

# MAY 2018



## MOUNTAIN LION TIMES

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Mon. May 7	PTO Meeting
Wed. May 9	2nd Grade Field Trip Morrill Hall 8:30am-2:30pm
Thurs. May 10	3rd Grade Field Trip Durham Museum 9:15am-1:30pm  Dr. Jen Sinclair-Meet & Greet 5:30 to 7:00
Fri. May 11	Fun Day K-5th Grades
Mon. May 14	Middle School Tour for 5th Grade 9:30-11:00 am
Mon. May 21	Field Day 3rd-5th Grades @ Grandview Middle School
Tues. May 22	Bicycle Assembly
Thurs. May 24	5th Grade Celebration at 1:30-2:45 pm ("B" Day)
Fri. May 25	Last Student Day Dismissal at 11:30 am ("D" Day)

### **LAST DAY OF SCHOOL**

Elkhorn Public Schools will dismiss at **11:30am.** on the last day of school Friday, May 25th. High school students will dismiss according to the testing schedule.

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Where did the year go? It is hard to believe we are only a few weeks away from the last day of school. As I reflect on the school year, we have much to be proud about at Manchester. I'm always amazed by the academic and personal growth that happens over the course of the school year. I want to thank our amazing students, supportive parents and outstanding Manchester staff for making this year so successful.

Sadly, we will be saying farewell to Mrs Knust, Mrs. Dahl and Mrs. Lee as they will be transitioning to help with the opening of Blue Sage Elementary. Teacher assistant, Lindsay Hoag, will be leaving us to begin her master's program at UNO to become a speech language pathologist. They are all wonderful educators, and they have made significant contributions to Manchester Elementary. We appreciate all that they have done to make Manchester a better school. They will be missed!

The end of the school year is always bittersweet, but especially this year. It is with a grateful heart that I offer my sincerest gratitude to you, our partners in education. It has been a pleasure working with you for the past decade, and I can't think of a place that I would have rather spent my days. I have repeatedly shared that Manchester is a special place. I will dearly miss the students, staff, and parents that make Manchester the magical place it is to raise and teach students. I am proud to have served you and the students at Manchester. Thank you and please have a safe and fun-filled summer!

*Mrs. Christ*

## **PAWSITIVE PALS**

We will have our final "PAWS"itive Pals group time on Wednesday, May 16th. PALS is our version of homerooms where each student is assigned to a group made up of students from all grade levels. Each PALS group is like a family within the school led by an adult. We meet once a month. In May, we will wrap up The Energy Bus for Kids. Students will also be enjoying a popsicle during our last gathering for the year.

## **From the Nurse...**

### **~ Medication Pick-up ~**

The school is not able to store medication over the summer. So please remember, all student medications must be picked up by a parent/guardian, from the health office by May 25th by the end of the day, or it will be properly disposed of.

### **~ Medication for the 2018-2019 school year ~**

If your student requires any medication (over-the-counter and/or prescription) while at school, each medication must have a Medication Authorization form (link below) signed by the parent and a physician, before we can administer. All medications must be unexpired and provided in the original packaging and/or pharmacy container. For prescription medication, please only provide a **maximum of 30 day supply** at a time.

Link to print blank medication authorization form:

<https://www.elkhornweb.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/Medication-Authorization.pdf>

Link to print blank self-carry asthma/anaphylaxis medication:

<http://nebula.wsimg.com/30e77791e1e3ec0212bd429715dd787b?AccessKeyId=32029651ABFAD3DBF315&disposition=0&alloworigin=1>

### **~ Students with Asthma, Severe Allergies, Diabetes, and/or Seizures ~**

If your child has asthma, severe allergies, diabetes, and/or seizures, please submit an emergency action plan signed by your physician. Plans must be updated annually. Blank forms can be obtained at the school office, clicking on link below, or your physician's office can use whatever form they prefer.

Link to print blank Asthma/Anaphylaxis Action Plan:

<http://nebula.wsimg.com/cfbaa74b1585069c3e62e082be27a34c?AccessKeyId=32029651ABFAD3DBF315&disposition=0&alloworigin=1>

## **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**

Coaches and staff of Elkhorn Public Schools athletic organizations host summer skills camps for youth of all ages to learn more about the individual sports and improve their skill set. A list of all camps offered and registration forms can be found by clicking the link below. Questions regarding specific camps should be directed to the contact person listed on the master list of camps offered.

[Elkhorn Summer Sports Camp Information](#)

## **LOST AND FOUND**

Our lost and found has several items to be claimed. Please come take a look to see if one or more of those items belongs to your family. All items not claimed will be donated after the last student day.

## **Mark Your Calendars—Key Dates for our 2018-2019 Back-to-School Events**

**July 30 and 31st New Student Registration 8a.m. to 4p.m.**  
(This is only for families new to the district.)

**Monday, August 6 Back-to-School 101**  
12:00p.m. to 6:00p.m.  
(Note shorter time frame than previous years)

It is highly encouraged that everyone participates in this event. During Back-to-School 101, stations will be set up for the following items:

- Update directory form
- Update enrollment form
- Purchase yearbook
- Order Manchester apparel
- Health update form turned in
- Medication forms turned in
- Sodexo station – put lunch money in account
- Free/Reduced lunch forms
- Lifetouch fall pictures taken (Bring your student!)
- Sign up for PTO committees
- Find out who your teacher is for 2018-19

**Monday, August 13th Open House and Curriculum Night**

Open House 5:30-6:00 Meet your teacher--See your classroom

Curriculum Night –Grades kindergarten through fifth will offer two sessions. Fifth grade’s session will also include information related to Outdoor Education.

- Session One–6:00-6:30
- Session Two–6:30-7:00



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)

### **INCOMING SIXTH GRADE ORIENTATION**

Fifth grade students and parents are invited to an evening orientation on Monday, May 14th at 6:30p.m. at Elkhorn Grandview Middle School. If you have questions or concerns about your child’s upcoming 6th grade experience, please call Grandview at 402-289-9399. Fifth grade students will be visiting Grandview on May 14th, too. The transition from elementary school to middle school can be overwhelming, and we want to make this transition as easy and comfortable as possible.

## **MAP TESTING GRADES 2-5**

The Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) assessments are adaptive computerized tests. Elkhorn administers these tests in August/September and May. Schools have the option to administer it in the winter, too. When taking a MAP assessment, the difficulty of each question is based on how well a student answers all the previous questions. The MAP tests are not timed and usually take students about one hour to complete. MAP assessments are used to measure student progress or growth in core subjects. Many families may have a growth chart at home on which they mark their child's height at certain times, such as each birthday. This growth chart shows how much a child has grown from one year to the next. MAP assessments do the same sort of thing, except they allow us to set individual goals and measure improvement in core skills through the school year. MAP assessments are also designed to give teachers information about student strengths, as well as areas where additional time and support may be needed. The following testing schedule has been set for May:

### MAP TESTING SCHEDULE

- Monday, April 30: 2nd Grade Reading; 5th Grade Math
- Tuesday, May 1: 3rd Grade Reading; 4th Grade Math; 5 Grade Science
- Wednesday, May 2: 3rd Grade Math; 4th Grade Reading
- Thursday, May 3: 2nd Grade Math; 5th Grade Reading

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## **PAW PRAISE**

\*A big thank you goes out to Andrea Abrahamson (President), Jenn Uhlman (VP), Mary Metschke (Treasurer) and Amy Ruhlman (Secretary) for leading the PTO this year. Thank you to these amazing ladies for their time and dedication to our school.

\*Thank you to Kari Marcley for making our school carnival once again a positive and fun-filled evening for our families. I'd also like to thank the parents, staff and students who volunteered. Plus, I appreciate everyone who donated liters of pop, items for the cakewalk, and/or contributed to the raffle baskets. These types of events wouldn't be possible without several individuals graciously volunteering their time and talent.

\*I'm so appreciative of the hours MyLinh Le has spent assembling our school yearbook. It is something I know our students and families will enjoy for years to come.

\*Back-to-School Supplies--Manchester PTO will be offering the prepackaged school supplies at cost to families. Thank you to Sarah Freeland and Kari Marcley for helping to provide this for our students' families again.

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## **PASSAGE OF LB 42--CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY**

The changes are as follows:

- 1) Children shall ride in an approved child safety seat until their 8th birthday;
- 2) Infants shall ride rear-facing until their 2nd birthday unless they outgrow the manufacturer's maximum allowable height or weight requirements; and
- 3) Children under the age of 8 shall ride in a seat other than a front seat if such seat or seats are so equipped with such passenger restraint system and such seat or seats are not already occupied by a child or children under eight years of age.

Once signed in to law, these provisions will go into effect on January 1, 2019.



Congratulations to these PAWSITIVE students! They will enjoy their lunch with Mrs. Christ on Thursday, May 3rd.



Hunter Marcley  
Jackson Benjamin  
Hudson Haney  
Ellie McCune



Ivy Hammans  
Lily Jackson  
Cali Nielsen  
Mac Wills  
Parker Severa



Abhinav Yalamanchili  
Harrison Wilberding  
Tommy Klemke  
Makenzie Webster



Joslyn Frost  
Jace Carney  
Emma Nadgwick  
Drona Jayanti



Tomasz Kissel  
Alyssa Zagurski  
Audra Brabec  
Zack DeVeney



Aiden Metschke  
Bailey Powell  
Nico Peterson



Alexa Johnson



Mason Miller



Zoe Burley





# BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

Please take a moment to recognize our Battle of the Books members. These 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders have worked incredibly hard reading and becoming experts on their chapter books. We are so proud of the teamwork and sportsmanship each of you demonstrated this year!

“Can I get a hoo-rah, Raise the roof”!



Special congratulations to our 2<sup>nd</sup> Place District Battle Runner- Ups

## 4<sup>TH</sup> GRADE MEMBERS

Kade Foy\*  
Henry Groenjes\*  
Dallin McCune\*  
Madison Mensch\*  
Addison Kratky\*  
Sophie Wurdeman\*  
Naomi Ford\*  
Alena Franksman  
Aubrey Phonphakdy  
Brooke Franzen  
Tanner Bryant  
Sai Smaran Araveti  
Sahler Smith  
Reid Cameron  
Emerson DePew  
Evan Olijnek  
Carter Thies  
Ashton Burroughs

\*District Participant

## 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE MEMBERS

Sydney Wallace\*  
Zach Biegert\*  
Jack Real\*  
Parker Stessman\*  
Ben Bailey\*  
Mason Miller\*  
Sara Nguyen\*  
Eli Johnson\*  
Maddy Tillman\*  
Ryan Goldman  
Saral Sapkota  
Anna Ripley  
Emily Czak

\*District Participant



Join Us May 10 from 5:30-7:00  
Manchester Elementary 3-5 Playground  
Meet Manchester's New Principal  
Cookies and Punch Provided



News, Events, Announcements

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

### **May 2018**

May 7-PTO Meeting \*Voting on Playground Equipment Purchase and 2018/2019 Exec Board Positions

May 15-Family Dinner Night Mama's Pizza

### **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!

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c044eaea62ca3fe3-manchester>

Parent Volunteers are the only way PTO can bring events to our school community, so be sure to sign up to chair a committee so we can keep our current traditions alive!

## **THANKS!**

A HUGE Thank you goes out to Kari Marcey for all of her hard work on the Spring Carnival! Thank you to all parents and staff who volunteered their time that evening!

## **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 on May 15th at



*Family owned for over 25 years!*

**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](http://www.educationalproducts.com/shoppacks)

Enter Our School ID: **MAN146**

**Manchester PTO would like to wish everyone a safe and happy summer!**

**We will see you next year!**

## **MAY COUNSELING CORNER**

Here are some upcoming events for School Counseling

- ❑ 5th Grade Career Fair was AWESOME!!!! We had 18 speakers. Thank you so much parents for coming and speaking. The kids loved it!! And thank you 5th grade staff!!!!
- ❑ Programs to Help Families:
- ❑ If you are need of a backpack for your child in the Fall 2018 school year please contact me at: [swiley@epsne.org](mailto:swiley@epsne.org)

### **Counseling:**

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

### **Outside Programs for Parenting Websites:**

- Love and Logic: 800-338-4065 or [loveandlogic.com](http://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](http://roseman.com)

- ❑ Guidance Class: May is career awareness and what to expect next year (transitions)

Please let us know if you have questions. Thank You!!!!

Shelly Wiley, School Counselor, [swiley@epsne.org](mailto:swiley@epsne.org)

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## **DISTRICT INFO - MAY 2018**

### **Last Day of School Information**

The last day of school for EPS students for the 2017-18 school year will be Friday, May 25<sup>th</sup>; all students will dismiss at 11:30 a.m.

Looking ahead for important dates for next school year? The EPS calendar for 2018-2019 can be found here: <https://www.elkhornweb.org/calendar/>

### ***Apps Parents Should Know—Apps that Encourage Outdoor Activity***

With the end of the school year in sight, parents are beginning to think about new and exciting ways to keep students busy, without losing them to the constant temptation of mindless technology use. The following apps allow individuals to utilize their tech instruments, while also being recommended by Common Sense Media ([www.commonsensemedia.org](http://www.commonsensemedia.org)) for encouraging outdoor activities.

n *Plum's Photo Hunt*: this free app, sponsored by PBS, is a great way to engage elementary-aged children and their parents in outdoor activity. Users are given a list of objects and observations that can be found in nature of which to take photos. Finding things like signs of animal life, tiny things in nature, and patterns found in nature gives children a sense of adventure while learning new exploratory skills and improving their observation skills.

n *Geocaching*: Geocaching is a great family activity that inspires outdoor activity in conjunction with family time. The app gives users a list of GPS locations where others have stashed hidden treasures, and provides hints and directions on locating it. While geocaching is a great family activity, it is suggested that users always have adult supervision and is not recommended for individual use by children.

For more ideas on apps that encourage kids to get up, get out, and explore, check out <https://bit.ly/1RrdBs9>.

*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.*