

April 2018



MOUNTAIN LION TIMES

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mon. Apr. 2	Battle of the Books District Challenge @ Sagewood PTO Meeting at 6:30pm
Wed. Apr. 4	First Grade Field Trip to Rose Theater Fifth Grade Performance at the Holland Center
Thurs. Apr. 5	Pawsitive Pride-Lunch with Principal
Fri., Apr. 6	NSCAS Pep Rally
Fri. Apr. 20	Teacher In Service-No School
Wed. Apr. 25	Mid Quarter Reports Sent Home
Wed. Apr. 25-27	Book Fair
Fri. Apr. 27	Fourth Grade Field Trip-State Capitol and Memorial Stadium School Carnival 5:30-8pm

WE WANT YOUR FEEDBACK

Our school benefits from a very supportive community with strong parent involvement. Because continuous improvement is a large part of our mission, we are seeking your input in order to help us ensure strong student achievement and a positive culture that enhances learning for all.

Please take a few minutes prior to Monday, April 16, 2018 to follow the link and participate in our school climate survey. If you have any questions please feel free to contact the school.

<https://goo.gl/4fKf5k> **THANK YOU!**

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

National Volunteer Appreciation Week is April 15-21. At Manchester, we have a long history of parents and community members who are deeply committed to volunteering to help make our school the place everyone wishes they could send their children. There are countless examples of Manchester parents and grandparents who step up and help in several ways at our school. Our volunteers play a vital role in helping to ensure a successful school experience for all our students. It is an honor to be the principal of a school where such strong commitment to volunteerism is modeled and on display every day. Thank you for making Manchester an amazing place for our students and staff to come to every day.

April brings forth an opportunity to measure student success by participating in the state NSCAS assessments. On Friday, April 6th, we will kick off our NSCAS testing with a pep rally. A special thank you to Renee Vokt for planning and organizing this kick off for the students and staff. I'm confident that Manchester students will do well on these assessments. I'm proud of the work they do every day and these assessments provide them with an opportunity to demonstrate what they have learned and to show how much they have grown this year.

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

Amy Christ

A SHOUT OUT TO OUR AMAZING PARENTS

THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR STUDENTS AND PARENTS FOR MAKING STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK A WONDERFUL WEEK OF ADVENTURE AND LEARNING ABOUT THE DIFFERENT COUNTRIES IN OUR WORLD. THE STAFF TRULY ENJOYED FIGURING OUT THE ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS PROVIDED EACH DAY. WE WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS OUR GRATITUDE TO MARY METSCHKE FOR ORGANIZING THE CELEBRATION ALONG WITH ALL OF OUR OTHER PARENTS WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THE MEALS, PRIZES, ETC.



follow us on
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.

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](#)



FUN DAY AND FIELD DAY SHIRTS

FUN DAY IS SCHEDULE FOR FRIDAY, MAY 11 FOR KINDERGARTEN THROUGH FIFTH GRADE. WE ARE ASKING STUDENTS TO WEAR THE **PURPLE WALK-A-THON SHIRT THEY WERE PROVIDED IN THE FALL. IF YOUR CHILD CAME AFTER IT, HE/SHE CAN JUST WEAR ANY PURPLE SHIRT IF HE/SHE HAS ONE.**

FIELD DAY IS SCHEDULE FOR MONDAY, MAY 21 AT ELKHORN GRANDVIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL FOR GRADES THIRD THROUGH FIFTH. WE WOULD LIKE THIRD GRADE TO WEAR THEIR PURPLE WALK-A-THON SHIRT. WE WOULD LIKE FOURTH GRADE TO WEAR A **BLUE SHIRT, AND WE WOULD LIKE FIFTH GRADE TO WEAR A **RED** SHIRT.**

SUMMER ACTIVITY CAMPS

Each summer Elkhorn coaches and sponsors offer a variety of sports/activity camps for students of all ages. Available camps will be posted online at elkhornweb.org/antlers and elkhornweb.org/storm starting at April 1, 2018. Parents can go online to browse camps and download registration flyers.

Please note: Elkhorn Public Schools only posts summer camp information for camps hosted by an EPS coach or sponsor as related to his/her duties within the school district.

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

In the past, all students in grades three through 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

Tech Tips

Parental Controls

Did you know you are able to limit your student's access to websites, email contacts or even control the time of day and the duration in which they use the computer? By creating different user profiles and customized parental controls on your home computer you can help make sure your child is viewing age-appropriate content.

Apps Parents Should Know—Snapchat and photo saving apps

Snapchat is an app that allows users to send pictures, videos and short captions to friends 10 times faster than (mms) text messaging. The app allows the sender to determine when the message will expire (up to 10 seconds). Users have the option to send a "snap" to one person or a group of people. Once a message is viewed, it will disappear and cannot be retrieved again. However, the person receiving the 'snap' has the ability to take a screenshot of the photo and save it directly to their device. It is important to understand that even though a message may expire, there is no guarantee a photo will not be re-distributed by the receiver. Several new apps have been created to quickly save Snapchat photos before they expire. Apps like MirrorGo (Android), ScreenRecorder (iOS), and Snap Saver save photos and videos without notifying the sender. Bottom line—never assume a Snapchat picture or video is temporary or private.

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.

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 _____



Congratulations to these PAWSITIVE students! They will enjoy their lunch with Mrs. Christ on Thursday, April 5th.



Evelyn Peterson
Atharv Raturi
Aleahya Brenneman
Jude Paulsen



Bella Lieberth
Dyllan Ridenoure
Parker Kruse
Utah Anderson
Remi Christiansen



Ellie Duan
Luke Hasley
Alexis Murray
Lindy DeVeney



Jack Jessen
Muoch Thich
Colin Acker
Sam Miller



Carson Kortan
Ethan Beachy
Sophia Sweeney
Henry Groenjes



Saral Sapkota
Anna Ripley
Ashleigh George



Jackson Cemer



Jude Paulsen



Jane Hendryx



April Counseling Corner

Here are some upcoming events for School Counseling



Safety Presentation for Stranger Danger: Friday, April 6th



Officer Jay Wingler, Douglas County Sheriff's Department will speak on Stranger danger, Safety during the summer, and General Safety Topics

- ❑ **5th Grade Career Fair will be 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>
- ❑ **ANXIETY IN CHILDREN PRESENTATION was rescheduled for April 3rd from 5:30-6:30 Maureen O'Donald LMHP from Arbor Family Counseling will present**
- ❑ **Programs to Help Families:**
- ❑ **PLEASE CONTACT US IF YOU ARE IN NEED OF BACKPACKS IN THE FALL**

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)
- <https://www.loveandlogic.com/t-Free-Articles-and-Handouts-for-Parents.aspx>
- Parenting with Love and Leadership: John Roseman 1.704.860.4711 or roseman.com

- ❑ **Guidance Class: April and May we will focus on Safety and Dealing with Transitions.**

Please let us know if you have questions. Thank You!!!!
Shelly Wiley, School Counselor, swiley@epsne.org



News, Events, Announcements

DATES TO REMEMBER

April 2018

- April 2 PTO Meeting
- April 6 2:15 NeSA Pep Rally
- April 12 Family Dinner Night Hy Vee
- April 27 School Carnival 5:30-8:00pm

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 Night! April 12 at



EVENTS

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/>

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!

Sign Up Genius is Coming via Email for all Positions!

School Carnival

Friday, April 27 5:30-8:00

Be on the look-out for the Carnival order form coming home in Friday Folders! New this year will be food trucks! Also, look for an email from your classroom coordinator regarding collection of raffle items coming soon! See you there!



***NSCAS "Bring Your Best Selfie" Pep Rally starting April 6 at 2:15!**

Manchester Alumni Scholarships Awarded!

A big congratulations goes out to our 2018 Scholarship Award Winners:

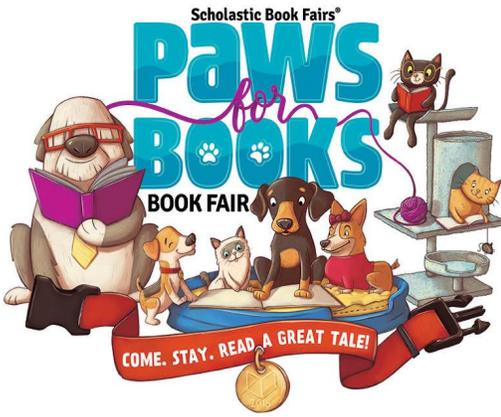
Lauren Franzen Joshua Theile

Each recipient will receive \$500.

A big thank you to Meghan Thom, Jennifer Czak, Karen Wearne, and Nicole McMahon for serving on the Scholarship Committee!

Time to order your school supplies for next school year 2018-19

ORDER NOW!
Save time & money with school supply packs.
Sale Ends: 6/23
Order Online at www.educationalproducts.com/shoppacks
Enter Our School ID: **MAN146**



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!

CLASSROOM NEED



Mrs Bang is looking for some donations of baby wipes for her art room. The students use these to wipe hands, tables & cleanup from their art class. Thank you!



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

Traffic Question

Which street is the polite one to join the drop-off/pick-up line?

- A. Locust Street
- B. Wirt Street
- C. Spencer Street
- D. B or C

Answer: D (Wirt or Spencer)
Please be considerate of those vehicles that have already been waiting in line and join the end of the drop-off/pick-up line.

