

The Expedition



Important Dates

Board Meeting
OCTOBER 10

Coin Drive
OCTOBER 11

Fall Break
OCTOBER 16-20

Teacher Workday
OCTOBER 23

MaP Meeting
OCTOBER 25

Middle School Dance
OCTOBER 27

Duck Donuts Dine Out Event
OCTOBER 28

End of First Trimester
NOVEMBER 14

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year, Mariners! We're so excited to have everyone back for another great year of **REACHING** for our best! We have some exceptional new teachers and staff joining our crew this year. We're thrilled to welcome aboard Amber Evans (above) as our new 3rd grade math and science teacher.



We're also excited to welcome Teresa Carver (left), David Bennett and Laurie Castaneda (above). You'll see them each day during our new Fit & Fun program. Finally - a very special welcome to all of our new Mariner families! It's going to be another wonderful year full of that Magellan magic!



MESSAGE FROM HEAD OF SCHOOL

Jessica O'Donovan



Dear Mariner Families,

I am delighted to welcome our students and families into the 2023-24 school year. We are off to a wonderful start, and it's hard to believe that we have already completed our first month of school!

Our initial focus during the first six weeks of school has been building a strong community of learners and teaching students the routines and procedures.

We refer to this approach as "slowing down to speed up." By teaching norms and expectations explicitly in the beginning of the year, the goal is to then transition students to following these routines independently and promoting a safe and productive learning environment. Thank you for your partnership in reinforcing these expectations both at school (while you are volunteering), and at home. We simply couldn't succeed without the many levels of support from our families.

Our word of the year is **REACH**, and we apply this word to our school goals in the following ways:

Creating challenging and joyful learning experiences, every day, every classroom.

- We strive to reach up and stretch ourselves as we provide excellent learning experiences that help our students grow both academically and socially. We work hard and we play hard.

Nurturing a strong community to support every student's journey.

- We strive to reach out to build relationships with each other and ensure every member of our MCS Community feels a sense of belonging and connectedness. We invite our parents to become involved at Magellan in a number of ways.

Celebrating our success, big and small.

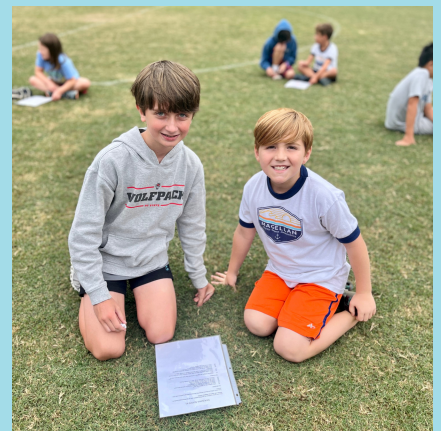
- We strive to reach over to congratulate one another and to lift each other up as we focus on our students' achievements both inside and outside of the classroom.

Join me as we embark on the 2023-24 journey to accomplish these goals TOGETHER! I look forward to seeing you all on campus.

Warmest regards,
Jessica O'Donovan

Magellan Buddies

The tradition of Magellan's Buddies is an all-around favorite. And beginning this year, we now have schoolwide involvement with every elementary student paired with a middle schooler (3rd & 6th grade, 4th & 7th grade, and 5th & 8th grade). These fun relationships allow for mentoring, friendship, and bridging our elementary and middle schools. Buddies engage in a variety of activities together, such as games, scavenger hunts, and bowling. Students have enjoyed meeting and getting to know their buddies this year!



Innovative Curriculum -Experiential Learning Arts & Cultural Integration

INSIDE THE MAGELLAN CLASSROOM

In **3rd grade** ELA, students read the book *Stone Fox*. As they worked on envisioning, students chose a favorite scene and created dioramas to bring their vision to life.



In **4th grade** science - as part of their study of animal habitats and adaptations - each student was assigned an animal to research. As part of their presentation, students created their animals using papier mache, which was displayed at our Zooseum!



In **5th grade** science, students have been learning about the ways heat transfers through conduction, convection and radiation. Students pulled their knowledge together by planning, designing, building and testing solar ovens. The outcome came in the form of delicious s'mores!



In **6th grade** social studies, students are studying Ancient Egypt. Students became cartographers creating their own maps to reference throughout the unit, especially as they explore the impact of the Nile River on ancient Egyptians. Students will also get to explore Egyptian mummification and art immersion!



In **7th grade** social studies, students have been studying the Renaissance where they explored famous Renaissance figures and the new techniques artists employed in their works. In the spirit of the era, 7th graders made fresco paintings on plaster.



In **8th grade** ELA, students read and studied *The Outsiders*. They compared themes from the novel to other works and participated Socratic seminars to dive deeper into the topics. To conclude, 8th grade celebrated Outsiders Day! Dressed as Greasers and Socs, they enjoyed a 1960s celebration with dancing, karaoke, and a screening of the film.



8TH GRADE VOYAGE: CAROLINA BEACH

Eighth grade visited Carolina Beach where they engaged in several scientific coastal activities. They enjoyed a boat ride to a N.C. estuary, tried their hand at crabbing and net fishing, hunted for North Carolina seashells, and even dissected a squid!



7TH GRADE VOYAGE: ESCAPE ROOM

The 7th grade team went on their first voyage of the year to an escape room! There, they had to work together as a team in order to solve puzzles and riddles that led to their escape. The students (and teachers) had lots of fun trying their hand at becoming escape artists!



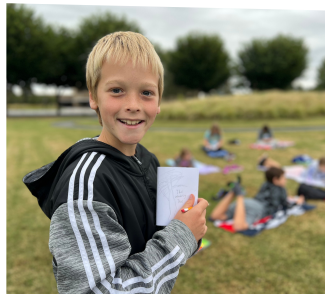
6TH GRADE VOYAGES: CAMP HANES & DURANT NATURE PARK

Sixth grade embarked on the first overnight voyage of the year. At Camp Hanes, students enjoyed activities such as zip-lining, canoeing, hiking, and archery. Overnight voyages allow students the opportunity to explore, experience, bond, and build independence. Sixth graders also visited Durant Nature Park where they netted samples from the lake ecosystem and simulated a forest food web.



5TH GRADE VOYAGE: NC MUSEUM OF ART

Fifth graders spent a cool fall day at the North Carolina Museum of Art Park where they rotated through a variety of activities focusing on science, art, and movement. They practiced yoga, tried their hand at sketching, and enjoyed a picnic lunch together.



4TH GRADE VOYAGE: N.C. ZOO

Fourth grade students took their animal studies outside of the classroom and voyaged to the North Carolina Zoo. They observed various animal species and their habitats, and completed a scavenger hunt. Many of the animals were active and it was a beautiful day to enjoy them.



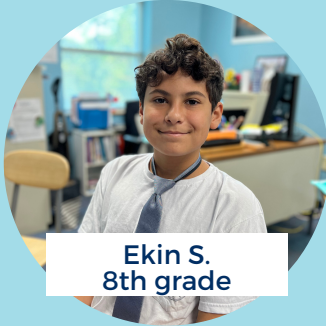
3RD GRADE VOYAGE: YATES MILL PARK

Third graders went on their first voyage as Mariners to Historic Yates Mill Park, the last operable water powered mill in Wake County. Students went on a nature walk, completed a scavenger hunt, and enjoyed homemade ice cream from the Howling Cow. Yum!



Respect

Congratulations to our character award recipients who were selected as model students representing our core value of RESPECT.



Ekin S.
8th grade



Everett S.
7th grade



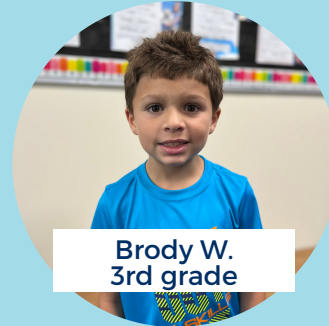
Owen S.
6th grade



Yosh M.
5th grade



Nile B.
4th grade



Brody W.
3rd grade



**INVEST
IN YOUR STUDENT.
INVEST
IN MAGELLAN.**

Join us as we embark on a journey to raise **\$75,000** to supplement our school budget and support our students.

Your generous contribution to our **It's Up to Us** fundraiser will allow us to offer exceptional learning opportunities:

- Experiential learning in and out of the classroom
- Arts and cultural integration in all subjects across all grades
- Innovative curriculum that interacts and engages



Donate online or by check through Friday,
October 13th.
Every gift of every size will make a difference.



Fall Athletics



Boys Blue Soccer Team



Girls Blue Volleyball Team



Boys Teal Soccer Team



Girls Teal Volleyball Team



Cross Country Team



Girls Tennis Team