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## Greetings From the Head of School

Happy Winter Everyone! I would like to thank all of the families who participated in Adopt a Family this year. It always feels nice to pull together as a community and help those in need. We hope that you have a very happy holiday break and we will see you soon!



## Thanksgiving Feast - by Eli Nelson

Thanksgiving, a time of joy and celebration, of food relaxation and family. A day beloved by everyone at MANH. This year for our Thanksgiving feast, we saw many wonderful performances by the primary and Erdkinder classes. We enjoyed both delicious food made by all of the classes and the joyful company of our classmates and community members. The newsletter team would like to thank everyone who made food. Happy late Thanksgiving!





## Social Outings - by Stella Frolick

As a part of their social outing program, Erdkinder went to the Urban Air Trampoline Park on Friday, November 17. They played trampoline basketball, dodgeball, and tag. Apart from the bouncing, the students jousted in a pit of foam blocks, did a high ropes obstacle circuit, and attempted a ninja warrior course. Luckily for the group, the trip was extended, so they were able to further enjoy their jumping endeavors.

## Art Institute Field Trip - by Kyle Riffner

On Monday November 20th, the Erdkinder class went to the Art Institute of Chicago to visit a temporary exhibit: science fictions. The exhibit showcased work by Remedios Varo, a Spanish born surrealist painter who fled two wars before landing in Mexico. Her work showcases themes of displacement and instability inspired by her own experience fleeing two wars. However, she communicates these ideas through mysticism and alchemy to create work that is uniquely her own: constellations, potions, witches, and masked figures in otherworldly settings. The experience was both intriguing and inspiring!

Capitalizing on the timing of the trip, Mr. Frolick took the class to the seasonal creche which showcases handmade terracotta figurines arranged theatrically in an 18th century Naples-inspired setting. As part of their US Government class, the upper Erdkinder students got an opportunity to visit the modern art exhibit which Mr. Frolick used as an avenue to discuss how art and the Government overlap both thematically and monetarily.





## Campus Corner: Monthly Paragraphs



### **Adopt a Family** - by Eli Nelson

Every year, MANH celebrates the true spirit of the holiday season by giving to those in need through the Adopt-a-Family program. Through this program, families in need will send what they want for Christmas, and we, the MANH community, have the opportunity to grant their wishes. Essentially, you become someone's Santa!

### **Fun Episodes of Freeman East**

Upper elementary will soon have a science fair in the spring, and in commencement of the project, there was a recent zoom meeting in order to discuss the details. We are excited to see everyone's work at the fair next semester! The students are very hardworking, so this will be an opportunity to put that effort on display.

### **Fascinating Work at Freeman West**

Every year, Erdkinder holds our sweet potato peeling contest. Not only is it fun, but all of the sweet potatoes are efficiently peeled (usually in under 4 minutes). This year, Kyle and Stella's team won but, ultimately, we all enjoyed the delicious result of everyone's efforts.

### **Huntington Happenings**

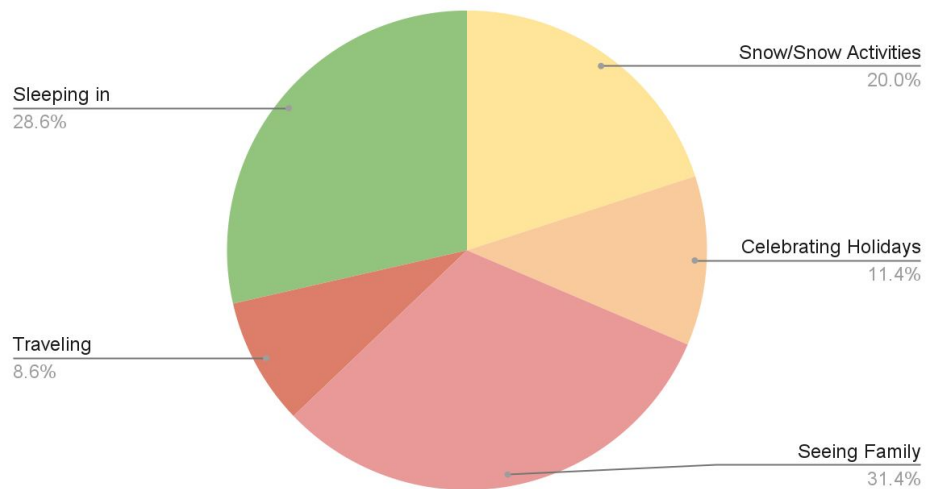
Grateful hearts! We are filled with gratitude as there have been so many wonderful experiences taking place at the Huntington campus. Families came in to share about Diwali; each class prepared something for our Thanksgiving Feast; one of Barrington librarians came to read to the children; parents came to meet with Primary and Toddler teachers for conferences; and the Adopt-a-Family tags were taken within a couple of days.

## Classroom Focus: Elementary



As the holiday season approaches, we thought it would be the perfect opportunity to ask the Lower Elementary students about their favorite Winter Break activities. Most of the students said that seeing their family is usually the highlight of their break. Sleeping in was a close second followed by snow activities, holiday celebrations, and traveling.

### What Do You Like To Do During Winter?



### A Day in the Life - by Alayna Faiz

As of this year, all of the elementary classes have unified! A larger class size means a lot of collaboration, and work goes on in just about every corner of the classroom. The day that I visited, upper and lower elementary were split into two separate rooms. All of the students worked individually or in small groups on a variety of assignments like simple solutions or vocabulary flashcards. Amidst all of the movement, teachers supervised the students and made sure they stayed on task. Periodically, they gave lessons, and despite the bubbly mood of the room, most of the students were extremely good listeners.



Aiden Michael Spencer is an eighth grader in the Erdkinder classroom. He has lived in Hoffman Estates, IL for his entire life. Some of his personal hobbies include Video Games, Golf, and Taekwondo. Aiden has been doing Taekwondo since 2016 and is a 1st degree black belt. Aiden's favorite classes are math, history, and spanish. His favorite food is steak and rice. One really cool thing about Aiden is that he knows practically every flag in the world. If you show him a flag, he can tell which country it is from. When he's older, Aiden wants to stay in Illinois and live in a decently sized house.

## Meet the Erdkinder Students!

by Stella Frolick and David Azaran



Zoe Salouras is a 7th grader in the Erdkinder Class. She is the sister of Maria Salaurous, one member of MANH's first group of high school graduates, and has attended MANH since she was only 3 months old. She enjoys ELA class as well as activities like archery, strategy games like Pikmin, and the franchise *Scott Pilgrim vs. the World*.

## Meet the Teachers + Staff!

by Alayna Faiz



Ms. Ellis is one of the newest staff members at MANH. She is the director of operations for our school, and so far, she loves working here. Ever since she was young, Ms. Ellis has always been drawn to numbers, which is what inspired her to go into the accounting field. She has worked in accounting for the last 41 years and also runs her own tax business (since 1999). When she isn't working with numbers, Ms. Ellis loves to bake, and over the years, she has perfected her signature German chocolate cake. She also loves traveling to Hawaii because of its peaceful atmosphere and beautiful landscapes.

## Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Time	Location
12/1/2023	Parent teacher conferences	All Day	Huntington
12/12/2023	Early Dismissal	2:30pm	Freeman East & West
12-1/23-7/2023-2024	Holiday Break	All day	All campuses
1/8-10/2024	Erdkinder Intersession	All Day	Freeman West
1/8-19/2024	Kindergarten Parents Visiting Elementary	All day	Freeman East
1/9/2024	Early Dismissal	2:30pm	Freeman East & West
1/15/2024	Martin Luther King Day (school closed)	All Day	All Campuses
1/15/2024	Re-enrollment for the next school year begins	Through January 26	All campuses
1/16/2024	Erdkinder second semester begins	All day	Freeman West
1/26/2024	Re-enrollment for second semester ends	All day	All Campuses