

**New Manchester
Elementary Newsletter
February 2017**



"It Takes a Team to Educate a Child"

Dear Parents,

With Valentine's Day quickly approaching this month, it is important to remind your child the value of kindness and friendship. Kindness begins with the way your child feels about others. Thoughts can lead to words and words can lead to actions. Remind your child that kindness toward others can create a positive impact in someone's life and can create lasting friendships. Children who have friends tend to do better in school and enjoy it more. Talk with your child about what he/she values in their friendships and encourage him/her to show friends that they care. Give your child opportunities to strengthen bonds with old friends and find new ones by joining various activities. Remember, "No act of kindness is ever wasted" - Aesop

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Cynthia L. Yeater'.

Cynthia L. Yeater,
Principal

PTA Family Fun Week

Please join us in celebrating PTA Family Fun Week by coming to eat lunch at school with your child the week of February 20th. PTA will be giving away prizes during the lunch. In addition, on Friday, February 24, the PTA will be presenting a Professional Animal Show at 6:00 p.m. free for all NMES families. More details for all events will be sent home in the near future. It promises to be a fun filled week full of family activities.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Kindergarten Registration is underway at New Manchester Elementary School. We will hold Registration/Orientation on Friday, March 17, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. Incoming 2017-18 Kindergarten students/parents are strongly encouraged to attend as this will be the only time you are asked to come to New Manchester Elementary School prior to the beginning of the 2017-2018 school year. If you have a child or know of a child who will be entering Kindergarten next year, please contact the school office at 304-564-3242.

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. Our school nurse will distribute proper forms in the spring for the physician to complete at the appointments. 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

February is **National Dental Health Month!** The American Dental Association (ADA) sponsors **National Child Dental Health Month** to raise awareness about the importance of oral health. Developing good oral care habits at an early age and scheduling regular dental visits helps children to have a good start for a lifetime of healthy teeth and gums. The ADA recommends children see a dentist within 6 months of their first tooth eruption and no later than age one. Children age 3 years and under should have caregivers brushing their teeth morning and night for at least 2 minutes with a rice sized amount of fluoride toothpaste. Supervised brushing starts at age 3 to 6 years with a pea sized amount of toothpaste. Flossing should begin daily when the child has two teeth that touch. A soft-bristled brush should be used and replaced every 3-4 months or sooner if the bristles are frayed. Children need strong, healthy teeth to chew their food, speak, and have a good-looking smile.

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

For the month of January, Deputy Barnhart and I did classroom guidance lessons on the character trait of Respect. We used the book Do Unto Otters to focus on the Golden Rule of treating people, places, and things as we want others to treat us and our things. We also got some great advice from Kid President such as if we have nothing nice to say then we are not thinking hard enough. Students were encouraged to consider how they treat their best friends and that they do so not because it is a rule but because they value that person. For the month of February, we will be focusing on Responsibility. In addition, as a part of National School Counseling Week (February 6-10), all staff and students will be encouraged to wear their favorite college team apparel on Friday, February 10 for College/Career Readiness Day.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 2/2 Born Learning Workshop at 5:30 p.m.
- 2/3 AR Reward for students
- 2/3 No Preschool ONLY
- 2/6 PTA at 6:15 with 1st Grade Presentation
- 2/10 Wear your favorite College Team apparel
- 2/14 Valentine's Day
- 2/15 Title I Parent Involvement for NMES and ATA at ATA at 5:30 p.m.
- 2/16 "Snuggle Up and Read" Preschool Parent Involvement at 1:15 p.m.
- 2/20-2/24 Family Fun Week
- 2/22 Class Pictures
- 2/22 Progress Reports
- 2/23-2/24 Spirit Days during Lunch
- 2/24 PTA Read Aloud
- 2/27 - 3/3 Dr. Seuss Week



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.