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### Greetings From the Head of School

November is just around the corner. I would like to thank our families who have contributed to the school's Annual Giving campaign. Our goal is to have 100% participation, no donation is too small! You can donate through our website:

<https://www.manh.org/support-manh/>

I have been working with our website developer on our communication platforms. The school will now have text message capabilities. The phone number these messages will come from is (833) 996-0441. Please save this contact as MANH so when you receive notification, you will know it is from your MANH family!

I also hope you have been receiving the weekly memo from Mr. Walker each Friday. If you are not receiving them, please email Mr. Walker at [walker@manh.org](mailto:walker@manh.org). They are informative and let you know what is coming up in the next week. I hope to see you at the Parent Education Session on Brains and Screens this Thursday at 5:00 PM! Happy November!



### Halloween - by David Azaran

On October 27th, all of the classes had their individual Halloween parties. Students ordered food, played games, and had a lot of fun. The Erdkinder class was in a particularly spooky spirit, and they chose to participate in a spirit week leading up to Halloween. The students dressed for themes like "dress like a teacher" and "wacky wednesday." On the big day, the school hosted a Trunk or Treat in the Erdkinder parking lot. Many of the school parents volunteered to decorate their cars and give all the children candy. Children ran around the parking lot excited by the sweet bounties they collected. Some even dared to enter the annual Erdkinder haunted bus. In preparation, several Erdkinder students decorated the bus with masks and webs. The whole experience was a great preview to the real Halloween!

## **Social Outings** - by Stella Frolick

Erdkinder went on two social outings in the month of October: Six Flags: Great America and a haunted house. The first was Six Flags, on the 21st. Riding coasters like Goliath, Superman, and X-Flight, the class experienced thrill after thrill adjourned by quick breaks to enjoy the food within the park and the long waits prior to each ride. On the 27th, Erdkinder went to Terror Roulette Haunted House and were chilled to their bones by the horrors they witnessed inside! From mad scientists to zombie clowns, the scares were non-stop as they popped out from false walls and out of corners. Both trips were a perfect way to celebrate the spooky month of October.



## **Primary Pumpkin Patch** -

by Stella Frolick

On October 11th, Primary went to a pumpkin patch. They selected their favorite gourds to take home while enjoying the cool, Fall atmosphere. The annual trip is a welcome to the soon arriving holiday season.

## **Elementary Isla a la Cache** - by Kyle Riffner

Isla a la Cache, one part of Des Plaines River preservation system, is a 107 acre plot consisting of a prairie, wetland, river, and forest. Historically, the green-rich land was used by French voyagers who traded with Native groups about 300 years ago. While the elementary class was there, they learned about the traditions of the groups that previously occupied the marshy plot and witnessed the natural beauty as they traversed the vast land.





## Campus Corner: Monthly Paragraphs



### Thanksgiving Baskets

Every class has been collecting non perishable foods to donate to the Palatine Food Pantry as Thanksgiving approaches. Giving back to the community practices virtues that are important to our school.

Submissions closed November second. Thank you so much to every family who has dropped off food for our baskets!

### Fun Episodes of Freeman East

The annual Primary Halloween parade took place on Friday, Oct. 27 at Freeman East. Elementary students, teachers, and parents alike enjoyed seeing the children pass through the halls in their costumes. The Primary students then enjoyed a classroom party in the morning, followed by Trunk or Treat in the afternoon.

### Fascinating Work at Freeman West

This month at Freeman West, students are creating original games in Ms. Erika's theatre class. Students have created fun, original games that they will play during class. These games improve lots of life skills like improvisation, confidence, and creativity.

### Huntington Happenings

Children in both Huntington Primary classrooms have been doing a lot of baking as part of their Practical Life work. They have made apple pie, apple crisp, and pumpkin muffins so far. What a joy to see them participate and work together. So many skills are being put into practice in a very practical way. Then, they literally get to enjoy the fruits of their labor. Thank you to all of the parents who have volunteered for these meaningful experiences!



## Classroom Focus: Ms. Ali + Ms. Mishra



### Ms. Ali and Ms. Mishra interview -

by Eli Nelson

Fakhra Ali and Arati Mishra both teach kindergarten at MANH. Mrs. Ali has been teaching here for 27 years and Mrs. Mishra for 28. They both have bachelor's degrees and are Montessori certified teachers and share a similar teaching philosophy: help kids learn independence and to believe in themselves.

### Mentee Program - by Kyle Riffner

Every Wednesday, the Mishra-Ali class journeys across the street to join Erdkinder for lunch. Once they arrive, the older students find their buddies. The role of the Erdkinder students is that of a mentor, and they must make sure the younger students are following directions, displaying proper table manners, as well as enjoying their lunch experience. On Fridays, mentees join their buddies for fun activities. Usually, they spend time outside running, playing catch, or other games of their own design. Occasionally, when the weather is particularly unpleasant, the class splits into two groups: one goes across the street for an art project while the others either read with their buddies or play in the gym. Regardless of which group they are in, the fun-filled experiences are enjoyed by the mentees and mentors alike.



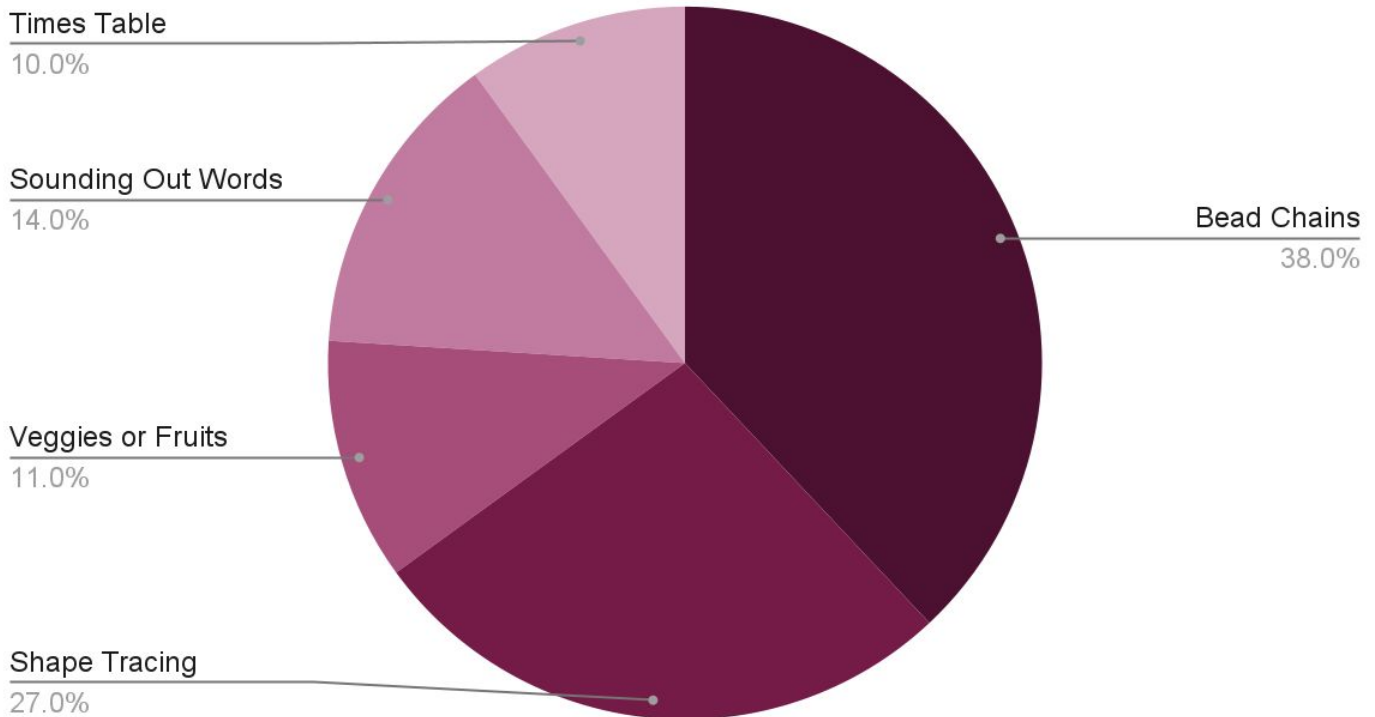
## Classroom Focus: Ms. Ali + Ms. Mishra

We asked each student from the Ali-Mishra classroom what their favorite work at school was. Majority of the class said that bead chains were their favorite. This work helps with multiplication and counting multiples. Shape tracing, which teaches students the different shapes and how to draw them, came in second while sounding out words and differentiating fruits and vegetables came in third and fourth. The final, not-as-popular work was the times table.

### A Day in the Life - by Layla Morrissey

The Ali-Mishra classroom features many fun activities and materials! Some of the children's' favorites include differentiating vegetables and fruits, understanding addition and subtraction, and identifying different shapes! Many of these activities are for more than one person, so kids can group up and learn together. In the morning, the students enjoy some snacks, such as veggie straws and fruit, to keep them energized throughout the day. Later, during recess, children can let their energy out on the playground, which has slides and several places to practice climbing.

### What Is Your Favorite Work?







## Meet the Erdkinder Students!

by Alayna Faiz



Nozomi is a sophomore in the Erdkinder class. She has been attending MANH since Kindergarten. Currently, she has a special love for theatre class, and in her free time, Nozomi enjoys drawing, playing Genshin Impact, and watching anime. She is still deciding what she wants to pursue in college but is leaning towards neuroscience or marketing & design or a career which echoes her passion for human rights and, more specifically, the LGBTQ+ community.

Sergio is a new freshman in the Erdkinder community. He enjoys English and literature class. Sergio spends his free time playing with his dog while lounging and watching movies like Fast and Furious. In the future, he would like to become a game developer. Sergio is very passionate about preventing discrimination against others.

## Meet the Teachers + Staff!

by Eli Nelson

Robert Frolick has been teaching at MANH for 11 years. He has a Bachelor's and Master's degree in cultural anthropology. Outside of school he enjoys cooking. He hopes to travel to Peru one day and a fun fact about him is that he has flown around the world.



## Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Time	Location
11/1/2023	Hearing and vision screening	All Day	Freeman East and West
11/1/2023	Erdkinder EME Night	5:00-6:30 pm	Freeman West
11/2/2023	Hearing and vision screening	All day	Freeman West
11/2/2023	Parent Education Session III: Home Environment	5:00-6:00 pm	Virtual Meeting
11/2/2023	Primary field trip	All day	Crabtree Nature Center
11/10/2023	Erdkinder Cafe	7:45-8:15 am	Freeman West
11/14/2023	Early Dismissal: Elementary & Erdkinder	2:30pm	Freeman East & West
11/6/2023	Thanksgiving Basket Submissions due	8:00am	All campuses
11/17/2023	Thanksgiving Feast	12:00-1:00 pm	All Campuses
11/20-21/2023	Parent Teacher Conferences/ Discovery Day	All day	Freeman East
11/22-24/2023	Thanksgiving break	All day	All Campuses
11/28/2023	Upper Elementary Parent Information Night: Science Fair	5:30-6:00 pm	Freeman East
11/30-12/1/2023	Parent Teacher Conferences	All day	Huntington