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Dear Parents,

*We are beginning the final nine week grading period. There is a lot of excitement with spring; however, we must remain focused on working hard and doing our best. Please help your child by continuing to stay involved in their education. Consider these "everyday strategies" to encourage your child to do his/her best. First, communicate expectations. Let your child know you expect him/her to work hard. Set goals with your child. Next, know what your child is learning. Utilize LiveGrades and Class Dojo, talk with your child's teacher, and help your child with homework. Your curiosity will show your child that school matters. Finally, make time for reading. Reading regularly can help your child do well in all subjects and can develop a love of reading for a lifetime. This will also help to encourage your child to reach his/her AR goal for the final nine weeks of school. With warmer weather and spring activities, the days can become long and eventful. Remind your child that school is a priority, and let us continue to work together to help your child succeed and have a great final nine week grading period.*

*Cynthia L. Yeater*  
Cynthia L. Yeater, Principal

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"It Takes a Team to Educate a Child"

## New Manchester Elementary Newsletter April 2017

### SPRING WEATHER

With the arrival of warmer weather, students want to dress in cooler clothing. Please remember that appropriate school attire is expected. If your child wears shorts or skirts, please be sure their length is appropriate (fingertip length). Please do not allow your child to wear tank tops to school. We discourage any type of flip-flops because students walk stairs on a daily basis and go outside for both morning and afternoon recess. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

### PROOF OF HEALTH EXAMINATIONS/PHYSICALS AND PROOF OF DENTAL EXAMINATIONS

Any Hancock County student entering Preschool, Kindergarten or Second grade are required to provide proof of a health examination or physical **and** proof of a dental examination by a licensed dentist. Proper forms for the physician to complete at the appointments have been distributed to the affected grade levels. All proper immunizations and health examinations are due on the first day of school for the 2017-2018 school year.

Please contact the school with any question or concerns.

### SCHOOL NURSE'S CORNER

April is National Autism Awareness Month. Autism is a complex mental condition and developmental disability. People with autism are classified as having Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) at varying degrees. Characteristics of autism are difficulties with communication and interactions with other people; trouble showing empathy; not liking physical contact; not liking sudden changes in the environment; altered or no speech abilities; repetitive behaviors; unpredictable learning rate, obsessions, and physical tics.

In the United States, autism affects 1 in every 110 children. There is no single known cause for autism. Increasing awareness of autism can help the public be more empathetic and supportive toward people with autism.

## COUNSELOR'S CORNER

In March, Deputy Barnhart and I presented in the classrooms on the topic of Fairness and Justice. At least one thing nearly all children agreed on is they have said numerous times, "It's not fair!" and those grownups usually respond, "Life isn't fair." However, we usually do not complain when we get more than our fair share. We also focused on the importance of children and grownups alike following rules and not judging people that are different from us. Lastly, we addressed the difference between equal and fairness - that some students may get more help than others, which is fair because it gives every student an equal chance at school success.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- 4/3 Report Cards
- 4/3 PTA at 6:15 – Election of Officers
- 4/4 Individual Spring Pictures (Optional)
- 4/6 Born Learning
- 4/10 NMES Board Meeting Presentation
- 4/13 PTA Read Aloud and Easter Treat
- 4/14 No School
- 4/17 No School
- 4/19 Preschool – Carnegie Science Classroom Visit
- 4/25 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Family Smarter Balanced Night – “Super Heroes In Training”  
5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
- 4/26 Preschool Carnegie Science Fun Night at 5:30 p.m.
- 4/27 – 4/28 Spirit Days during Lunch
- 4/28 Read Aloud
- 4/28 All School Assembly – “Super Heroes In Training”

*Equal Education Opportunity is the right of a student to participate fully in classroom instruction and extracurricular activities and shall not be abridged or impaired because of age, sex, race, religion, national origin, handicap, pregnancy, parenthood or marriage.*

