



November 2019

Upcoming Events:

NOVEMBER

- 1st Student Council Smencil Sales
- 4th 6:30 PTO Meeting in the Library
- 4th-7th Book Fair
- 5th 6:00 2nd Grade Music Program
- 7:00 3rd Grade Music Program
- 7th 5:30-7:30 p.m. Pancake Man and Book Fair Event
- 11th 9:00 a.m. Veterans Day Program
- 15th Student Council Smencil Sales
- 19th 6:00 4th Grade Music Program
- 7:00 5th Grade Music Program
- 22nd Student Council Smencil Sales
- 27th 2:06 Dismissal
- 28th-29th Thanksgiving Break

December

- 6th 4th Grade Field Trip
- 19th Pals Winter Service Project
- 20th End of the 2nd Quarter
- Dec. 23rd-Jan. 2nd No School, Winter Break
- Jan. 3rd No School, Teacher Inservice

From Mrs. Addink:

Manchester Families,

It's hard to believe we're already into the second quarter of the school year and snow is in the forecast! Please remind your child(ren) to bring hats, gloves, and winter coats each day. The students will go outside for Walking Club and recess if the windchill is above 15 degrees.

The Elkhorn Public Schools Foundation Hall of Fame Awards Banquet was a fun-filled evening with two of our Mountain Lions being honored with Elkhorn Public Schools awards. Congratulations to Shelby Uleman for earning the Golden Apple Teacher of the Year award. Also, Patty Bleich was the recipient of the Support Staff Member of the Year award! We are incredibly fortunate to have a staff comprised of individuals who go to great lengths for our children!

Please note the dates to the left and check out the information in the newsletter explaining the PTO Winter Service Project, Celebration of Giving Program, and Kindergarten Roundup.

We're looking forward to seeing you at the Book Fair and Pancake Man event!

Please call or email if I can be of assistance. Thank you for your continued support of our staff and students!

Sarah Addink, 402-289-2590 saddink@epsne.org

Links

SODEXO-Lunch <https://www.elkhornweb.org/parents/lunch/lunch-account/>

MANCHESTER WEB PAGE <https://www.elkhornweb.org/manchester/>

[EPS 2019-20 Calendar](#)

Arctic Adventure Scholastic Book Fair

Make plans now to visit our "Arctic Adventure" Scholastic Book Fair November 4-7! Every book fair purchase benefits our school and this year our goal is to sell \$9,500 worth of books. We earn books and money for our media center based on our total sales. This money is used to buy books, PebbleGo, and Playaways for our library.

Book fair hours will be:

Monday, November 4 th	2:45-4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, November 5 th	2:45-4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, November 6 th	2:45-4:00 p.m.
Thursday, November 7 th	2:45-7:00 p.m.

On Thursday, November 7th, come eat pancakes with the Pancake Man and stay and shop at our book fair.

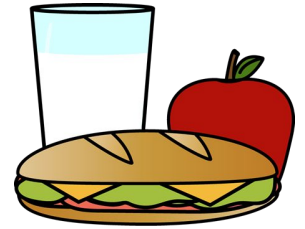
If you are unable to stop in at our book fair, you can shop our online book fair from October 26-November 8. Check out our book fair webpage at <http://www.scholastic.com/bf/manchesterelementaryschool> for more information. Hope you see you at our book fair!



Lunch & Recess

We welcome parents to join their child during the designated grade level lunch period.

Grade	Lunch	Recess
Kindergarten	10:55-11:20	11:20-11:40
	Recess	Lunch
First Grade	11:00-11:20	11:20-11:40
Second Grade	11:15-11:35	11:35-11:55
Third Grade	11:40-12:00	12:00-12:20
Fourth Grade	12:00-12:20	12:20-12:40
Fifth Grade	12:20-12:40	12:40-1:00



Find out more at:

www.ManchesterPTO.com

Manchester PTO meets monthly on Monday evenings.

Workroom Volunteers

If you are available and interested, we would appreciate extra help in our workroom with material preparation. The dates are found on the sign-up genius link below.

[Workroom Volunteer Sign-up](#)

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Junior Achievement

WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR CHILD'S CLASSROOM?

At Manchester we offer the Junior Achievement program to all grades K-5, but we need parent volunteers to make it successful. We are asking parent volunteers to share their time for 30-45 minutes during five visits. Junior Achievement enhances the students' understanding of the local economy. Student lessons teach about spending, saving, business, and many more topics.

Grades 3-5 will have JA in the Fall and K-2 will need volunteers in Winter/Spring.

If you can help, contact Candice Milone at cmilone@epsne.org and give your name and your child's teacher. Thank you for making a difference!



The Box Tops program is changing to an app, making it easier to earn cash for Manchester!

See the instructions on the last page of this newsletter for more information. For questions contact Megan Wagner at meganLwagner@hotmail.com

Winter Service Project

PTO is sponsoring the upcoming winter service project to make fleece blankets for the Open Door Mission.

Please consider donating fleece material.

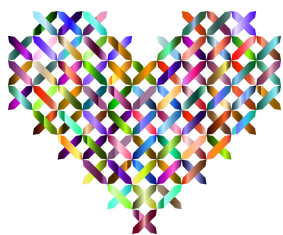
Each blanket requires 2 pieces of fleece, 2 yards each piece.

Donations can be dropped off in the main office by Friday, Dec. 13th.

We will also gratefully accept Wal-Mart gift cards to purchase needed fleece.

We are excited to tie blankets with our Pawsitive Pals groups in December.

Thank you for your support!



The Manchester staff would like to thank the numerous volunteers who assisted with the annual Health Screenings, we couldn't have done it without you! Also, thank you to Sara Bird who lead the PTO Health Screening committee.

Thank you to Shelli Klemke, Sarah Freeland, and Kolleen Benjamin who joined many of our Manchester staff members at the Hall of Fame Awards Banquet to celebrate our Manchester staff!

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October Pawsitive Pride Winners

These students were caught being respectful, responsible, and safe!

Art: Charlie M. **Music:** Victoria Z. **PE:** Brynnley D.

Kindergarten: Ryann A., Beau R., John G., Will B., Kylie N.

First Grade: Paige M., Addison G., Landon M., Rachel K., Corbin P.

Second Grade: Adelynn B., Kenzie W., Hannah F., Logan M., HarShil N.

Third Grade: Addison J., Lukas R., Seth B., Marissa R., Ashlyn O.

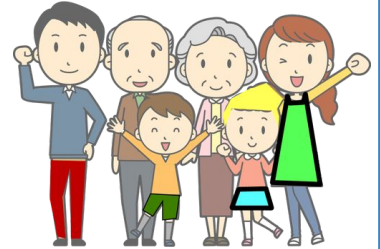
Fourth Grade: Adam P., Janani P., Kinsley C., Josie K.

Fifth Grade: Jack R., Maya H., Emma N., Camille P.

The monthly Pawsitive Pride Red Ticket winners will eat lunch with Mrs. Addink on Friday, November 1st!



November Counseling Corner



There are many programs through our school and community for families during the holiday season. Here are a few programs that are available:

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

Families in Need:

- Celebration of Giving Project: This program provides families with gifts around the holidays. (Due November 8th to participate) (Please contact me at: swiley@epsne.org if you would like to participate i.e. receive gifts for your family)

Outside Programs for Parenting Websites:

- Love and Logic: 800-338-4065 or <https://www.loveandlogic.com> (Great Parenting Website)
- Boystown Parenting: <https://www.boystown.org/parenting/Pages/default.aspx>

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 <https://www.benefitsapplication.com/apply/NE/Nebraska%20Kids%20Connection>
- One World Health: 402-734-4110 <https://www.oneworldomaha.org/>
- C.O.P.E.: Food, Clothing & Assistance:
3434 North 204th Street
Elkhorn, NE 68022
Phone Number- (402) 616-2330

Guidance Class:

During the month of November the main focus is Conflict Resolution Skills with emotional management for K-5. Please let us know if you have questions.

Thank You!

Shelly Wiley, School Counselor, swiley@epsne.org

Special Thank you to the Families who donated for the Open Door Mission! Thank you for supporting our Community!

Elkhorn Elementary/Middle Schools Celebration of Giving Project

The Elkhorn Elementary and Middle Schools are sponsoring a Gift Drive for families within our Elkhorn community. These Elkhorn families have been identified as needing some special assistance during this time of year.

We welcome the opportunity to have parents and children help build a sense of Elkhorn community, with this Giving Project.

The wish lists have been collected from the families, and the mittens will be displayed within the front office.

If you would like to participate in this year's project:

1. Select a mitten with an item(s) that you are comfortable purchasing.
(Only adults are allowed to check out a mitten).
2. Record the mitten(s) you have taken in the office with Mrs. Bleich or Mrs. Schafer.
3. Purchase the item(s).
4. Gift wrap the item(s) at home.
5. Firmly secure the mitten(s) to the outside of the wrapped item.
This is the only way we know what is inside of the gift and who the gift belongs to.
6. **Return the wrapped item to your school, no later than Friday, December 12th at 3pm.**

***You may select a mitten(s), before and after school,
starting on Monday, after school, November 25th.***

Thank you so much for participating! If you have any questions please call:
Mrs. Bleich or Mrs. Schafer in the office at 402-289-2590.





District Reminders

SCHOOL MESSENGER - ARE YOU UP TO DATE?

EPS uses a parent messaging system called SchoolMessenger to send emails and phone calls to parents, including information about school and activities cancellations. To ensure you are receiving important messages from your school and the District, please let the office know of any changes to your email addresses or phone numbers.

TECH SAVVY PARENT TIPS - SOCIAL MEDIA RED FLAGS TO LOOK FOR

As the use of social media continues to be more frequent in adolescents, adults must remain continually vigilant in monitoring to ensure proper use of social platforms for the safety of youth.

When monitoring the social media use of a young adult, there are a few things to be on the lookout for and ways to combat them:

- 1) *Age-inappropriate content:* when using apps that feature user-generated content, users do not need to actually follow users posting explicit content in order to view it. To combat this occurrence, adults should explore the app themselves and attempt to determine how easily the information can be accessed prior to giving youth permission to use the app.
- 2) *Location Tracking and Sharing:* Apps such as Twitter, Snapchat, and Instagram have the option of allowing users to turn on their location sharing settings, making a user's location information available to others. Adults should assist in the setup of new social media apps for youth use and ensure location sharing settings are turned off in the settings to avoid sharing location information with individuals that should not have access to it.
- 3) *Anonymity:* While being anonymous doesn't always lead to cyberbullying, it certainly gives a sense of "security" to those seeking to cause harm. Apps such as Whisper and YOLO should be carefully monitored to ensure your student is neither being bullied or participating in the bullying of others.

For more tips regarding youth social media use, visit www.commonsendmedia.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.

