

# Mark Denman Elementary

*May 2025*



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# From the Principals:

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 want to congratulate our Illinois Principals Association Student Scholars for this year, Amiyah and Hunter! They were nominated by their teachers for this recognition for being exemplary students and citizens in their grade. Also, congratulations to Ms. Palinski for receiving the Golden Ruler Award! She is an excellent teacher that builds lasting relationships with her students and families. We are lucky to have them all!

Our 4<sup>th</sup> Grade boys and girls track teams will compete at Danville High School on Tuesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, to wrap up their track season. We are very proud of their effort so far and look forward to seeing a great show of sportsmanship and athleticism at the track meet!

Our AVID College & Career Day kicked off the month on May 2<sup>nd</sup> with many great presenters. Our students were able to participate in college and career talks from many different paths. Some of these include emergency response, healthcare, computer programming/technology, business, and authors.

We are planning a couple of family events this month as well. We will have Glow Bingo Night and another Lunch on the Lawn to bring families together.

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.*



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# 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: of, have, from, by, my, do and one. We are getting very good at "tapping out" CVC words!!!

We will be finishing up Math with Adding and Subtracting. We will also be working on Numbers to 100!!

We will have a Field Trip on Friday, May 9th to Roxy's House and on Friday May 23rd to Winter Park. Please sign and return the permission slips!!!

Our Honors Assembly will be on Tuesday May 27th at 9:00am in the Large Cafeteria.

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! We have a final field trips planned for this school year. We will be going to Ambucs Park on Friday, May 28th. Please sign and return the field trip permission slips when it is sent home.

Please check your child's green AVID folder daily for your child's schoolwork, information from our school office, and the field trip permission slip. Also, don't forget to keep practicing the homework that is sent home each week. 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.



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## 2nd Grade

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

This month we will be finishing up our CKLA Reading series with some fun reading about the human body. In math, we are working on measurement and shapes!

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 and have a 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 are working on our Communities unit. 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.

Geometry and Measurement Word Problems it is!! We are currently learning about geometry and measurement word problems in Math across the grade level. The focus is solving one and two step measurement word problems, attributes of two-dimensional shapes, and problem solving with perimeter. This unit is engaging for all third-grade students!

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. We will be taking a field trip to end our Danville Unit to the Vermilion County Museum on May 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, and 15<sup>th</sup> (two classes will go each day). We also have a field day to the park on May 16<sup>th</sup>. 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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## 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!

## Special Education

It is crazy how fast this school year has gone!! As we close out the school year, students are continuing to work on their independence while enjoying some extra fun activities both inside and outside of the classroom.

Please make sure your student has extra clothes at school as we will be playing outside more. 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.

If you haven't already, please return all district provided technology. Thank you so much for everything this school year, we appreciate each of you so much!

# Nurse Notes

## A NOTE FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE

*Dear Parent/Guardian,*

*This is a reminder to be sure to pick up your child's medication (pills, inhaler, epi pen) on or before the last day of school. No medication will be sent home with students. Any medication left at the end of the school year will be properly disposed of.*

*I will also send a new medication/asthma or food substitution form that must be completed for next school year. You can turn these forms in during registration if you choose. Please complete this before the first day of school.*

*Thank you for your cooperation.*

Kim Sells RN  
Mark Denman Elementary  
School Nurse  
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# 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!

Hello families!!

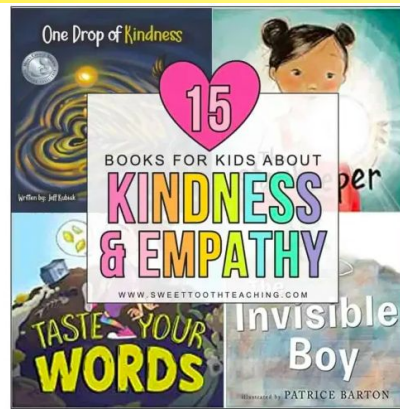
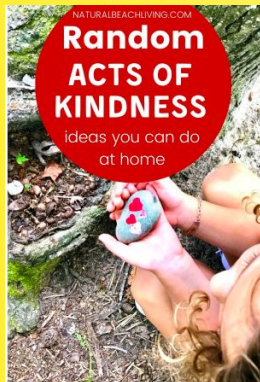
Happy May! We are nearing the end of the school year, woo-hoo! We have had such a fun year watching our students grow in their academic skills, as well as their social emotional skills.

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**."*



## Social Work: Mrs. Hulten & Mrs. Hegg



### kid's kindness CHALLENGE



Need help? Contact us!

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CONTACT ME





# 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.

3-4

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.

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## 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 29



June 2



## MAY DATES:

- May 2: AVID College & Career Day, Progress Reports
- May 5-9: **Teacher Appreciation week**, Dentist @ MDE
- May 6: 4th grade Track Meet
- May 7: 1:15 Early Dismissal
- May 8: IPA Student Banquet
- May 9: 4th grade volcano Activation Day, Kdgs to Roxy's Farm
- May 13-15: 3rd grade fieldtrip to Museum
- May 15: Glow Bingo Night 4:30-6:00
- May 16: 4th grade SVUE visit, 3rd grade to Park
- May 21: 1:15 Early Dismissal
- May 23: MATS Musical Performance for parents 9:30, Kdgs to Park
- May 26: **No School-Memorial Day**
- May 29: Lunch on the Lawn
- May 30: 4th grade Honors Program 9:30
- June 3: Last day of school, Report Card Pick-up, 10:30 Early Dismissal

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Grades K-4

Stacie Sollars, Principal

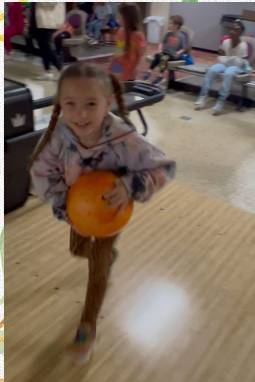
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# MDE Moments





# April Students of the Month

Jakira Williams

Brooklyn Baker

Kendrick Foster

Isabella Nose

Rowan Potter

Dwayne Duncan

Darvick White

Kimora Johnson

Rafael Sanchez

Royalty Robinson

Ziaira Brown

Dazae Beard

Zamara Hunt

Jayse Watson

Divine Mack'

Kash Clark

Mya Adams






# MDE PBIS Goals



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

**WE ARE MARK DENMAN  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**



# May PBIS

focus: physical  
aggression

**Students who do not get ANY physical aggression referrals for the month of May (starting on the 3<sup>rd</sup>) will be able to participate in a **field day****





## 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

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Software for Standards-based Learning

TeacherEase



Class Dojo



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