

# January 2018



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan. 1st & 2nd	Winter Break-No School
Jan. 3rd	No School-Teacher In-Service Day
Jan. 5th	Report Cards Sent Home
Jan. 8th	PTO Meeting at 6:30pm
Jan. 8th-12th	Kindness is Contagious Week
Jan. 10th	Sheltered Reality Assembly
Jan. 15th	No School-Teacher In-Service
Jan. 17th	Pawsitive PALS
Jan. 19th	Family Night 5:30-8pm

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

It's so nice to have all the students back. It just brings the building alive! The staff is excited to begin the second semester and get back into the routines of teaching and learning. A new year often brings about goal setting and here at Manchester, we are working together to help the students meet their individual goals and achieve their all time best in all areas.

A new year brings about new opportunities and adventures. At Manchester, we are excited about the launching of our Twitter account (@ElkhornPS\_MN). I would encourage you to "Follow" us on Twitter to get a glimpse into our active learning environment. Sara Zajicek, one of our second grade teachers, will be doing most of the posting as she will be serving as our building's communication facilitator. We are excited to be able to share all of the amazing activities that are happening in our school in these two formats.

Please help me in welcoming Lindsay Hoag to our team. She started the last week in December as a teacher assistant. This is a return for Lindsay to Manchester. She is an Elkhorn High School graduate, and while she was in high school, she was involved in the cadet program and provided support in special education at Manchester. We are excited to have her back!

Be sure to join us for our PTO meeting on Monday, January 8th at 6:30 p.m. Just a reminder that childcare is provided in the gym during our monthly meeting.

As always, please email or call me if I can be of assistance to your family.

Mrs. Christ



# Kindergarten ROUNDUP

2018-2019

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## **VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP**

We are seeking volunteers to help in the the workroom to make copies, cut out items for projects, put together booklets, and etc. You are welcome to bring up your children who aren't school age while you are working in our workroom. Please see the link below to volunteer.

[Volunteer Sign-Up](#)



**EVERY FRIDAY IS  
SPIRIT DAY  
AT  
MANCHESTER!  
WEAR YOUR SCHOOL  
COLORS OR  
MANCHESTER GEAR!  
SHOW YOUR  
MOUNTAIN LION  
PRIDE!**



## **ATTENTION!**

### **ALL KINDERGARTEN FAMILIES**

There will be no school for current kindergarten students on Friday, March 2nd due to Kindergarten Roundup. Please mark your calendars!

## **RECESS AND WALKING CLUB**

Just a reminder that students will be going outside each day for recess and walking club, weather permitting. Please make sure that your child dresses appropriately so that he or she can enjoy their time outdoors.

Please remember that school doors do not open until 7:55 AM for walking club. **Please do not drop off your children before 7:55 AM** unless they are coming for breakfast as there is no supervision until that time.

## **MAKEUP DAYS FOR MISSED SCHOOL DAYS**

The Elkhorn Board of Education has built in two makeup days to the calendar in the event that school is canceled due to inclement weather (snow days). The first two missed days will be made up; in the event of three or more snow days, the administration will reevaluate the calendar at that time.

The first makeup day is scheduled for Thursday, May 24, and the second makeup day is Friday, May 25. Both days become vacation days if we haven't had any missed school days.

# SAFETY

## **KEEP SAFETY A PRIORITY**

Student safety takes a priority over any vehicle and driver at Manchester Elementary. Please take a moment to ask yourself these questions. If you answer yes to even one of them, you may be placing a child at risk.

- Are you driving too fast?
- Are you in too big of a hurry?
- Are you asking your child to cross through traffic?
- Do you allow your child to ride without a seatbelt?

Please remember to follow the drop-off and pick-up procedures.

- Always have your child exit and enter the vehicle curbside.
- Pull all the way forward up to the ramp by the kindergarten doors before dropping off and picking up.
- Please allow your child to walk to the front doors from the spot that your vehicle stops.
- The staff parking lot is not to be used for dropping off or picking up students.
- Cars should not be left unattended as this disrupts the flow of traffic.
- Please follow the directions of staff. They are on duty to provide safety for the students.

Thank you for your help and assistance with these important reminders.

## **EAGLE SCOUT SERVICE PROJECT**

Sam Jacobson, Elkhorn High School sophomore, and former Manchester student, selected Manchester for the location of his service project. He painted the alphabet and the numbers up to 100 on the walking club path around the backside of the school. Thank you Sam for your gift of service to Manchester!



A decorative border of red paw prints surrounds the entire page. The prints are arranged in a repeating pattern along the top, bottom, and sides.

## **PAWSITIVE PRAISE**

\*Did you know that the PTO has a website? Head on over and check it out at [www.manchesterpto.com](http://www.manchesterpto.com). A big thank you goes to Stefanie Christensen for keeping it up-to-date!

\*We've had so many great family dinner nights this year that help support student learning. I'm thankful for Jennifer Harris for arranging these for our Manchester community.

\*Thank you to everyone who donated fleece for our winter service project. We were able to donate 50 blankets to Angels Among Us. Having the tie strips pre-cut was very helpful. Thank you to the following families for helping to get them pre-cut: Burroughs, Sledge, Nguyen, Hibbard, McLaughlin, Hite, Hendryx, Weddell, Vokt, and Bleich. #heroactions

### **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's guideline for elementary buildings is that it should be at least 20 degrees with or without the wind-chill. That being said, there may be 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.



Hats off to our fifth grade students! They donated 111 packs of crayons and colored pencils to Children's Hospital and Medical Center. #heroactions



TAGG-Download the app, visit participating businesses and "TAGG" your purchases. The business will donate up to 5% of the purchase to Manchester PTO when you choose our school. See more information at [www.togetheragreatergood.com/demo](http://www.togetheragreatergood.com/demo)

SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL AS YOU EAT, DRINK + SHOP!

NOW ON TAGG!



Use TAGG at these two locations only:

76th & Pacific  
(Aksarben)

Brandeis Building  
(Downtown)



IT'S AS EASY AS 1-2-3

- 1 Download the TAGG app
- 2 Visit participating businesses and snap a photo of your receipt within 7 days
- 3 Choose our school. The business will donate 5% at NO extra cost to you!





# **KINDNESS IS CONTAGIOUS WEEK**

**JANUARY 8TH-12TH**

**SERVICE PROJECT: HUMANE SOCIETY**

**“THE GREAT KINDNESS CHALLENGE”**



**Dear Parents and Students:**

For the week of **January 8th-12th** 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 Nebraska Humane Society**”. The school’s donations will help animals at the Humane Society.

**Monday Jan. 8th:** 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 members’ bags. The class that raises the most money for “The Nebraska Humane Society” will win a popcorn and cupcake party. The class will also receive a special classroom lesson on animal science and what the Humane Society is all about (very awesome!)

**Tuesday Jan. 9th:** “**Twin Day**”: Dress up with a friend or group of friends/Classroom: Influence others to help in our community. Bring your donations for the Nebraska Humane Society.

**Wednesday Jan.10th:** “**If you can Dream it, you can Be it**”: Wear your Pajamas. The K-5 assembly by Sheltered Reality will be from 2:00-3:00. Bring your donations for the Nebraska Humane Society

**Thursday Jan. 11th:** “**Being Kind is not Sweat**”: Wear your favorite workout clothes, and bring your donations for the Nebraska Humane Society.

**Friday Jan.12th:** “**Team up for Kindness**”: Wear your Manchester Shirts. Assembly from 9:00 to 10:00 in the gym. The class who raised the most money for the Nebraska Humane Society will be announced. The assembly will be “The Amazing Empathy Engineers: How to Show Compassion to People and Animals” .

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS AND SUPPORT**

**Dates to Remember**

**January 2018**

- Jan 8 PTO Meeting 6:30
- Jan 19 Family Movie Night 5:30-8:30
- Jan 29 Family Dinner Night Runza 5-9

**Stay Informed with PTO!**

PTO Website <http://www.manchesterpto.com/>

PTO Email [manchesterpto1@gmail.com](mailto:manchesterpto1@gmail.com)

PTO Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/#!/ManchesterPTO>

School Directory

<https://www.myschoolanywhere.com/>

**Events**



**Family Movie Night**

January 19 5:30-8:30 Come and Join us for a FREE FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT. Marcos Pizza, Popcorn, Mix-ins, and Drinks Available.

**PTO Projects: Have you**

The new bike rack has been installed near the Kindergarten Doors and the Bottle Fillers are set to be installed soon! Thank you so much to everyone who voted!

**Fundraising**

**Family Dinner Night**

Do you want a night free of cooking and an easy way to raise money for Manchester? Join us for Family Dinner Nights!

January 29 Family Dinner Night



**Get Your Haircut!!**

Every Tuesday in January, \$1 from every haircut will be donated to Manchester Elementary PTO by SportsClips in Elkhorn! So Go Get Your Haircut!



**Christian Brothers Automotive**



Manchester Elementary will receive 3% of all purchases/service charges at Christian Brothers Automotive January 2018-July 31, 2018. Simply provide Christian Brothers with the Manchester Elementary PTO Flyer (attached), and Christian Brothers will take care of the rest!

**HEY  
STUDENTS!**

**CAN YOU COOK?**



Calling all “**FUTURE CHEFS**” for our  
CULINARY COMPETITION

**WE’RE LOOKING FOR YOUR FAVORITE  
HEALTHY ASIAN FUSION RECIPE!**

Attention 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> graders! One lucky winner from each school will be chosen as finalists to compete in our contest at Elkhorn High School on **March 7, 2018**. As an added bonus, the winner of this event will be entered into a National Competition for some great prizes!

**PICK UP YOUR  
ENTRY FORM TODAY!**  
They’re available  
in the Cafeteria and in  
the Main Office!  
Turn them in to the  
Cafeteria or Main Office  
by January 31, 2018.

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Kindergarten Roundup will be held on **Friday, March 2**. Parents are encouraged to attend an orientation meeting held at their school prior to Kindergarten Roundup on **Monday, February 26** at 6:00p.m.

If you have a child who will be attending Kindergarten Roundup, please fill out the information below and return it to your school's main office as soon as possible. This will allow us to make arrangements for the number of students attending. If you have friends or neighbors who will have a child starting school, please share this information with them. Additional forms are available at [www.elkhornweb.org](http://www.elkhornweb.org) OR at your school's main office. Please contact us if you have any questions.

### MANCHESTER ELEMENTARY

Principal: Amy Christ  
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402-289-2590  
[www.elkhornweb.org/manchester](http://www.elkhornweb.org/manchester)

MANCHESTER KDG PARENT MEETING:  
Monday, February 26 at 6 p.m.

MANCHESTER KDG ROUNDUP:  
Friday, March 2 at 9 a.m.

*completed form may be emailed to [pbleich@epsne.org](mailto:pbleich@epsne.org)*

## KINDERGARTEN PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

Child's Name (First Last) \_\_\_\_\_ Male  Female

Elementary School \_\_\_\_\_

Birth date (mm/dd/yy) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Housing Subdivision \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Work) \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Please return this form at your earliest convenience**

**2018-2019 School Year**