



Who is Mary Lou Mahone?

Mary Lou Mahone touched the hearts of everyone. Her spirit bound people together with love and prayer. She loved literature, music, cooking, and kept her African American culture alive through celebrating life and making sure everyone felt special. She was a woman of substance and elegance. Much of her life was dedicated to putting others first. She was a dedicated leader and activist for quality education for all children attending our schools and living in our community. Mary Lou Mahone was the first black PTSA President in Kenosha and charter member of the Boys and Girls Club of Kenosha.

Each year, we present our Mary Lou Mahone award to a deserving eighth grade student who goes above the quadrants in the Circle of Courage. This is a student who has shown a dedication towards Mahone Middle School and his/her community. This is a student who has the potential to continue a lifetime of pursuing excellence, displaying unselfish acts of generosity and a commitment to serve so that everyone succeeds. This is a student who with his/her spirit will mirror the footsteps of our school's name sake, Mary Lou Mahone.

School ID Students are required to where their school ID. Each grade level is represented by a colored lanyard (green /6, blue /7, yellow /8). You may get a call that your child needs an ID – cost is \$2.00. Lanyard and plastic case are \$.50 each. photo ID \$1.

Extra-Curricular Activities and Athletics

Mahone offers an intramural program in the morning throughout the school year. Teachers offer various clubs and activities throughout the school year as well. Information about upcoming clubs will be posted on our webpage under ANNOUNCEMENTS. **Athletics:** Six graders may participate in all sports, with the exception of cut sports - due to the limited number of players. If there is not a big enough pool to select from, only then will sixth grade be allowed to try-out.

Physical Education Class

Gym class is for one semester. Students are expected to dress for gym class and take home their clothes at the end of the week. Students are not required to take showers.

SPINNERS and Toys Please keep SPINNERS or any toys at home unless your child has an IEP/504/behavior plan developed and/or revised at Mahone.

Breakfast and Lunch

Enroll at www.myschoolbucks.com.

Middle School meals offer a variety of choices. Students who receive free/reduce lunches are required to purchase a FULL meal. Students must purchase three of the five choices to complete a FULL meal. No a la carte items are included in a FULL meal. Beginning this school year, **CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AT THE LUNCHROOM REGISTERS**. All lunch accounts will need to be managed through MySchoolBuck.com or for families with no Internet, Envelopes are available in the office. **Cafeteria envelopes must be dropped off in the office before 9:00am** for the money to be available the same day. There is NO CREDIT for lunches at middle school. Students must have a balance to purchase a meal in order to receive a meal.

Infinite Campus

Infinite Campus can be accessed by parents and guardians of enrolled students. This student information system allows you to access real-time information entered by teachers, counselors, and staff so you may better understand and participate in the educational process. Parents/Guardians and students can access the Portal on a computer or on a mobile device. Go to www.kusd.edu/portal and learn how do access the Camous portal.

Circle of Courage

Belonging – Mastery – Independence - Generosity

Reclaiming Youth At-Risk. Dr. Martin Brokenleg's book, co-authored by Larry Brendtro and Steve Van Brockern

Our philosophy and culture is based on the belief that we need to address and nurture our students' wellbeing if they are to successfully engage in school. Mahone Middle School's philosophy and culture is built around the **Circle of Courage**. This framework is used as a tool for two major components of our school's culture. One, it is a means of helping students be independent with a strong sense of self and identity. Two, we want to use the Circle to create and foster a community of learners within the school.

The Circle is based on four universal growth needs of all children: **Belonging, Mastery, Independence, and Generosity**. When a person's Circle is complete, they are in harmony with the world, things are good. When the Circle is broken in one or more of the four quadrants, a person is experiencing difficulties or life challenges.

BELONGING - BE HERE *"Be related, somehow, to everyone you know."* -Ella Deloria

- Make our school a safe place. Mahone is a place where people feel emotionally and physically safe.
- Take the time to talk with others and let them know they are accepted; let everyone know we are glad they are here.
- In an assembly let the people on stage know they belong at Mahone, honor their words and actions with attentive listening.

At Mahone all students should feel as though they belong to the school. This takes place through the various after school activities ranging from our sports teams, our excellent music programs, and many different clubs. Every student in the school should feel as though there is one adult in the school who will be an advocate for them. Belonging builds community and allows us to accept everyone.

MASTERY - BE YOUR BEST *everyone is responsible for their learning and behavior*

- Be in class every day, on time with your mind.
- Be your best in organizing your materials.
- Master the steps to starting and ending each class successfully.
- Be your best by challenging yourself to achieve.
- Be your best in thinking and making wise choices.

At Mahone, we expect all students will always try their best. This could mean they achieve straight A's or they achieve straight C's stressing that aspect of themselves no matter their ability level. We want to help students build self-control and responsibility striving to achieve their individual goals. We will help students to do their best!

INDEPENDENCE - BE SELF-DISCIPLINED *"There is a "universal need for all persons to be free, to be in control of themselves, and be able to influences others."*

- Enter your classroom with intentions of being the best learner you can be!
- Show your inner discipline by consistently being prepared and choosing words and actions that will bring you success in learning.
- Independent people are not swayed by negative peer pressure. They lead by choosing positive behaviors that move them toward their goals.

At Mahone, Independence is about being self-disciplined. Our goal is to help foster students to become self-disciplined and taking ownership of their educational and behavioral successes or failures.

GENEROSITY - BE KIND *"Grandma said when you come on something good, first thing to do is share it with whoever you can find; that way, the good spreads out where no telling it will go."* -Little Tree

- Say "hello" with a smile or handshake.
- Show "courtesy" by opening doors for others (real doors and the doors to success for all Mahone students).
- Give people space in the hallway (stay to the right), walk in a respectful way.
- Honor others as they work, don't distract others from doing their job.

At Mahone, all students should be kind to one another and all others at our school. This can be as simple as saying hi to everyone in the morning, holding a door open for someone, helping a person who has dropped their books, or getting involved in the schools generosity initiatives. It is about looking forward to helping others and being able to give to others. Generosity is highly valued within our school culture.