



March 2020

Upcoming Events:

March

2nd PTO Meeting 6:30
Read Across America Week
9-13th Staff Appreciation Week
17th 5th Grade Recorder Concert
18th End of Third Quarter
19-20th Spring Break, No School
23rd Teacher In-Service No School
26th Spring Picture Day
30th District Battle of the Books
31st Manchester Art Show 5:00-7:00

April

6th PTO Meeting 6:30
7th 6:00 Kindergarten Music Program
7:00 1st grade Music Program
9th Teacher Inservice, No School
10th No School
24th 6:00 PTO School Carnival

From Mrs. Addink:

Manchester Families,

Thank you attending conferences, your continued support is truly appreciated. The education of our children is truly a team effort. Strong school to home communication is essential for our children's success.

Please note the spring testing schedule on the next page of the newsletter. Students feel most confident completing the assessments with their class, so please try to schedule appointments around the testing dates.

Thank you for the conference meal donations. The staff enjoyed the delicious salads, soups, pizza, and desserts!

The next time you're at Manchester please help welcome our new head custodian, Mr. Norise Young. He brings many years of experience to the role. Mr. Jim West retired from the position this February. We are so grateful for everything Mr. Jim did for our staff, students, and families over the years.

Please contact me if I can be of assistance.

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Links

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

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

[EPS 2019-20 Calendar](#)

Spring Testing

All students across the State of Nebraska in 3rd-8th and 11th grades will complete the NSCAS assessment (Nebraska Student Centered Assessment System). NSCAS helps districts identify strengths and areas of need for each student. 3rd-5th graders will complete reading and math. 5th graders will also complete NSCAS science.

All students kindergarten through 5th grades will complete the MAP assessment (Measures of Academic Progress) this spring. MAP helps students and teachers set individual goals. MAP focuses on students' progress from fall to spring. All students will complete reading and math. 5th graders will also complete MAP science.

Please let me know if I can answer any questions about our spring testing.

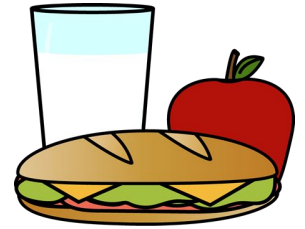
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	NSCAS Reading, Math, Science	MAP Reading, Math, Science
Kindergarten	Not Administered	April 29, May 6
First	Not Administered	April 27, May 4
Second	Not Administered	May 5, May 7
Third	April 7-8, April 21-22	May 1, May 8
Fourth	April 15-16, April 22-23	May 5, May 6
Fifth	April 15-16, April 22-23, April 7-8	April 29, April 30, May 5

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



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Thank you to the many volunteers who planned, assisted, and donated supplies for the Valentine's Day parties. Our students had a blast with all of the volunteers!

Thank you to Anne Revers and Stephanie Steinhardt for their work in organizing, and setting and cleaning up the conference meals. Also, thank you to the many families who donated to make the meals possible. The delicious dinners were greatly appreciated and enjoyed by the staff!

We are incredibly fortunate to partner with such a supportive community!

Workroom Volunteers

If you are available and interested, we can always use extra help in our workroom with material preparation for various grade levels. The dates are found on the sign-up genius link below.

[Workroom Volunteer Sign-up](#)

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Lost & Found

Are you missing any coats, hats, gloves, or sweatshirts? Please take a look at the overflowing lost and found table. We will donate all items that haven't been claimed to the Open Door Mission on March 18th.



Find out more at:

www.ManchesterPTO.com

Manchester PTO meets monthly on Monday evenings.

Use the Box Tops app to easily earn cash for Manchester!

For questions contact Megan Wagner at meganLwagner@hotmail.com



Get ready to saddle up and celebrate Staff Appreciation Week

March 9-13th

Our staff is the best in the west! 🌟👨🍳

PTO would be much obliged if you'd consider signing up to help provide some grub and fixins.

Mosey on over to sign up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a48aca729a1fb6-2020>

Thank you!

The Manchester PTO Staff Appreciation Committee



March Counseling Corner

Upcoming Event

- ❑ **The 5th Grade Career Fair will be all day May 8th. Please visit the Sign-up Genius link below if you are interested in presenting your career or hobby.**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0e4dabae2aa31-5thgrade1>

Programs to Help Families

Counseling:

- Arbor Family Counseling (Every Elkhorn Public School student is eligible to receive two 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

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,
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February Pawsitive Pride Winners

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

Art: Nixon R. **Music:** Turner M. **PE:** Keegan D.

Kindergarten: Ishan P., Henry T., Piper B., Marcus P.,
Logan W.

First Grade: Brooklyn B., Jaela C., Kennedy B.,
Callum P., Ella M.

Second Grade: C.J. B., Owen M., Evie P., Paige K.,
Garrett S.

Third Grade: Zoey W., Owen P., Casey A., Shea H., Cole B.

Fourth Grade: Gavin K., Pranavi K., Luke J., Sam R.

Fifth Grade: Lauren W., Luke C., Emily K., Drew E.

The monthly Pawsitive Pride Red Ticket winners will
eat lunch with Mrs. Addink on Friday, March 6th!





District Reminders

Summer Enrichment Program

EPS will again host a Summer Enrichment Program, available to students in grades 1-12 for the 2020-2021 school year. The Summer Enrichment Program will be offered in three separate week-long sessions which includes June 1-5, June 8-12, and June 15-19. Course options, schedules, and registration information for the Summer Enrichment Program can be found at <https://www.elkhornweb.org/programs/se/>.

TeamMates of Elkhorn Seeking Mentors

TeamMates of Elkhorn is currently seeking mentors for students in grades 3-12 interested in participating in the program. If you or someone you know is looking to make a difference in the life of an EPS student by meeting with a student once per week throughout the school year, please apply online at <http://bit.ly/2vNtESK> or contact Kara Perchal at kperchal@epsne.org.

Tech Savvy Parent Tip - Social Media Checklist

Safer Schools Together recently published the below checklist for parents whose students utilize social media as a conversation starter and tool for on-going checking-ins.

- Have a central charging station to keep devices out of bedrooms
- Set up any social accounts with your child to ensure appropriate privacy settings
- Know passwords to all accounts
- Regularly check privacy settings, as app updates can change them frequently
- Discuss strategies of what to do if someone they don't know approaches them online
- Talk to your child about what platforms are popular and why - take a keen interest to help with open dialogue
- Discuss positive and negative uses of social media
- Be mindful of and know what VAULT apps look like
- Remind youth of the permanence and public nature of all things shared electronically
- Ensure location services are turned off for camera and social apps
- Set up and utilize Find my iPhone or Android Device Manager
- Encourage youth to create a positive digital footprint as they grow older by utilizing social media platforms appropriately

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.

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