

# Mark Denman Elementary

***May 2023***

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# From the Principal: Ms. Sollars

Greetings Families,

We have had a very busy start to the month of May. Our field trips are in full swing and end of the year activities are fast approaching.

We hosted our 4th College and Career Day having over 30 presenters from the community come speak with our students. We were happy to share this experience with our friends from Meade Park Elementary School as well. The students were complimented on their great behavior and for asking great questions of the presenters.

Our 4<sup>th</sup> Grade boys and girls track teams competed at Danville High School to wrap up their track season. I was very proud of their fantastic behavior and show of sportsmanship to other athletes and administrators.

We will be hosting our Family Council Bingo Night on Thursday, May 18, with fun for the whole family. We recently sent home safety protocols that have been put in place for all family events, thank you for your cooperation in ensuring that all of our students and families are safe.

Thank you, families, for a wonderful school year. We look forward to seeing many of you this month and appreciate your involvement and support for our school family.

## Mission Statement:

*MDE will provide a safe, supportive, and nurturing environment where all individuals will be actively engaged in personal and academic growth.*



# MDE Rockets

## Kindergarten

Our school year is coming to a fast end!!! Your child has grown, matured and learned many new things in Kindergarten!!! Most children are beginning to read and sound out words. We can now count to 100 and we know our letters and sounds!!!

This month we are working on long vowel sounds with a silent "e" at the end of the word. Our final sight words are: be, me, I, you, they, or and for. We are getting very good at "tapping out" CVC words!!!

We will be finishing up Math with Adding and Subtracting. We will also begin doing some 1st Grade math problems!!!

We will have a Field Trip on Friday, May 19 to Winter Park from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. Please sign and return the permission slip!!!

Our Honors Assembly will be on Wednesday, May 24th at 12:30!!!

We have enjoyed working with your child this year and we appreciate your help and support. Education takes place at home as well as school. Continue to work and read with your child over the summer. Good luck in 1st Grade and have a great summer!!!!

## 1st Grade

The school year is quickly coming to a close and we have much learning to do! The students had a great time and displayed excellent manners on our Staerkel Planetarium field trip! We have one final field trip planned for this school year. We will be going to the Ambucs Park on Thursday, May 18th. Please sign and return the field trip permission slip when it is sent home.

Please check your child's green AVID daily for your child's schoolwork, information from our school office, and the field trip permission slip. Also, don't forget to keep practicing on the sight words and math facts. Please make every effort to see that your child is at school and on time every day. When your child isn't at school on time, and or absent they are missing out on academic instruction. If a summer school permission slip was sent home with your child, please return it to your child's teacher as soon as possible. We will continue to post events and send messages to you as needed via the Class Dojo app. We would appreciate it if you can check it at least once a day to see if there is something new, and or if we need to communicate with you.



# MDE Rockets

## 2nd Grade

### Making May Memories in 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade!

This month we will be finishing up our Benchmark Reading series with some fun reading about weather. In math, we are working on repeated addition to prepare for multiplication next year.

We still have a lot of learning left to do to prepare for 3rd grade. Please make sure your child is here on time and at school every day unless they are sick. We have a lot of fun planned and we don't want anyone missing out! We will take a field trip to Ambucs park, go bowling, and have a carnival and field day at school.

If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher.

## 3rd Grade

Welcome May! We look forward to nice weather and sunshine!

Our third-grade students have been working on our Communities unit in our Benchmark reading series. We are focusing on "What makes a community". The main standards we are focusing on are being able to "recount or retell" a story and identifying the main idea and details. During this unit, we study Vermilion County history while focusing on important people and places located in Danville. Along with this unit, we will take one of our favorite field trips to visit the Vermilion County Museum.

Fractions it is!! We are currently learning about fractions in Math across the grade level. The focus is identifying equivalent fractions, ordering fractions on a number line, identifying unit fractions, fractions greater than 1, and parts of a whole. This unit is engaging for all third-grade students because it is a future skill they will use!

Towards the end of the year, we have many incentives that could be fun or educational. These activities could be in the form of a field trip, field day, or classroom lesson. Participation may be limited due to behavior or academic performance. We encourage all our students to do their best and finish the fourth quarter strong.

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A green tree frog with brown and white mottled patterns on its back and sides is perched on a dark brown branch. Several bright pink cherry blossoms with white centers are in bloom around the frog. The background is a soft, out-of-focus green.

## 4th Grade

It's so wild how quickly this year has gone! It's been a year to remember for sure! We are working to get your child as ready for 5th grade as possible! Please continue to send your child each day on time and ready to learn! We have a lot to teach the kids!

In Reading, we will study various novels and in Math, we will continue to review our basic operations as well as fractions and decimals.

Please remind your child of school expectations and great behavior! We want to end the year on a positive note, enjoying the time left with our 4th graders! Thank you so much for all of your support this year! We appreciate it!

# Birth to 3

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**End of the year celebration: "Bounce and Play"**  
**@ Danville Village Mall, 5/26 @ 11AM - 1PM-**  
**Existing iGrow families**

**June Virtual Group: Self Care, 6/1 @ 10AM - 11AM**

### **MEET Beth Amos** **Parent Educator**



Beth is not new to home visiting or children. She has many many years of experience and is highly qualified for her position.

Beth's families love her and she goes above and beyond for them. She has many resources to help her families and finds anyway possible to assist.

**Birth-3 Screenings**  
**Last Wednesday of each Month**  
**Scan QR code to schedule**



**Pre-K Screenings**  
**There will be screenings in the summer.**  
**Dates to be announced soon.**  
**Call- 217-444-3525 to schedule**

**Interested in becoming a part of igrow home visiting or know someone who would?**  
**Complete referral @**  
**<https://www.facebook.com/igrowvercounty>**  
**or call 217-483-2229**



# AVID Monthly Updates

## WRITING

- Cornell Note-Taking
- Learning Logs
- Quickwrites and Reflections
- Process Writing
- Peer Evaluation
- Authentic Writing

## INQUIRY

- Skilled Questioning Techniques
- Costa's Levels of Thinking
- Socratic Seminars
- Tutorials
- Investigations
- Questions That Guide Research

## COLLABORATION

- Socratic Seminars
- Tutorials
- Philosophical Chairs
- Group Activities and Projects
- Peer Editing Groups
- Service Learning Projects

## READING

- Deep Reading Strategies
- Note-Taking
- Graphic Organizers
- Vocabulary Building
- Summarizing
- Reciprocal Teaching



## ORGANIZATION

- Binders and Organizational Tools
- Calendars, Planners, and Agendas
- Graphic Organizers
- A Focused Note-Taking System
- Tutorials and Study Groups
- Project Planning and SMART Goals



# Our MDE Rockets are learning how to be KIND!

## Social Work: Mrs. Hulten



Hello families!!

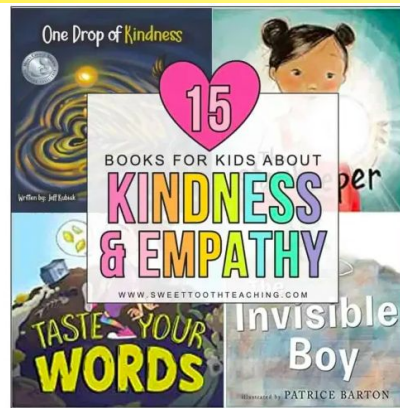
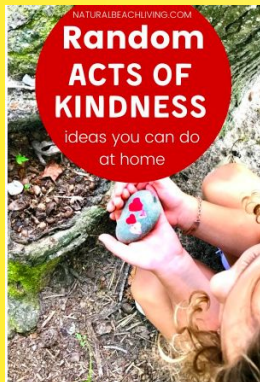
Happy May! We are nearing the end of the school year, woo-hoo! We have had such a fun year watching our students grow in their academic skills, as well as their social emotional skills.

For the remainder of the school year, our students will continue to work on being **KIND**, **SAFE** and **RESPONSIBLE**.

Here you will find ideas of activities you can do at home with your student to facilitate kindness! Just click on the pictures. :)

We hope that you have an enjoyable Summer !! We look forward to seeing you in the Fall.

*"In a world where you can be anything, be **KIND**."*



### ♥♥♥ kid's kindness CHALLENGE ♥♥♥

PICK UP LITTER IN THE PARK	SMILE AT EVERYONE YOU SEE TODAY	PICK A FEW TOYS TO DONATE	COMPLIMENT 5 PEOPLE TODAY
SAY THANK YOU TO YOUR TEACHERS	LET SOMEONE GO AHEAD OF YOU IN LINE	PLAY WITH SOMEONE NEW	HOLD THE DOOR FOR SOMEONE
GIVE SOMEONE A FLOWER	GIVE SOMEONE A HUG	CLEAN UP WITHOUT BEING ASKED	WRITE A THANK YOU LETTER
DO A SIBLING'S CHORE	CREATE A CARE PACKAGE	DONATE A CAN OF FOOD	OFFER TO HELP A FRIEND



CONTACT ME

Need help? Contact me!  
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Phone: 217-444-3209



# NATIONAL PHYSICAL FITNESS AND SPORTS MONTH



#MOVEINMAY

## Number Check

# NATIONAL PHYSICAL FITNESS AND SPORTS MONTH

10

The number of minutes you can break up your daily exercise into throughout your day and week. Breaking up exercise into smaller chunks of time may fit the schedule better and still counts for the daily exercise goal.

Source: CardioSmart

1 IN 3

The number of adults who get the recommended 150 minutes of moderate or 75 minutes of vigorous physical activity each week. Less than 5% of adults participate in 30 minutes of physical activity every day.

Source: U.S. Health and Human Services

60

The number of minutes of strength training a week associated with a 40-70% reduction in cardiovascular disease events.

Source: Liu Y, Lee D-C, Li Y, et al. *Med Sci Sports Exerc* 2019;51:499-508.

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The number of minutes of light intensity physical movement, such as walking or stretching, that can ease muscles and improve blood circulation and muscle activity while staying safe at home during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Source: World Health Organization

73%

The percentage of healthy, middle-aged adults with poor fitness who have a greater risk of death than those with good fitness.

Source: CardioSmart

0.45

The number of points the average person's systolic blood pressure is lowered for every 1,000 daily steps taken. A person taking 10,000 steps daily would have a systolic blood pressure 2.25 points lower than a person taking just 5,000 steps daily, on average.

Scan the QR code to learn more about stepping it up.

Source: St-Maurice PF, Troiano RP, Bassett Jr Dr, et al. *JAMA* 2020;323:1151-1160



## Care of the Athletic Heart Virtual

Register today for this one-day virtual course on June 20. Join Course Director Jonathan Kim, MD, MSC, FACC, and expand your knowledge about guideline-driven, practical, cardiovascular care strategies for the professional, recreational, occupational or tactical athlete.



# MDE Rockets

## Attendance Counts!

**BE ON TIME EVERYDAY!**

Breakfast starts at 7:25

In-class Instruction starts at 7:45

Students are considered Tardy at 7:50



May 23 & 24



May 25



May 26

## MAY DATES:

- May 2: 4th grade fieldtrip to DSO-Fischer Theater
- May 6: **School Lunch Hero Day**
- May 8-12: **Teacher Appreciation week**
- May 10: 4th Grade Track Meet-DHS,BoE Meeting 630
- May 11: AVID College & Career Day
- May 17: 1st Grade Math Challenge, Esports Competition
- May 18: Family Bingo Night, MATS Musical Performance
- May 24: **No SCHOOL-Memorial Day**
- May 30: Last Day of School-Report Card Pick-up

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Grades K-4

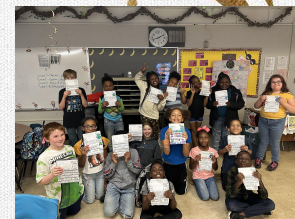
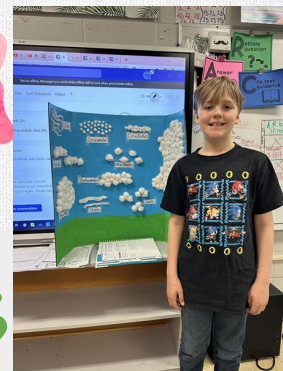
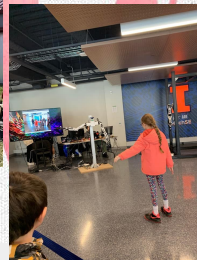
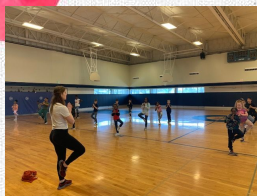
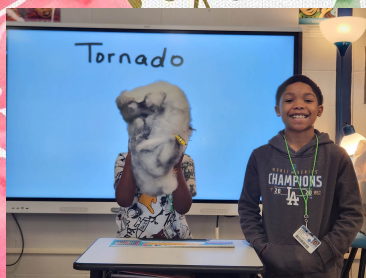
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# MDE Moments



# April Students of the Month

Aveon Ratliff	Brennan Haner	Hayden Lomax Powell	Lyric Cooper
Trent'n Jones	Damian Wilkus	Mason Flanagan	Amirjon Donizoda
Ari Fletcher	Davine Robinson	DaZiyah Robinson	Leric Cunningham
Ariel Don Juan	MaKynzi VanLeer	Jacob Tuel	Camden Mayfield
Cora Montgerard	Zayden Brigman	Gabriel Diorio	Nayeli Pedro





# MDE PBIS Goals



We are **SAFE**, We are **KIND**, We are **RESPONSIBLE**

**WE ARE MARK DENMAN  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**





## Mark Denman Elementary – School-Wide Expectation and Settings Matrix



**\*Ask for help if you are unsafe**

**\*Follow directions/Be an active listener**

**\*Keep hands/feet/objects to self**

Expectations	Classroom	Hallway	Playground/Gym	Library	Lunchroom	Restroom	Bus	Technology/Devices
<b>We are Kind</b>	Share and wait your turn Collaborate with others Raise your hand	Be courteous Keep hands to yourself	Include others Take Turns Share equipment Play fair	Use Level 1 voices Handle books carefully	Use Manners Use Level 2 voices	Use level 1 Voices Use Manners Respect yours and other privacy	Speak kindly Be Courteous Be a friend	Use nice words Take turns
<b>We are Responsible</b>	Be on time Be organized Persevere/ Complete work	Walk in a single file line Stay with your class	Use equipment properly Dress for the weather Take care of yourself Line up when your class is called	Return books when finished Use a shelf marker Be ready to take your AR test	Take Care of yourself first Keep up your area Wait your turn Eat your own food	Use restroom correctly Be Quick Keep bathroom clean	Be on time Listen to bus driver and bus monitor Keep food in book bag	Complete schoolwork first Stay on safe websites Charge and bring your device daily
<b>We are Safe</b>	Clean up your area Respect the space of others Keep feet on the floor – walk	Walk on the correct side of the hallway Give others space	Stay clear of moving swings Use the slides correctly Report problems immediately	Sit in chair correctly Keep your area clean Respect the space of others	Clean up your area Take tray to the garbage Stay seated until dismissed	Wash hands with soap Respect Privacy	Face forward and stay seated w/feet on the floor Quiet at railroad crossings Keep aisle clear	Take care of your device Only talk with people you know there Stay on safe websites Report any problems
<b>Conditions for Learning (Social Skills)</b>	Post visual schedule and “I Can” statements Lesson plans on desk Have a complete sub tub	Stay with students	Walk around and observe students	Actively assist students in finding appropriate level books	Pick up and drop off students on time	Monitor students Check bathrooms after your class finishes	Keep updated transportation lists Walk all students to their appropriate buses Monitor buses until buses leave	Monitor student activity Teach students best ways to use and care for devices Allow students explore the technology

Early Start, Bright Future  
**igrow**  
Comienzo Temprano, Futuro Brillante



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Software for Standards-based Learning

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