



January 2017

JANUARY UPCOMING EVENTS

Principal's Message

- 3 No School Teacher In Service
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- 9-13 Kindness is Contagious Week
- 11 Raisin' Canes Family Dinner Night 5-8pm
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- 23 HyVee Family Dinner Night 5-8pm
- 24 Battle of the Books
- 27 Family Movie Night 5:30-8:00pm
Sucker & Smencil Sales

I hope you all had a wonderful winter break! I'm looking forward to the students returning! They always help to warm our hearts during these cold winter months.

Thanks to a generous donation of \$2,000 from a Manchester family, each grade-level was able to purchase several mentor texts to support the district's new writing curriculum. Mentor texts or anchor texts are any text that can be used as an example of good writing. Writers use mentor texts to inform their own writing.

We have a couple of new staff members that will be joining our team this semester. Ann Kuecker is going to be a teacher assistant, and Carly Mendlik is joining us as a special education teacher. Please help me in welcoming them to our school community.

Thank you once again for your generous donations that supported the Mitten Tree-Celebration of Giving along with the fleece donations that allowed us to share 51 blankets with Angels Among Us. Thank you for all you do for Manchester Elementary and the Elkhorn Community.

Our PTO does many wonderful things for our students and school. I'm hopeful that you'll consider joining me on Monday, January 9th at 6:30 p.m. in the library for their month meeting. Please email or call me if I can be of assistance to your family.

Amy Christ



Manchester is seeking to identify children who are eligible for kindergarten during the 2017-2018 school year. Parents are encouraged to pre-register their child prior to Kindergarten Roundup. Children who will be five years of age on or before July 31, 2017, are eligible to attend kindergarten as stated by Nebraska State Law. Manchester Kindergarten Roundup will be held on Friday, March 3. A parent meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 27 at 6:00p.m. in the cafeteria. For more information, please see the Manchester Kindergarten Roundup form attached to this newsletter and on the Manchester website.

Attention! All Kindergarten Families ☺

No School for Current Kindergarten Students

On Friday, March 3, there will be NO SCHOOL for current kindergarten students due to Kindergarten Roundup. Please mark your calendars!

Snow Rules

We would like to remind students and parents that we will be going outside for recess even if there is snow on the ground. If your child wears snow boots (waterproof), he/she must have a change of shoes to wear throughout the day. With Nebraska's weather being so unpredictable, please have your children prepared with coats, hats, and gloves.

Inside or Outside

In or Out? I hear this asked several times during the winter months. The district guideline for elementary buildings is that it should be at least 20 degrees with or without the wind-chill. That being said, there maybe exceptions. For example, if we have been inside for several days and the temperature with the wind-chill figured in is 19 degrees, we may go out. On the other hand, if the temperature is 25 degrees, but we have new ice that has formed due to melting and refreezing we may stay inside.



District & Building Websites

New District and Building websites will be launched over the winter break. During the break, the websites will be unavailable until school commences on January 4th. The websites will receive a new look and be mobile friendly by automatically adjusting to whatever device you're using. All information will still be accessible through an improved navigation structure and all content will remain searchable. Quick links on the front page will provide swifter access to information commonly accessed. We hope you enjoy the new websites!

PAWSITIVE PRIDE

- Thank you to Jennifer Harris for arrange all of the family dinner nights.
- Have you checked out the Manchester PTO's website (www.manchesterpto.com)? Thank you to Stefanie Christensen for keeping it up-to-date!
- Thank you to Karissa Burroughs, Olivia Weddell, My-Lin Nguyen, Anne Revers, Tiffany Evans, and Amy Hendryx for helping to pre-cut the fleece blankets. The students also enjoyed the treats that Renee Vokt arranged for them to enjoy. Plus, thank you to Mrs. Wiley for arranging the Wildlife Encounters assembly and for the PTO for funding



Spirit Days

Show your school spirit by wearing your Manchester Gear or Red on Fridays!

GO MOUNTAINLIONS!!



Family Movie Night

Family movie night will be January 27th. Doors open at 5:30pm. The featured film will be Finding Dory! Popcorn with a few "mix ins" will be FREE, but we will have pizza, pop and additional candy for purchase. Please bring your lawn chairs and blankets.



Wednesday, Jan 11th
Raising Cane's
12930 W Maple Red
5-8pm
Make sure to mention
you're from
Manchester!



Monday, Jan 23rd
Family Dinner Night
Hy-Vee
156th and Maple
5-8pm
There will be a bucket for
Manchester to drop our
receipts. Make sure to do
that so we get credit.)

KINDNESS IS CONTAGIOUS WEEK
January 9th-13th
SERVICE PROJECT: Open Door Mission
Theme: "Kindness Rocks"



Dear Parents and Students:

For the week of **January 9th-13th** Manchester Elementary will be participating in "Kindness is Contagious". The objectives of this week are to raise awareness of treating others with respect/kindness and complete a community service project. The organization we are helping this school year is "**The Open Door Mission**". The school's donations will help families who are homeless.

Monday "Let's Rock the Week: Wear Tie-dye":

Today each student and staff member will receive a kindness sack. Throughout the week we will be putting kind notes and treats in each bag. The notes will be a reminder of how we appreciate each other. Students may bring treats to put in their classmates/staff member's bags. The class that raises the most money for "The Open Door Mission" will win a popcorn and cupcake party.

"Team up Tuesday" Dress like a friend:

Influence others to help in our community. (**Donations ODM**)

"Role Model Wednesday: Dress up as your favorite role model:

i.e. Superhero, Parent, Famous Athlete, Famous person in History, etc) (**Donations ODM**)

"Throwback and Forward Thursday" Dress up in your favorite Decade:

50's, 60's, 70's 80's, 90's, Future 2050, etc (**Donations ODM**)

"Rock'n Friday" (Wear Manchester Colors)

Don't forget that **Kindness Rocks!** We will have a short assembly today and we will present the check to the "Open Door Mission" ; we will announce the class that raised the most money.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS AND SUPPORT:

Manchester Student Council and Mrs. Wiley, Guidance Counselor



Please remember to like and follow the Manchester PTO on Facebook! We post several updates and reminders on this page!



Don't forget to sign-up for Proceeds. If you shop at any of their vendors then Manchester PTO receives money.
<https://www.giveproseeds.com/manchesterelementarypto>

VOLUNTEER

We're calling all volunteers! The Manchester staff is in need of volunteers to complete material preparation, copies, bulletin boards, and filling student work into Friday Folders. Many of the positions are completed in the office workroom so younger children are welcome to help too. If you are interested in volunteering, please follow the link below to the sign-up.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050f4da9a622ab9-manchester1>

If the days don't work for you but you would like to volunteer, please let me know as the days and times are flexible.



Student Council Smencil and Sucker Sales!

The money student council gets from smencil and sucker sales help classroom needs!

Regular/Avengers/Finding Dory Smencils \$1
Finding Dory/Avengers Smelly crayons \$1
Blow Pops 2 for \$1

Sale Dates for January will be the 13th & 27th



Be A "Partner in Education" at Manchester Elementary!

Elkhorn Public Schools "Partners in Education" mentoring program is seeking adult volunteers to mentor Manchester students. Mentors are asked to volunteer for at least 30 minutes each week, and may indicate preferred grade levels and times. Orientation will be provided, and a building facilitator will be available to answer questions. To volunteer, or for more information, please contact mentoring facilitator, Sarah Addink, at 402-289-2590 or saddink@epsne.org.



The new year is approaching and now is the time to start setting your goals. Fifth graders spent time reflecting on the past year and wrote their own New Year's Resolutions for 2017. Take some time to set your own resolutions to make 2017 great! Enjoy reading a few from our 5th graders.

For my new year's resolution, I don't want to let people's actions and words get to me and be happy with who I am. -Ellie Cannon-

In the year of 2017 I would like to read more. When I read, I am in a whole new world and I love it. -Mya Hibbard-

I want to be more confident in myself. -Julia Karmazin-

For my new year's resolution I want to sit by someone who doesn't have anyone to sit by. -Quinn Carney-

I want to have an annual movie or game night with my family. -Gabby Borman-

I want to smile more. Smiling makes people feel happy and that is what I want. -Sophie Preister-

For 2017, I want to be more organized with my time. -Maya Schmeackle-

I would like to make more friends and stay in touch with my old ones. -Luke Butler-

My resolution is to improve on my handwriting, spelling, and organizational skills. -Sophia Messineo-

My goal is to work hard to the best of my ability and take time to organize my thoughts. -Koral Jarzynka-

Happy Holidays to all!