

March 2018



MOUNTAIN LION TIMES

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thurs. Mar. 1	Read Across America Day *Hat Day*
Fri. Mar. 2	Kindergarten Round Up *NO SCHOOL for current Kindergarten students
Mon. Mar. 5-9	Staff Appreciation Week
Mon. Mar. 5	PTO Meeting at 9:00am
Tues. Mar. 6	Fifth Grade Recorder Concert at EGMS
Thurs. Mar. 8	Kindergarten Music Program at 6pm First Grade Music Program at 7pm
Fri. Mar. 9	2nd Grade Field Trip to the Rose
Tues. Mar. 13	Battle of the Books until 4pm
Wed. Mar. 14	Rock your Sock for World Down Syndrome Day! Wear crazy/fun socks!
Thurs Mar. 15	End of 3rd Quarter Jump Rope For Heart
Fri. Mar. 16	No School-Teacher In-Service
Mon. Mar 19-23	Spring Break-No School
Tues. Mar. 27	Battle of the Books-Manchester Battle
Wed. Mar 28	Spring Pictures Report Cards Go Home
Fri. Mar. 30	Grandview Middle School Jazz Band & Show Choir Performance at 10:00am

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

As we head into the final quarter for the 2017-2018 school year, I want to begin by thanking you for the kind and heartfelt conversations and emails I received about my transition to opening up Blue Sage Elementary. I have full confidence that Dr. Jennifer Sinclair will continue to lead Manchester in a positive direction, and I know you will welcome her with open arms. We will finish this year strong, and Dr. Sinclair and I will work together to ensure a smooth transition.

Thank you for attending our recent parent teacher conferences. We had nearly 100% attendance. We appreciate you taking the time to discuss the great things that your child is accomplishing this year. Plus, we all enjoyed the wonderful meals that were provided by our Manchester families both evenings. We are looking forward to continuing our strong partnership with our Manchester families.

We will be having our Kona Ice party on Friday, March 9 for students who participated all four weeks in our One School, One Book endeavor. We hope it was a fun family time for all of you focused on building literacy skills. Experts agree that reading is the one of the foundational bricks for school success, and we appreciate your support in encouraging your children to read at home.

Please email or call me if I can be of assistance to your family

Mrs. Christ

MAKEUP DAYS FOR SNOW DAYS



The Elkhorn Board of education has built in two makeup days to the calendar in the event that school is cancelled 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 Thursday, May 24, due to the snow day on January 11. The second makeup day is Friday, May 25, due to the snow day on January 16. Please mark your calendars accordingly.

ATTENTION ALL CURRENT KINDERGARTEN PARENTS

ON FRIDAY, MARCH 2ND, THERE WILL BE NO SCHOOL FOR CURRENT KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS DUE TO KINDERGARTEN ROUNDUP. PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!



WEAR YOUR CRAZY AND FUN SOCKS IN SUPPORT OF DOWN SYNDROME AWARENESS ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14TH!



FROM THE NURSE

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](#)



Flu vs Cold

Signs and Symptoms	Influenza	Cold
Symptom onset	Abrupt	Gradual
Fever	Usual; lasts 3-4 days	Rare
Aches	Usual; often severe	Slight
Chills	Fairly common	Uncommon
Fatigue, weakness	Usual	Sometimes
Sneezing	Sometimes	Common
Stuffy nose	Sometimes	Common
Sore throat	Sometimes	Common
Chest discomfort, cough	Common; can be severe	Mild to moderate; hacking cough
Headache	Common	Rare

Nebraska Student Centered Assessment System (NSCAS)
(Previously known as NeSA)

In the past, all students in third, fourth and fifth have completed the Nebraska State Accountability (NeSA) assessments. This year, the test has been renamed Nebraska Student Centered Assessment System. Results from the NSCAS will be used like those from NeSA to identify strengths and areas of need across the district, as well as for each individual student. It is important that your student(s) be present during these assessments in order to get an accurate snapshot of their level of mastery in relation to state standards. These results will also allow our teaching staff to guide classroom instruction based on areas of need. Listed below are the scheduled dates for the NSCAS assessments at Manchester. Please be mindful of these dates when scheduling appointments, vacations, etc. If you have any questions regarding NSCAS assessments or scheduled testing dates, please feel free to contact Amy Christ at 402-289-2590.

Assessment	Second Grade	Third Grade	Fourth Grade	Fifth Grade
NSCAS-ELA	Not Administered	April 10-11	April 17-18	April 11-12
NSCAS-Math	Not Administered	April 24-25	April 24-25	April 18-19
NSCAS-Science	Not Administered	Not Administered	Not Administered	April 24-25
MAP	April 30 & May 3	May 1-2	April 30 & May 2	April 30 & May 1 & 3



READ ACROSS AMERICA THURSDAY, MARCH 1ST

(We are celebrating a day early due to Kindergarten Roundup being on March 2nd)

“We promise to read each day and each night.
We know it’s the key to growing up right.”

We will start our day with Mr. Heath reading a story on the morning news. Students will recite a reading pledge as well. Students are invite to wear a hat and dress in red/Husker gear to celebrate Nebraska’s birthday, too.

Each classroom will participate in a read and feed to encourage literacy. Students are encouraged to bring their favorite book to read during it.

DESTINATION IMAGINATION



Five Manchester Destination Imagination (D.I.) teams will compete in a regional tournament on March 3rd. They have worked hard for months to solve open-ended problems in the technical and scientific divisions. Their solutions, creativity, team work, and problem-solving skills will be presented to judges and audiences. The state competition will be held in Kearney, NE on April 7th. The teams that qualify at regionals will travel to Kearney, and compete at the state level on that day. Good luck to our hard-working and creative teams!

Our Manchester Teams:

Morgan Black
Alena Franksman
Bailey Powell
Camdyn Oldfield
Abby Rosterman
Nadia Khalafalla
Kylie Montagne

Asleigh George
Lindsey Hrbek
Malayna Nave
Rylee Uphoff
Logan Thomas
Dylan Thomas
Tanner Bryant

Gaby Clements
Ava B
Graisyn Coleman
Morgan Lake
Robert King
Pierce Bertucci

Sophia Sweeney
Hayden Bird
Keliese Leth
Lydia Connolly
Asher Christo
Gavin Topf
Railey

Noah Kelly
Tomasz Kissel
Christopher Westphalen
Kaylie Nave
Sai Smaran Araveti
Sophie W

**A special thanks to our volunteers who served as team managers: Michael Black, Erin Bryant, Jyothsna Araveti, Stephanie Lake, Sara Sweeney, and Melanie Connolly. We appreciate your time and commitment to these teams!



follow us on
twitter



Twitter We are excited to announce that Manchester is officially on Twitter! Give us a follow @ElkhornPS_MN in order to stay up to date with events, news, and highlights from the classroom.

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

Are You Moving????



As we plan for the next school year, it would be helpful if you would please complete this form and return it to the office if you have moved and have not notified the office OR if you will be moving over the summer.

____ We are moving/have moved **within** the Elkhorn School District. My child(ren) will be attending _____ school next year.

____ We are moving/have moved **out of** the Elkhorn School District. We are moving to _____.

Students Name(s)

Present Grade and Teacher

Last day at Manchester Elementary will be _____.

Parent Signature _____

PAWSITIVE PRAISE

- Thank you to our wonderful Hospitality Committee for the meals during parent/teacher conferences and birthdays. We definitely enjoyed every bite. Thanks you to Anne Revers and Jen Czak for coordinating these goodies for us. Plus, we appreciate all of the individuals that helped contribute items for our February conference.

Brittney Foy	Kellee Burley	Amy Murray	Claudia Zoerb
Gina Brummels	Tiffany Evans	Jessica Ford	Susy Rieck-Capellan
Karissa Burroughs	Yueshan Hu	Sarah Brabec	Nalini Govindarajulu
Monet Davis	Renee Vokt	Tiffany Tesoro	Sarah Beth Balters
Diane Thies	Olivia Weddell	Amy Murray	Stephanie Wurdeman
Amy Rosterman	Heidi Burke	Trish Crafton	Nicole Kirchhoefer
Sarah Dejong	Jessican Bunton	Holly Dixon	Katerina Goldman
Betsy Peter	Kelly Bertucci	Sara Cemer	Tami Kruse
Sarah Freeland	Kolleen Benjamin	Diana Atkinson	Tiffany Tesoro
Julie Studer	Jodi Benjamin	Kari Marcley	Jen Bohlsen
Sandi Walker	Sudip Adhikary	Nancy Stessman	Christy Leesley
Mary Metschke	Kerry DePew	Kristie Burnett	Lakshmi Challa

- The students had a blast during the Valentine Day parties. Thank you to our great room coordinators. Lead Room Coordinator: Jen Czak

Kindergarten

Stephanie Groenjes
Stephanie Underwood
Michelle McLaughlin
Ashley Ladd

First Grade

Sarah Freeland
Jennifer Krifka
Jen Bohlsen
Misty Berger
Tami Kruse

Second Grade

Kiley Maddux
Monet Davies
Christy Leesly
Trisha Troia

Third Grade

Julie Christensen
Kari Marcley
Kathi Scherzberg
Beatriz Wieseman

Fourth Grade

Shannon McCune
Renee Vokt
Sara Sweeney
Jessica Ford

Fifth Grade

Olivia Weddell
Kelly Bertucci
Vicki Johnson



Jump Rope for Heart is scheduled for Thursday, March 15th. We have been talking about why we are donating, and hopefully your son/daughter can help out the American Heart Association. We raised \$4000 last year, and we would like to pass that mark this year. If you would like to donate the link is <http://www2.heart.org/goto/manchester>. We are only accepting online donations, so please Do Not send cash/check with your student(s). Everything helps. If you have any questions please Contact Mr. Heath at heath@epsne.org.



Congratulations to these PAWSITIVE students! They will enjoy their lunch with Mrs. Christ on Thursday, March 1st.



Jayden Myers
Jake Vogel
Pierce Burnham
Maleah Sprowls



Sraavya Doddapaneni
Olivia Bartusek
Asher Van Horn
Sydney Sweeney
Elena Shook



Jack Kasner
Gavin Sprowls
Melia Horner
Charlie McCune



Luke Jefferson
Venisha Tandra
Aidan McMahon
Braylen Warren



Naomi Cameron
Railey Covington
Kelsey Daubert
Megan Voss



Evan Bittner
Caitlyn Adams-Baum
Lindsey Hrbek



Brady Fitch



Makenzie Peter



Sidney Weddell





Here are some upcoming events for School Counseling:

- ❑ Maureen O'Donald LMHP from Arbor family is coming March 6th to talk about Anxiety in Children from 5:30-6:30 in the Manchester Library.
- ❑ 5th Grade Career Fair will be Friday, April 27th (All Day) There will be a Sign-up Genius if you are interested in presenting your career or hobby:
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0e4dabae2aa31-manchester1>

Programs to Help Families:

Counseling:

- Arbor Family Counseling (Every Elkhorn Public School student may have 2 free visits) Phone: 402-330-0960 Website: www.arborfamilycounseling.com
- Nebraska Family Helpline: 1-888-866-8660 or www.nebraskafamilyhelpline.ne.gov

Outside Programs for Parenting Websites:

- Love and Logic: 800-338-4065 or loveandlogic.com (Great Parenting Website)
- Parenting with Love and Leadership: John Roseman 1.704.860.4711 or roseman.com

Community Programs for Health Care:

- Healthcare: Kids Connection of Nebraska (DHHS): Health insurance for kids: Medicaid: Omaha (402) 595-1178 and Economic Assistance: Omaha (402) 595-1258
- One World Health: 402-734-4110
- C.O.P.E.: Food, Clothing & Assistance:
3434 North 204th Street
Elkhorn, NE 68022
Phone Number- (402) 616-2330
- PLEASE CONTACT US IF YOU NEED SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEXT FALL 2018

Guidance Class:

The last quarter for Guidance Class will focus on Conflict Resolution skills, Safety, Career Awareness and Dealing with Transitions. Please let us know if you have questions. Thank You!

Shelly Wiley, School Counselor, swiley@epsne.org



AS A THANK YOU TO THE HUGE SUPPORT OUR FAMILIES GAVE OUR FALL BOOK FAIR AND TO PUT BOOKS IN STUDENTS' HANDS FOR SUMMER READING, MRS. DALLEGGE WILL BE HOSTING A "BUY ONE, GET ONE FREE" BOOK FAIR APRIL 25-27. STAY TUNED FOR MORE DETAILS! HOPE YOU SEE YOU AT OUR BOOK FAIR!

Tech Tips for Building Newsletters

'Cookies' and Targeted Advertising

The ads you see when you search the web aren't by chance—your browser is using your cookies, or bits of data sent from the websites you visit, to collect and store data about you. Websites also track your search history, purchase history and profile information you provide to send targeted advertising as you browse the web. It is important to periodically clear your cookies, cache and search history from your browser to ensure your device is running as fast and secure as possible.

Time Savers

For students, procrastination generally takes on the form of “multitasking”, which often leads to distractions and wasted time. In order to curb this occurrence prior to it becoming a bad habit that will move with them into adulthood, take a look at a few options for apps and plug-ins that help reduce the instances of this current trend.

RescueTime: this plug-in tracks how much time is being spent on specific sites and generates reports showing the results. By reviewing these reports, you and your child can see exactly where the majority of their time is being wasted.

Work Mode: *Work Mode* blocks access to all social media feeds during any time frame that the plug-in is turned on. What better way to ensure your child is focused solely on the task at hand than by making the distractions they typically default to inaccessible during the time they need to be focusing on other important things?

For more information on these and other time saving apps and plug-ins, please visit www.commonensemedia.org.

Elkhorn Public Schools Policy 507.13—Internet Safety Policy was written in compliance with the Children's Internet Protection Act. Tech Savvy Parent tips are intended to inform and educate parents of technology that may be available to their students. Tips may feature apps that are educational as well as those that may be a cause for concern to parents.

Dates to Remember**March 2018**

March 5	PTO Meeting 9am
March 5-9	Staff Appreciation Week
March 13	Family Dinner Night: The Good Life
March 29	Family Dinner Night: Runza
March 31	Manchester Alumni Scholarship Winners Announced

Stay Informed with PTO!PTO Website <http://www.manchesterpto.com/>PTO Email manchesterpto1@gmail.com

PTO Facebook

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

School Directory

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

Staff Appreciation Week is coming up the second week of March! Contact Mary Metshcke at mebeling@hotmail.com if you can volunteer your time to show our staff how much we appreciate them!

PTO THANKS!

A "heartfelt" Thank You goes out to all who volunteered and participated in our Valentine's Day Parties in February! Our kids were surrounded with love and fun!

Also, a "world full of thanks" to everyone who is signed up to help with Staff Appreciation Week!

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!

March 13



March 29

**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!

PTO 2018/2019!

We have several open committee and executive board seats in the upcoming school year. Please consider volunteering your time/efforts to serve in the PTO.

Email andrea.abrahamson@live.com for information on what seats are open!



ELKHORN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

2018-2019 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST

Arbor View Elementary, Blue Sage Elementary Fire Ridge Elementary, Hillrise Elementary, Manchester Elementary, Sagewood Elementary, Skyline Elementary, Spring Ridge Elementary, West Bay Elementary, West Dodge Station Elementary and Westridge Elementary

**Community organizations are available to financially assist with the purchase of school supplies.
For additional information, please contact your building principal.**

KINDERGARTEN

Book bag
Plastic pencil box (8" X 5")
Elmer's glue (1 bottle)
Glue Sticks (12)
Kleenex tissues (2 boxes)
Crayons—24 count (4 boxes)
#2 yellow pencils (12, sharpened)
Large (pink pearl) eraser (1)
EXPO dry erase markers—4 color pack (All Black, 1 box)
Washable markers—8 classic colors pack (2 boxes)
Fiskar children's scissors
Art shirt
Towel for resting—no blankets

SECOND GRADE

Book bag
Plastic pencil box (8" X 5")
Glue sticks (6)
Glue Bottle (1)
Kleenex tissues (2 boxes)
Crayons—24 count (2 boxes)
#2 yellow pencils (36, sharpened; not mechanical)
Large (pink pearl) erasers (2)
EXPO dry erase markers
Washable markers—8 classic colors pack (1 box)
Colored pencils (12)
Highlighters
Scissors
Pocket folders (3, No Trapper Keeper)
Ruler (marked standard and metric, plastic—not flexible)
Spiral notebooks—wide ruled (4, single subject)
Composition notebooks (2)
Headphones or earbuds

FOURTH GRADE

Book bag
Plastic pencil box or pencil case
Glue sticks (4)
Kleenex tissues (2-3 boxes)
Crayons—24 count (1 or 2 boxes)
#2 pencils (24, sharpened)
Large erasers (2)
EXPO dry erase markers—4 color pack (Classic Colors, 1 box)
Washable markers (8)
Colored pencils (12)
Highlighters (2 colors)
Red checking pens (2+)
Scissors
Pocket folders (5, different colors)
Ruler (marked standard and metric)
Spiral notebooks—wide-ruled (5, single subject)
Composition notebook (2)
Loose leaf paper—wide-ruled (2 packages)
Headphones or earbuds
-No pencil sharpeners or Trapper keepers-

FIRST GRADE

Book bag
Plastic pencil box (8" X 5")
Elmer's glue (1 bottle)
Glue sticks (8)
Kleenex tissues (2 boxes)
Crayons—24 count (2 boxes)
#2 yellow pencils (24, sharpened)
Large (pink pearl) erasers (2)
EXPO thick dry erase markers— (4 - ALL BLACK)
Washable markers—8 classic colors pack (2 boxes)
Fiskar children's scissors
Two-pocket folders without prongs (1 solid yellow, 1 solid blue)
Headphones or earbuds
Mead Primary/Wide Rule Composition Notebook

THIRD GRADE

Book bag
Plastic pencil box (8" X 5" -- No Lock)
Glue Sticks (6)
Kleenex tissues (3 boxes)
Crayons—24 count (1 box)
#2 pencils (36, sharpened; not mechanical)
Large eraser (1)
EXPO dry erase markers chisel tip classic color 8 pack (1)
EXPO dry eraser (1)
Washable markers—8 classic colors pack (1 box)
Colored pencils (12)
Highlighters (4, multicolor, NOT GEL)
Scissors
Pocket folders (4, different colors)
Ruler (marked standard and metric, plastic—not flexible)
Spiral notebooks—wide ruled (3, single subject)
Composition notebook, 9.75" x 7.5" (2)
Loose leaf paper—wide-ruled (2 packages)
Headphones or earbuds

FIFTH GRADE

Book bag
Pencil pocket (soft nylon) with a zipper
Glue sticks (2)
Kleenex tissues (3 boxes)
#2 pencils—(24, sharpened)
EXPO dry erase markers—4 color pack (1 box)
Washable markers—8 classic colors pack (1 box)
Colored pencils (12)
Highlighters (2 different colors)
Checking pens
Scissors
Pocket folders (5)
Ruler (marked standard and metric)
Spiral notebooks—wide-ruled (4, single subject)
Composition notebook (2)
Loose leaf paper—wide-ruled (1 package)
Note cards (100)
Binders—one inch (1+)
-No Trapper keepers-

*****Note: Supplies such as pencils and loose leaf paper may need to be replenished throughout the school year.**



Elkhorn Summer Enrichment

Inspire - Enrich - Expand

Elkhorn Public Schools is excited to launch a new summer enrichment program for our students. Inspiring courses have been designed and will be taught by EPS certified staff members and will run in one-week sessions. These courses have been designed to expand student experiences and enrich summer learning.

OPEN TO: Students in 1st-8th grades for the 2018-2019 school year

DATES: Session one: June 25th-29th
Session two: July 9th-13th

LOCATION: Elkhorn Ridge Middle School, 17880 Marcy Street Omaha, NE 68118

REGISTRATION: Opens Friday, March 9 at www.summerenrichment.elkhornweb.org.

For additional information or with questions, contact:

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