

# Mark Denman Elementary

*March 2024*

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# From the Principal: Ms. Sollars



## Mission Statement:

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

Hello MDE Family,

This month we will celebrate Read Across America for Dr. Seuss' birthday. We will celebrate our school social workers this month for National School Social Worker Week. We are so grateful to have Mrs. Hulten and Ms. Oates working with our students' and families' social emotional needs. Great job ladies!

Our staff and students have been improving their AVID WICOR strategies by tracking their activities on the WICOR Bingo boards. We have had several celebrations already! Ask your students what WICOR stands for and the ways they use it in the classroom.

Congratulations to our Basketball Teams for having successful seasons and a lot of fun! They did a great job at their basketball games against Meade Park and Northeast, both with their skills and sportsmanship. Way to go Rockets! Good luck to our Scholastic Bowl Teams as they start their season this month.

We look forward to starting our track season soon so be on the lookout for 4th grade permission slips.

We will take a much needed and well deserved break the week of March 25-March 29 for Spring Break. The district will be closed for the week. We will return to school on Monday, April 1st.

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to seeing you at parent teacher conferences next month!

# MDE Rockets

## Kindergarten

Thank you for all of the 100 day projects!!! We appreciate you taking the time to complete them at home!!! We have passed the halfway point in our school year!!!! Our 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Report Card time is near with Parent/Teacher Conferences on April 9<sup>th</sup> and April 11<sup>th</sup>. Progress reports are intended to let you know which skills have and have not been mastered. Please use these reports for practicing the skills your child needs to master before going on to the 1<sup>st</sup> grade.

This month we will be focusing on CVC Words. Our new sight words we will learn are: is, his, as, has and was. Your child should be reading sight words and simple CVC words at home!! They should know most of the letters and their sounds.

In Math, we are learning to compose and decompose numbers..

Please go over all work that comes home with your child. Remember, practice makes perfect!!!! Our students are doing a wonderful job sounding out new words and recognizing numbers!!! Thank you for the help you provide at home for your child!!!

ENJOY YOUR SPRING BREAK!!!!

## 1st Grade

Hello from First Grade! Wow, it is hard to believe that Spring is almost here! March will be a busy month! Spring Break will be here before you know it!

Please make sure that your child is practicing their sight words and reading their stories every day. This month, we encourage you to continue reading at home with your child. As you read, you can strengthen skills we'll be reviewing by asking your child to use details from the stories to describe characters settings, and major events. We will also be reviewing how to ask and answer questions about key details.

In Math, we are working on addition and subtraction math facts. Please practice these facts at home for memorization. Students will understand that the two digits of a two-digit number represent amounts of tens and ones. We will then compare two two-digit numbers based on meaning of the tens and ones digits, recording the results of comparisons with the symbols  $>$ ,  $=$ , and  $<$ .

Parent-Teacher Conferences are coming in April. We hope to see you then to discuss your child's progress.



# MDE Rockets

## 2nd Grade

So excited for Spring to arrive this month! We continue to work hard in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade with both our reading and math.

We are still working on addition and subtraction within 1,000. This includes regrouping.

We will begin learning about animals and their habitats in reading.

Please make sure your child is completing their homework each week that comes home on Mondays. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's teacher. Thank you!

## 3rd Grade

Spring is near! During the month of March, we will practice and prepare to take the state tests. This year students will take a test called the IAR. The IAR will occur the first week of April. Please make sure that your student eats a good breakfast, gets a good night sleep, and is at school on time every day.

In Math we are working on multiplication and division. Your student should be practicing at home.

In our Benchmark reading series, we will be finishing up the topic of "What helps us solve problems?". We will finish the month discussing weather. We will be discussing how we can predict the unknown. Students will be assigned a home-based project to work on with their families and then present to the class.

It would also help to please check with your child to see if they are getting low on school supplies. By this time of the year some students are in need of new crayons, pencils, erasers, etc. Classes are out or running low on Kleenex, hand sanitizer, and Clorox Wipes. If you can donate to your child's class, it would be greatly appreciated.

See you at conferences!

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## 4th Grade

Happy Spring! We just want to say how very proud we are of the student work that was displayed in the Gallery of Heroes living wax museum. The students did a great job!

We are preparing our students for our state testing that will take place in April! We really want to encourage all of our students to show up each day ready to work hard! We still have a lot to teach our kiddos before these important tests!

In Reading, we are working on citing evidence to support our answers. In Math, we are reviewing addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division! We are working on fractions as well!

Please continue to talk to your child about appropriate behaviors for school and encourage them to be leaders in our classes. We want this month to be full of learning, without any distractions or disruptions. We'd appreciate your help in this as we partner together to ensure your child's success for the remainder of this school year!

## Specials

March is music in our schools month. We are exploring the instrumentation of the Romantic Symphony Orchestra. The students are able to experience live demonstrations of many of the instruments and interact with them.



S-T-R-E-T-C-H



- Boomwhackers -

# MDE Rockets

## Special Education

Happy Spring!! We are continuing to focus on increasing our independence and increasing our academic growth. You can continue to help us at home by having your students practice taking off and hanging up their book bags, washing their hands, brushing their teeth, cleaning their area up after a meal, clearing up any toys, identifying letters/numbers, writing/tracing their name, etc.

As the warm months are approaching, please make sure you send in an extra pair of clothes in case of a spill or accident. Check with your child's teacher to ensure your child has enough wipes and pull-ups (if needed).

If your child is going to be absent for any reason please make sure you call the attendance office (217.444.3279) and let your child's teacher know. Please also make sure you are checking your child's class dojo as important announcements are posted daily/weekly.

Please make sure you are checking your child's book bag and folder every day. We send home important letters and information weekly and/or daily.

IAR Testing will start in April and DLM testing starts in the middle of March.

### Upcoming Dates:

- March 13th: 1 Hour Early Dismissal
- March 13th: DLM Testing Begins
- March 25th-March 29th: Spring Break, NO School



# AVID Monthly Updates.



## **WICOR:** The framework for AVID Elementary Lessons

### **Writing to Learn:**

Writing to learn with clear thinking

### **Inquiry:**

Inquiry engages students with their own thinking process.

### **Collaboration:**

Collaboration brings personal responsibility and respect in the classroom and to classroom discussions.

### **Organization:**

Organization, both physically and mentally on the part of the student and teacher, creates active learning.

### **Reading to Learn:**

Reading to learn with increased content literacy, handling increasingly more difficult text and tasks.

Agendas

W.I.C.O.R

Work Together

Note-Taking

Ask Questions

# Take a breath, it's springtime!!

Hello families!!

Happy MARCH ! Thank you for hanging in there with us through the snowy winter months. We are all looking forward to the warmer weather and spring break this month!

Students have been working on managing their emotions in the building this past month and have done a GREAT job. One of the strategies we have encouraged students to use when calming down is to try fun breathing techniques. Listed are some of the strategies you can try at home with your student this month if they find themselves upset..



I breathe...

### Flower Candle Breath

@gozenlove #gozenlove



1) Inhale through your nose and smell the flowers!

2) Exhale through your mouth and blow out the candle!

@gozenlove #gozenlove



I breathe...

### Volcano Breath

@gozenlove #gozenlove



1) Start with your hands at your heart.

2) Inhale, bringing your arms up.

3) Exhale, bringing your arms down, like lava erupting!

4) Bring your hands back to heart. Repeat.



I breathe...

### Bumblebee Breath

@gozenlove #gozenlove



1) Close your eyes.

2) Bring your hands to your ears and gently close them.

3) Inhale through your nose and quietly hum out as you exhale.



I breathe...

### Volcano Breath

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1) Start with your hands at your heart.

2) Inhale, bringing your arms up.

3) Exhale, bringing your arms down, like lava erupting!

4) Bring your hands back to heart. Repeat.



I breathe...

### Bunny Breath

@gozenlove #gozenlove



1) Pretend you are a bunny holding a carrot. Take 3 quick sniffs through your nose!

2) Take one long breath out of your nose and relax.



I breathe...

### Star Breathing

@gozenlove #gozenlove



START

"Sometimes the most important thing in a day is the rest we take between two deep breaths."  
-Elly Hillesum

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# MARCH- NATIONAL NUTRITION MONTH



Make sure you make this month count! It is getting warmer and is the perfect weather for playing outside!

–Make sure you are feeding your body the fuel you need to keep going!

- ★ Drink lots of water
- ★ Get up and exercise
- ★ Eat healthy snacks like fruits and veggies

# Community Events

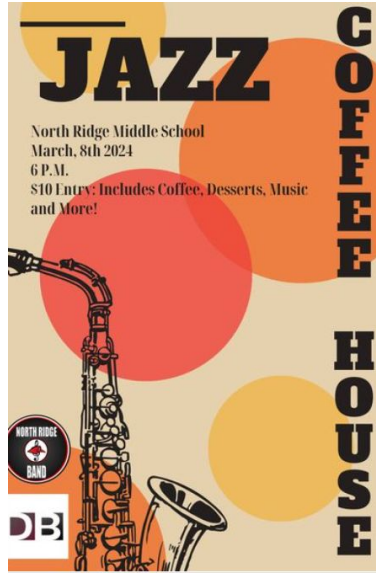
## Attendance Counts!

**BE ON TIME EVERYDAY!**

Breakfast starts at 7:25

In-class Instruction starts at 7:45

Students are considered Tardy at 7:50



## MARCH DATES:

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|--------------|---|
| March 7:     | Scholastic Bowl Meet @ MDE 4:00           |
| March 13:    | Early Dismissal 1:15                      |
| March 14:    | Scholastic Bowl Meet @ MDE 4:00           |
| March 20:    | BOE meeting 6:30                          |
| March 21:    | Scholastic Bowl @ MDE 9:00                |
| March 22:    | End of quarter, 5 Essential Survey closes |
| March 25-29: | No School-Spring Break                    |



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**Grades K-4**

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We are here for you  
on the days when parenting  
does not feel like this.



**Tuesday March 12th 6:30pm**

**[gatewayfamilyservices.org](http://gatewayfamilyservices.org)**

## Register for spring soccer!!!

Registration closes 3/17/2024 @11:59PM

- \$60/player
- \$5 discount sibling discount, when registering 2 or more players within a household.

Season Begins 4/20/24



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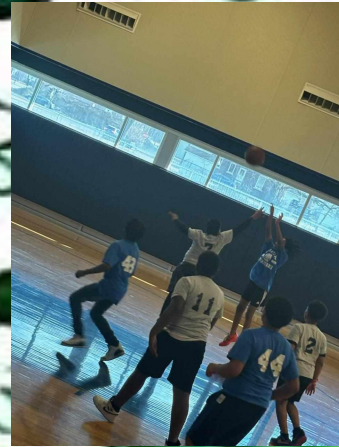
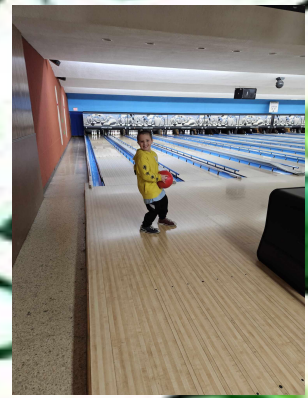
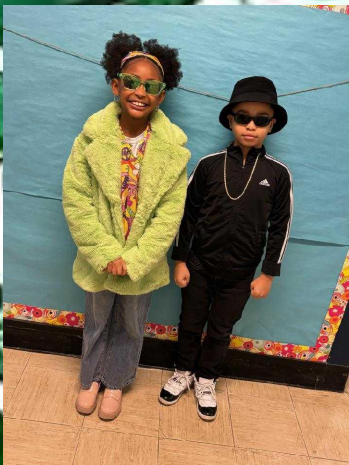
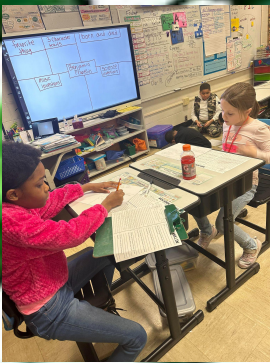
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# MDE Moments



We are Safe, Kind and Responsible

We have been working on being responsible for ourselves and our own feelings!

We are focused on staying on task regardless of disruptions around us!

We are working on keeping our bodies calm!

# February Students of the Month



**Kenzley Modest**  
**Torreon Woods**  
**Cali Warner**  
**Saul Espinoza**  
**Jmir Daniels**  
**Sybella**  
**Tristan Shipman**  
**Lyric Cooper**

**Arian Ford-Withers**  
**Jameon Selvie**  
**IreLynn Bryant**  
**Tanner Shaffer**  
**Zyanna Moore**  
**Anthony Reggs**  
**Emmett Davis**  
**Aaniyah Liggins**





iGrow Birth to 3 Facebook Page



Mark Denman website



Class Dojo

Click the pictures for direct links!



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**TeacherEase**  
Software for Standards-based Learning

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