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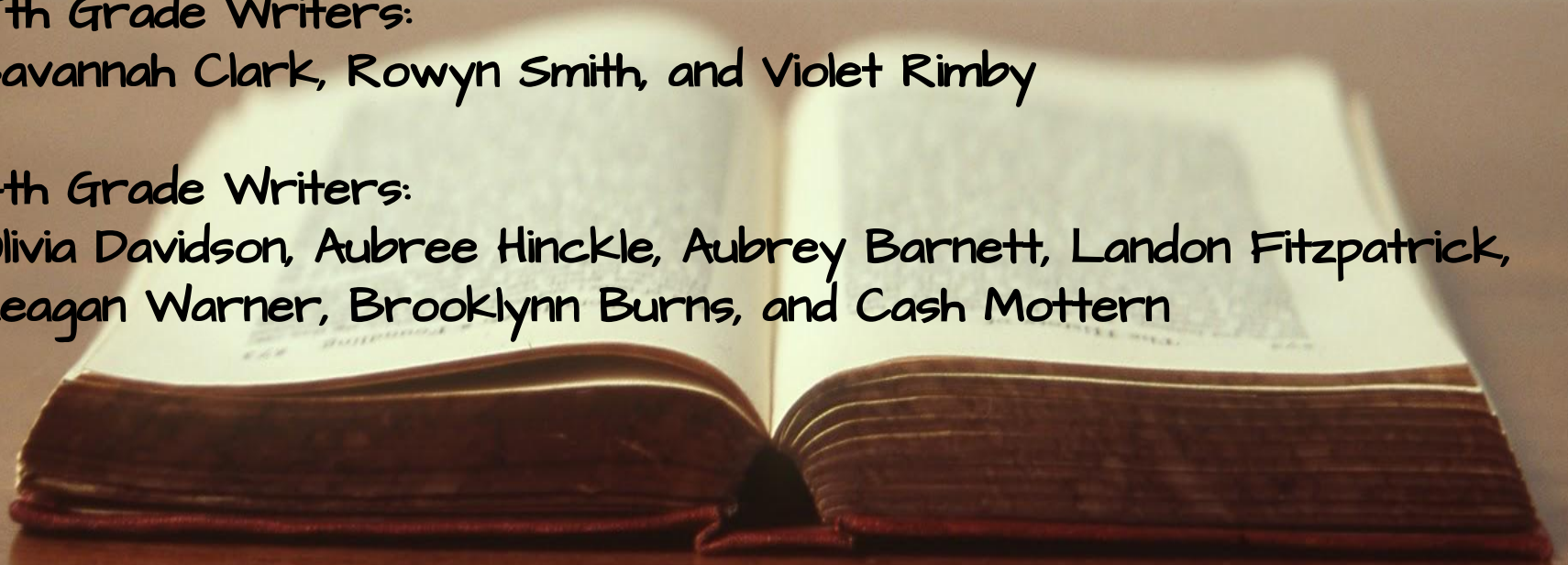
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Fun Facts about Manatees

by Cash Mottern and Aubree Hinckle

- **Manatees are mammals and their closest relative is the elephant. (WOW!)**
 - **Manatees move at a relaxing speed of 5 m.p.h.**
 - **Manatees were once thought to be mermaids.**
 - **The nickname for the manatee is sea cow.**
- **Their brains are small, but they're highly intelligent.**
- **Manatees sleep face forward on the ocean floor.**
 - **Manatees are called the gentle giants.**
 - **Manatees have no sharp front teeth.**
 - **Manatees eat up to 8 hours each day.**

Ms. Smith
by Savannah Clark



Ms. Smith is Myakka River Elementary School's Assistant Principal. Before she became our Assistant Principal, she was a classroom teacher for 13 years. Ms. Smith went to University of South Florida for her Bachelor's of Science in Elementary Education K-6 and Florida Gulf Coast University for her Master's in Educational Leadership. She said she would have been an artist if she didn't become a teacher. Can you guess what grade is Ms. Smith's favorite? If you said, 3rd grade you are correct. The advice she would give to new teachers is to be patient and develop a good classroom culture. Myakka River Elementary School is very special to Ms. Smith because she was here as a 1st grader.

Ms. Smith has 3 daughters, a 5 month old kitten named Kiki, and in her free time she loves to spend time with her family and watch her girls play volleyball.

Ms. Smith's hidden talent is that she is a multi-tasker, which means she can do several things at one time. If you have seen Ms. Smith around our school, then you can agree that she is a multi-tasker. Her favorite food is a taco bowl and her favorite animal is a monkey.

Congratulations on being our new Assistant Principal, we are so lucky to have you leading our school with Mrs. Tollefson.



Mrs. Beesting **by Brooklynn Burns**

Mrs. Beesting is Myakka River Elementary School's Administrative Assistant and we are so lucky to have her here! Being an Administrative Assistant, Mrs. Beesting has to be a huge multi- tasker because she is answering phone calls, working on her computer, answering questions, and helping parents. She has worked at MRE for 4 years. Her favorite thing about working at MRE is that she loves the staff and how it feels like a family (that's so sweet).

Mrs. Beesting thinks being a Mighty Manatee means helping everyone that needs it, to be kind, and be the positive self that she can be every day. The three words that best describe Mrs. Beesting are kind, compassionate, and helpful. I am sure that by reading this you can tell that Mrs. Beesting is a huge multi-tasker.

She has 2 dogs and their names are Scooby and Rose. Some of Mrs. Beesting's favorites are pasta, crafting, and turtles. In her free time, she enjoys reading and cooking.

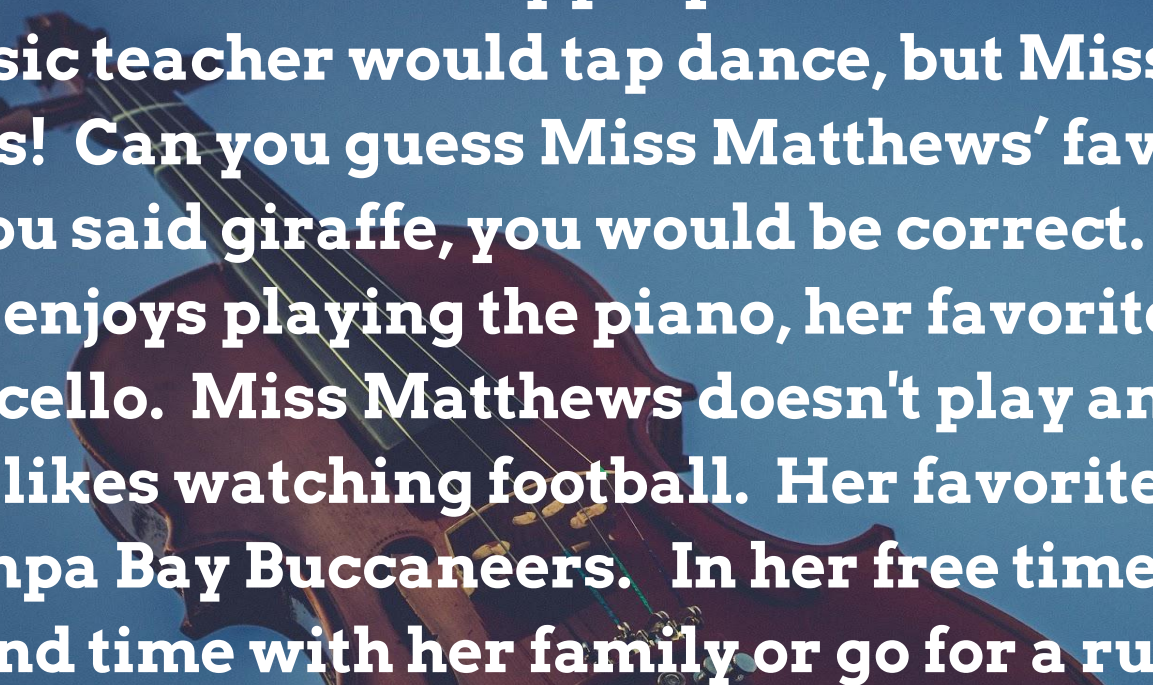
Miss Matthews

by Violet Rimby and Rowyn Smith



Miss Matthews is Myakka River Elementary School's music teacher. She has been teaching for 7 years. She went to the University of Florida, UF for short. She taught in Massachusetts before she came to Florida. If she wasn't a teacher, she would've been a baker and baked cupcakes.

Miss Matthews' favorite musicians are her students, but she also likes Trampled by Turtles. She has a dog

A violin is positioned diagonally across the frame, serving as a background for the text. It is a dark wood instrument with a reddish-brown finish, featuring a light-colored neck and a dark body. The strings are visible, and the f-hole is prominent. The background is a solid dark blue.

named Randall. Whenever she is hungry, her favorite food is a salad. Many people wouldn't think that a music teacher would tap dance, but Miss Matthews does! Can you guess Miss Matthews' favorite animal? If you said giraffe, you would be correct. Even though she enjoys playing the piano, her favorite instrument is the cello. Miss Matthews doesn't play any sports, but she likes watching football. Her favorite team is the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. In her free time, she likes to spend time with her family or go for a run.

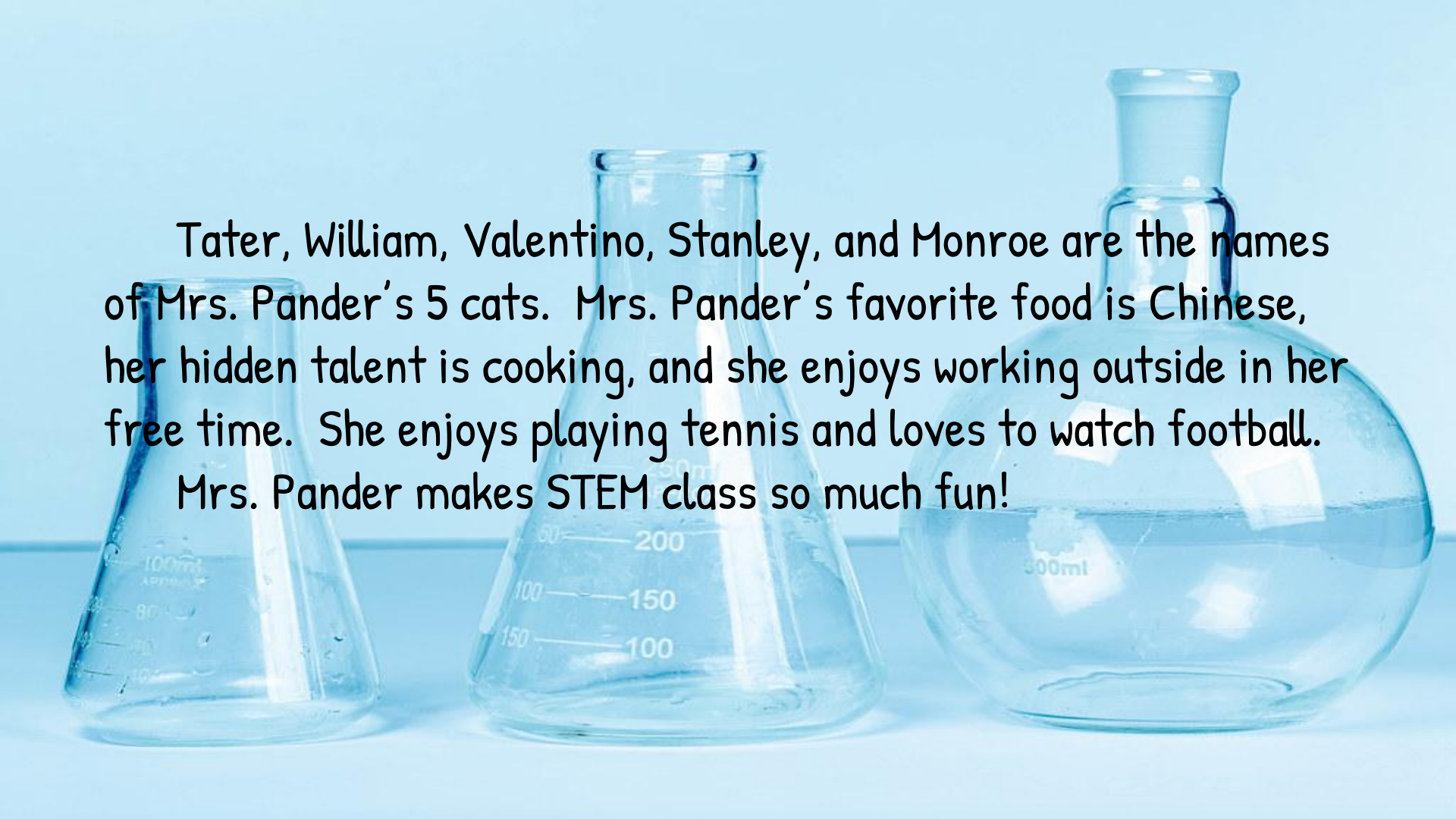
We are so thankful to have Miss Matthews at our school, she makes music magical.



Mrs. Pander by Olivia Davidson

Mrs. Pander is our amazing STEM teacher at Myakka River Elementary. She went to Florida State University and has been teaching for 19 years. If Mrs. Pander didn't become a teacher, she would have been a detective.

Her favorite scientist is Nikola Tesla and her favorite science experiment to do is called Potato Electricity. Have you ever heard of this experiment?

Three glass beakers of different sizes are arranged on a light blue surface against a light blue background. The beakers are empty and have measurement markings. The text is overlaid on the image, centered horizontally and partially covering the beakers.

Tater, William, Valentino, Stanley, and Monroe are the names of Mrs. Pander's 5 cats. Mrs. Pander's favorite food is Chinese, her hidden talent is cooking, and she enjoys working outside in her free time. She enjoys playing tennis and loves to watch football. Mrs. Pander makes STEM class so much fun!

MS. Cameron

by Aubrey Barnett and Aubree Hinckle



MS. Cameron is Myakka River Elementary School's creative art teacher. She has been teaching for 23 years, and we are thankful to have her at our school. She went to Southern Illinois University (SIU) and University of South Florida (USF). She would have been a mural artist or illustrator if she didn't become an art teacher.

MS. Cameron's favorite artist is Claude Monet, a French painter and founder of impressionist painting. She likes Monet because she likes his paintings of nature.

MS. Cameron's favorite color is green, she loves to eat Italian food, and her favorite animal is the elephant. Her hidden talent is working a pottery wheel.

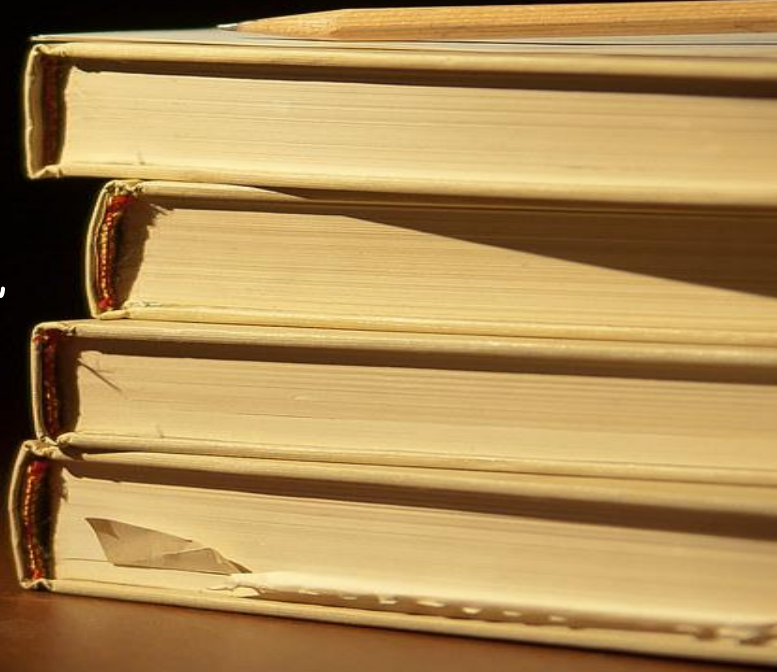




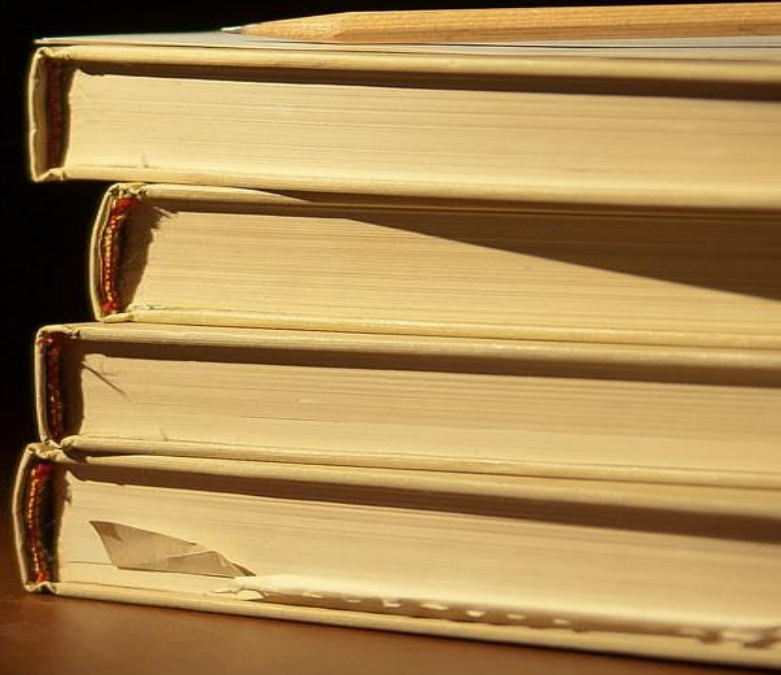
Ms. Willis by Cash Mottern

Ms. Willis is Myakka River Elementary School's media teacher. She has been teaching for 30 years. She went to Florida International University (FIU). If she didn't become a teacher, she would have been a marine biologist so that she could work with marine animals.

She has a pet turtle named Myrtle, a dog named Ranger, a cat named Cuddles, 2 fish named Fish 1 and Fish 2, and a Leopard Gecko named Nacho.



She enjoys reading in her free time (obviously). Her favorite animal is a manatee and her favorite sport is basketball. Her favorite book is The Giving Tree and her favorite authors are Shel Silverstein and Mo Willems. Myakka Rivers is very lucky to have Ms. Willis as our media teacher because she is great.





Coach Hayes

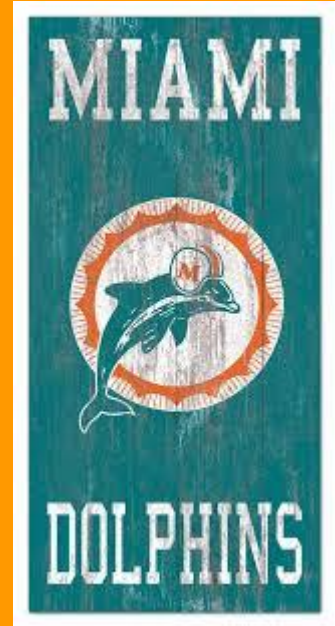
by Landon Fitzpatrick and Keagan Warner



Coach Hayes is Myakka River's PE teacher. He has been a teacher for 25 ½ years. He went to Manatee Community College and the University of South Florida. Coach Hayes taught 2 years at West Elementary School in Arcadia and 23 ½ years at MRE. If Coach Hayes was not a teacher, he would be a park ranger.

Coach Hayes has 2 Labrador Retrievers and their names are Gracie (age 8) and Sofie (age 13). His favorite foods are hamburgers and salad. Coach Hayes' hidden talent is that he is a good house cleaner. He likes to

go fishing, watch nature, and hang out with Mrs. Hayes during his free time. His favorite animals are birds and his favorite sport is basketball. Coach Hayes' favorite football team is the Miami Dolphins. As of December 3rd, the Miami Dolphins are 9-3 and at the top of the AFC East. Do you think they will make the playoffs?



Fun Facts About Pumpkins

by Aubrey Barnett

The average pumpkin has about 500 seeds.

Pumpkins are a fruit, not a vegetable.

They grow on every continent, except on Antarctica.

**Pumpkins are one of the most popular crops
in the United States.**

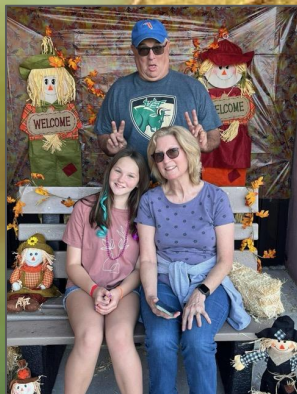


Pumpkins in Mrs. Barnett's Room



Fall Festival



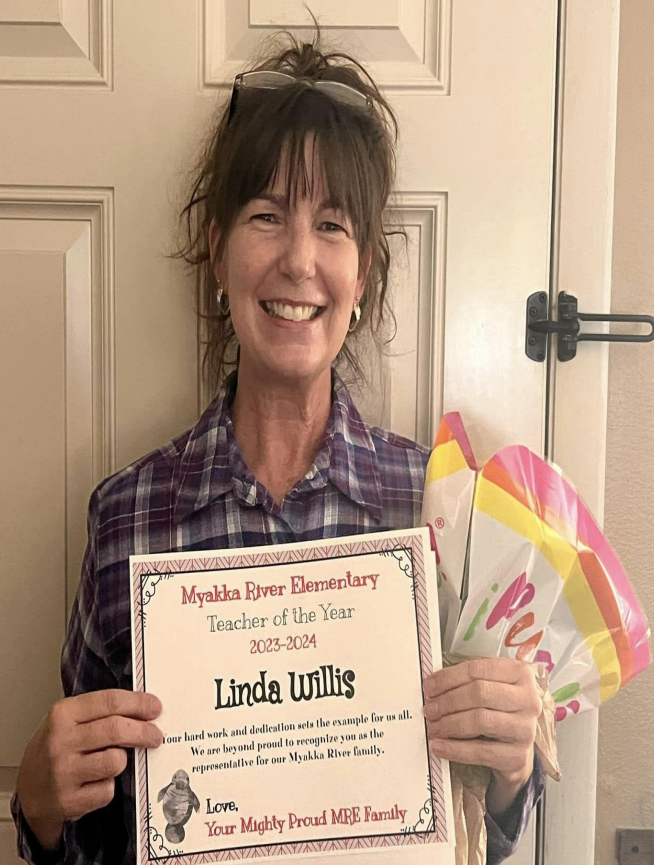


Fall Festival



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**Congratulations to
Ms. Willis
for being
Myakka River's
Teacher of the Year!**

**Congratulations to
Mrs. Schwarz
for being
Myakka River's Support
Employee of the Year!**



Thank you, Englewood Walmart!

We appreciate your \$1,000
donation for books for our book
vending machine!





What is Veterans Day? by Savannah Clark

On November 11th, we observed Veterans Day. Veterans Day is a chance for our country to show its appreciation to the military men and women who have protected our freedoms.



6 Veterans Day Facts by Savannah Clark

- ★ There are 19 million living veterans who have served in at least one war.
- ★ Women make up 13% of all veterans in the United States.
- ★ Veterans Day was first called Armistice Day.
- ★ Veteran's Day is an American holiday, celebrated in 49 out of 50 states. Wisconsin is the only state that doesn't recognize Veterans Day as a holiday.
- ★ Many schools and federal offices are closed on Veterans Day.
- ★ Banks and post offices are closed on this day.

The Turkey Trot

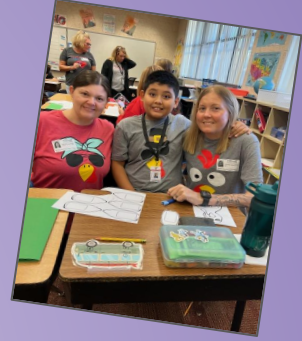
by Brooklynn Burns and Violet Rimby

The Turkey Trot was an amazing experience for the students, staff, and parents of MRE. This year our event raised money for a local Englewood family that was in need.

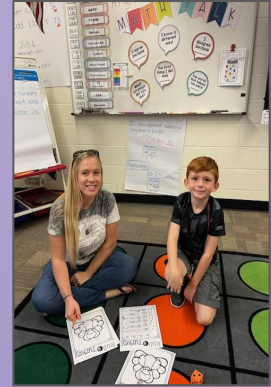
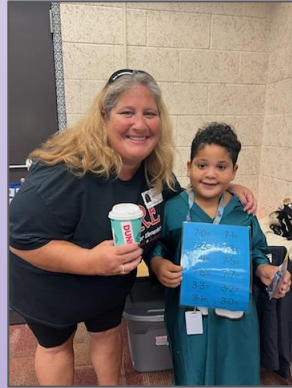
When everyone walked around, they got to hear music playing and talk with their friends.

As you can see in the picture, Ms. Smith wore an inflatable turkey costume and Mrs. Tolleson had a great outfit, too!



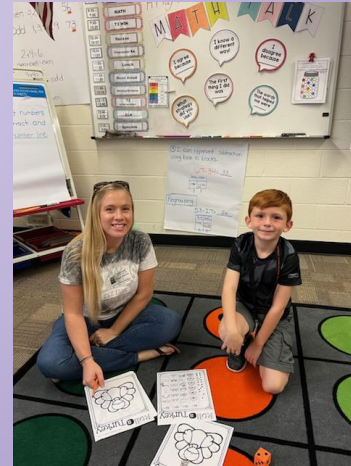
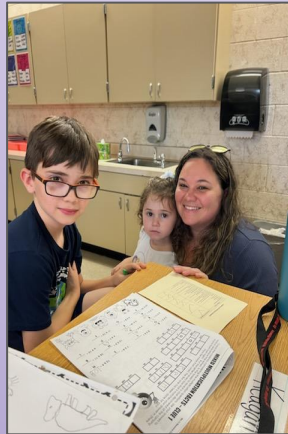
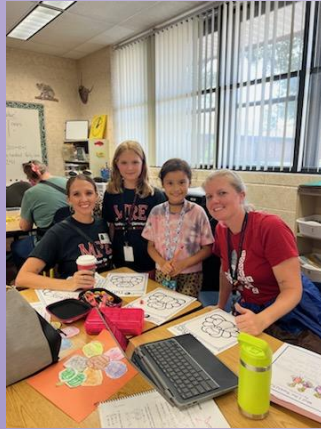


Student Led Conferences





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Turkey Trot





Fun Facts About Turkeys by Rowyn Smith

- Wild turkeys sleep in trees.
- Turkeys can see better than humans.
- Both male and female turkeys can gobble.
- Female turkeys are called hens.
- Male turkeys are called gobblers.
- Turkeys can recognize each other by their voices.

The Myakka Marketplace welcomes shoppers on Fridays from 7:50 am - 8:20 am. This is a wonderful shopping experience for our students. They are given the opportunity to handle money, make decisions, and to make Friday mornings a little more exciting!

The store sells school supplies as well as other small items. Students can find many items that are less than \$1 as well as items up to \$5. There are 5th grade helpers available to help our littles shop, if needed.

Please remember that we only accept cash ~ no classroom dollars, debit cards, or checks.



Myakka
Marketplace