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ACTIVITIES & CLUBS

- After-school Tech Club
- Math Super Stars
- *MHTV* – live student-produced morning news show
- Multicultural Club
- Safety Patrols
- Character Club

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND PARTNERSHIPS

- Parent Teacher Association (PTA)
- School Advisory Council (SAC)
- Volunteer Program – 7,600 hours during 2007-08
- Business partnerships/Adopt-a-Class program

SCHOOL MISSION

The mission of Mildred Helms' staff is to enable all students to grow academically and socially by providing a positive, challenging learning environment.



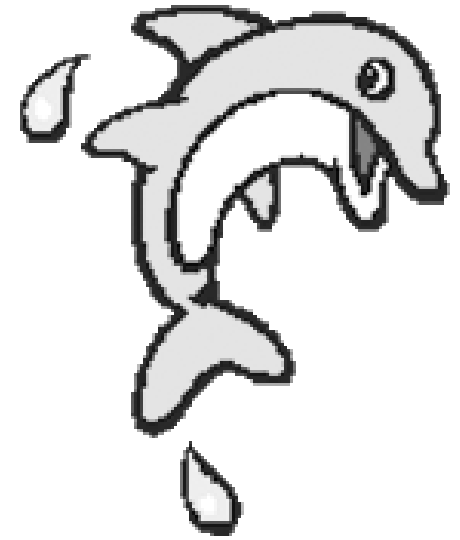
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Mildred Helms

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

2009-2010



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QUICK facts

Principal: Sandy Cowley

Grade Levels: PreK-5

Enrollment: 732

School Hours: 8:35 a.m.-2:50 p.m. (Early release on Wednesdays – 8:35 a.m.-1:35 p.m.)

Attractor/focus: Highest student achievement, family friendly environment, instrumental band program (grades 4-5)

Uniforms: No

Before/after-school care: Largo Recreation, 7 a.m.-6 p.m.; Phone: 587-6720

Average Class Size: The class-size reduction amendment requires that each elementary school have a primary grades (K-3) average of 18:1 and an intermediate grades (4-5) average of 22:1. These averages include all programs providing services to students in each school.

Teaching Staff: Approximately 35 percent of faculty members have advanced degrees.

Exceptional Student Education:

Full time: PreK Varying Exceptionalities (VE) Blended, Emotional Behavior Disorder (EBD)

Part time: Varying Exceptionalities (VE), Speech Impaired (SI), Language Impaired (LI), Deaf/Hard of Hearing (DHH), Visually Impaired (VI), Occupational Therapy (OT), Physical Therapy (PT) and Gifted

English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Program: No

Academic Information: Visit www.pinellas.k12.fl.us/schools

Computers and Technology: Technology lab, full-time technology coordinator, Internet connection in every classroom

SCHOOL BACKGROUND

Mildred Helms was built in 1952 and opened as Largo Elementary. The school later was renamed Mildred Helms Elementary in recognition of its first principal. Since its beginning, Mildred Helms has benefited from the leadership of six principals and the dedication of a staff committed to providing a positive, safe and challenging learning environment. This sustained and concerted effort has enabled our students to grow and excel both academically and socially. Over the last several years, the school has undergone additions and renovations that include a media center, administration building, kindergarten playground, covered PE play court, new cabinetry and whiteboard/bulletin boards & interior painting throughout the school. In addition to 26 classrooms, 14 relocatable house students on our campus.

SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

- Family-friendly atmosphere
- Instrumental music classes for 4th- and 5th-grade students
- Technology Learning Lab
- Successful volunteer program
- Math Family Night
- Technology Night
- Fine Arts Family Night
- Involved and supportive PTA

POINTS OF PRIDE

- Outstanding Educator semifinalist, 2006-07
- Three National Board-certified teachers
- Florida School-Related Employee of the Year, 2006
- Technology Award
- Golden School Award
- Outstanding School Volunteers recipient, 2006
- Distinguished Service Award for principal, Pinellas Council of Teachers of Mathematics

CURRICULUM

- Subjects include math, reading, language arts, science, health and social studies
- Extra subjects on a weekly basis – art, music, band, chorus
- Teacher partners
- Gifted education for eligible students
- Library/media center
- Character education
- Physical education daily for all grade levels

SPECIAL SERVICES AND PROGRAMS

- Title I – resources for help in reading and math
- Extended Learning – assistance in reading

