, Manistee Elementary School





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PLAN AHEAD. SLOW DOWN. STAY SAFE!

Walking to/from Manistee Elementary?

USE 6TH STREET CROSSING AT GENERATIONS PLAZA TO SAFELY CROSS MAPLE.



ATTENTION WALKERS!



Save the Dates!

Holiday Performances!

Tuesday, December 8th
5th Grade Band - 7:30 pm

Monday, December 14th
1st Grade - 6:00 pm
3rd Grade - 7:00 pm

Tuesday, December 15th
2nd Grade - 6:00 pm
4th Grade - 7:00 pm

Wednesday, December 16th
Kindergarten- 6:00 pm

MMHS Auditorium



Family Night!

Please join us for Family Night on **Tuesday, November 10th**, from 5:00 to 7:00 pm.

Each grade level will host activities, and we'll have cider and donuts for everyone to enjoy. Stop by and say hi; we will be in the cafeteria.

We'd love to see you!

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Great News!

NOT ALL Heroes WEAR CAPES



Manistee Elementary School assistant principal Beth Adams and third grader Charlie Padgett were honored during a school board meeting for taking action to help a choking student.





Our fifth grade students participated in a science field trip at the Arcadia Marsh

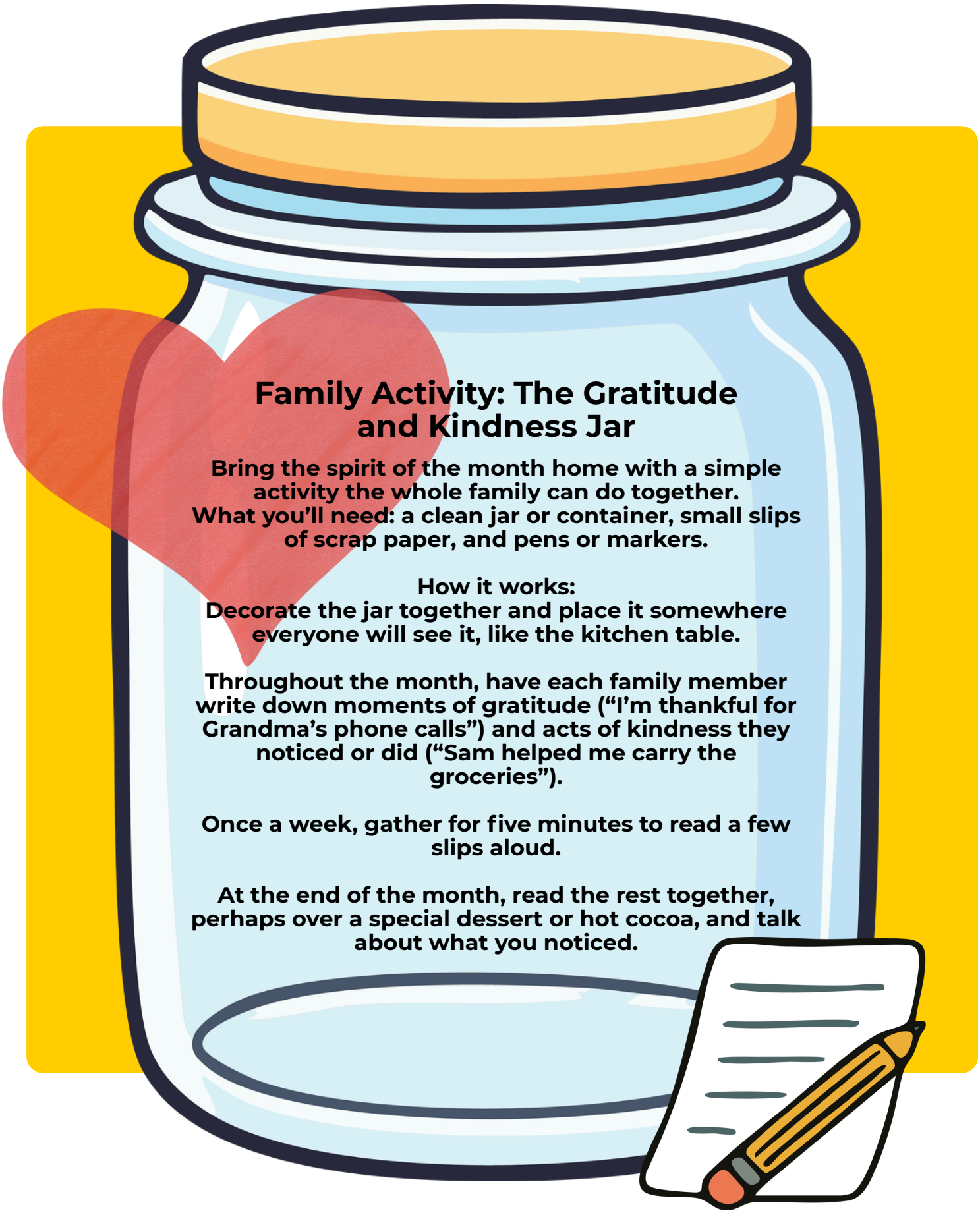






Manistee Girl Scout Juliettes installed 3 little free libraries.

MARINERS
LEAD THE WAY!



Family Activity: The Gratitude and Kindness Jar

Bring the spirit of the month home with a simple activity the whole family can do together.
What you'll need: a clean jar or container, small slips of scrap paper, and pens or markers.

How it works:
Decorate the jar together and place it somewhere everyone will see it, like the kitchen table.

Throughout the month, have each family member write down moments of gratitude ("I'm thankful for Grandma's phone calls") and acts of kindness they noticed or did ("Sam helped me carry the groceries").

Once a week, gather for five minutes to read a few slips aloud.

At the end of the month, read the rest together, perhaps over a special dessert or hot cocoa, and talk about what you noticed.