

Dear Parents,

A new teacher, classroom, school supplies, and books...each school year is full of changes for your child. We are excited to be a part of these wonderful changes. Elementary school years are critical times in the development of children. Our staff has been working very hard to ensure this is a productive year full of learning, growing, and enjoyment. A year in which we, as a team, can provide a strong foundation and education for your child. It is our goal to work with each of you to ensure your child reaches his/her fullest potential and achieves academic success. Parent and community involvement continue to be essential in helping us reach this goal. When we work together we can help each student achieve wonderful things. We can encourage our children to be lifelong learners. We appreciate everything you do! Remember: "It Takes a Team to Educate a Child" and we are excited to be working with you and your child this school year.

Sincerely,


Cynthia L. Virtue, Principal



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New Manchester Elementary Newsletter August 2016



Our School Website

New Manchester Elementary School has an informational website. Important events, links, and information is placed on this website on a continual basis. Please be sure to check it often. Also, you can access our school Facebook page for pictures and information about events happening in your child's classroom and in the school.

The QR code above will take you directly to our new website or visit:

<http://newmanchester.hancock.k12.wv.us/>

REACHING OUR SUMMER READING GOALS

I hope everyone has been reading over the summer, Reading is such a crucial part of a child's education and success. Remember, NMES has a free online library called Tumblebooks that you can access from anywhere. Many of the books are eligible to be used for AR points. To access Tumblebooks:

http://www.tumblebooks.com/library/asp/customer_login.asp

Username: manchesterelem

Password: books

STAFF CHANGES

We would like to welcome Mrs. Peggy Cashdollar as our new 2nd grade teacher. She is replacing Mrs. Rogers who has relocated to another school. We wish Mrs. Rogers the best of luck at her new school and welcome Mrs. Cashdollar with a big "Bearcat Hug"!

We also welcome Mrs. Dorothy Kidd as an Interventionist and Academic Coach. She will be working closely with Mrs. Pryor and the staff to ensure all students reach their maximum potential at NMES. A big "Bearcat Hug" goes out to Mrs. Kidd!

As a final welcome, we give a big "Bearcat Hug" to Ms. Martha Smith, our new LPN aide. She is replacing Mrs. Baumgarner in our Special Education classroom. Ms. Smith will also be here to help administer first aid when our school nurse is not available.

Kindergarten and Preschool Parents

Kindergarten and Preschool teachers and aides will be contacting parents during the week of August 22, 2016 to discuss home visits and answer any questions you may have.

School Physicals and Dental Forms

Please remember all incoming Preschool, Kindergarten, and 2nd grade students must have a physical and dental examination prior to entering school. Completed forms can be brought into the office or faxed to the school at 304.564.5084.

Safety of Students:

Keeping our students safe is a priority at NMES. Please be sure your child is aware of how he/she is getting home each day. It is a great idea to send a note to school the first day indicating your child's transportation home including his/her bus number and bus stop.

Although we highly recommend that all students ride the bus to and from school, we understand that in some instances students may need to be dropped off in the morning or picked up after school. If you are dropping your child off in the morning, please do not drop them off prior to 7:50 a.m. in the bottom parking lot. Do not drop your child off unless a designated adult is awaiting their arrival. If you are picking your child up after school, please do not enter the top parking lot until all buses have left the area. Do not get out of the car as we will place your child in the car as you pull up to the end of the lot.

It will be of great help if you practice with your child buckling and unbuckling their seatbelts and opening car doors. Please be sure that your child enters and exits always on the passenger side of the car. This is for the safety of all.

SCHOOL SUPPLY LISTS

School supply lists for each grade are located on our school website. Please label your child's belongings.

IMPORTANT FIRST DATES

8/15/16	NMES school office opens from 8 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
8/25/16	First day for students grades 1 st – 4 th
8/31/16	Kindergarten Orientation from 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
9/1/16	First day of Kindergarten
9/2/16	Preschool Orientation from 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
9/5/16	No School – Labor Day
9/6/16	First day of Preschool

SCHOOL HOURS

7:45 a.m.	Staff arrives
7:50 a.m.	Morning arrival of students begins
7:50 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.	Breakfast is served
8:05 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.	Preschool arrives
8:15 a.m.	Tardy bell rings
8:20 a.m.	Instruction begins
9:00 a.m.	Grab and Go breakfast is served
1:15 p.m.	Preschool is dismissed
3:00 p.m.	School is dismissed



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.