

**New Manchester  
Elementary Newsletter  
January 2017**



"It Takes a Team to Educate a Child"

Dear Parents,

*A new year is upon us bringing a time of reflection and excitement for what lies ahead. January is a great time to talk with your child about the goals she/he set at the beginning of the school year. Take this opportunity to ask your child how they are succeeding toward their goal and if they need to make any changes. Perhaps your child would like to set a new goal. Encourage your child to celebrate progress being made toward their goals and not to be discouraged by a step backward, but to learn from it. Through dedication, hard work, and support, your child can achieve their goals! January is also a time that individuals reflect on changes that they want to make in their lives. I want to share with you a change I have made in my own life. I got married over the Christmas holiday. In addition to my beautiful family of 3 daughters, I now have a beautiful step daughter and a wonderful husband. I wanted all of you to know as you will now see my name differently on newsletters, and I did not want you to think you got a new principal at NMES! I am very excited about starting this new year and look forward to hearing about all of the great things the students have done over the holidays.*

Sincerely,

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

### REACHING OUR AR GOALS

Winter is a great time to encourage reading. Try to read with your child every day – perhaps a bedtime story or have read-alouds while putting dinner in the oven. Maybe curling up together on the couch with a book when you get home works for you. However you choose, model the importance of reading with your child. Encourage your child to reach his/her AR reading goal. 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](http://www.tumblebooks.com/library/asp/customer_login.asp)

Username: manchesterelem

Password: books

### ATTENDANCE

Attendance and arriving on time to school is a priority. Remind your child of the importance of attending school regularly. When your child misses school, even if it is for a few minutes, it is difficult to “catch up”. Nothing substitutes participating daily in classroom activities.

### FERPA

Under FERPA, a school must annually notify parents of students in attendance of their rights under FERPA. The annual notification must include information regarding a parent's right to inspect and review his or her child's education records, the right to seek to amend the records, the right to consent to disclosure of personally identifiable information from the records (except in certain circumstances), and the right to file a complaint with the Office regarding an alleged failure by a school to comply with FERPA. The school must also inform parents of its definitions of the terms "school official" and "legitimate educational interest." For further information, please contact Student Services at (304) 564-3411 ext. 3327. You may also contact the school Principal at 304-564-3242.

## SCHOOL NURSE'S CORNER

The 4<sup>th</sup> of January is World Braille Day. This is the Birthday of Louis Braille, the Frenchman who invented the code in 1821. Louis became blind when he was 3 years old by an accident in his Dad's workshop. Braille is not a language but a code that can be translated to any language of the world. Braille is read by passing the fingers over characters made up of one to six embossed (raised) points. Braille provides access to literacy, intellectual freedom, equal opportunity, and personal security. Braille has improved the lives of blind people so that they can be more independent, educate themselves, and have improved social and economic opportunities. Louis proved that if you have the motivation, you can do incredible things!

## COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Deputy Barnhart and I completed the "Keep A Clear Mind" series with the fourth grade students and presented classroom guidance lessons on the character trait of Honesty to students in grades first through fourth. We discussed how it can be tempting to lie to avoid getting in trouble, but in the end lying usually leads to even more trouble. We focused on how lying, cheating, or stealing make it hard for our friends or grownups to trust us. For the older kids we included a discussion about rumors and how to tell a friend they hurt our feelings.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

1/3	School Resumes
1/5	Born Learning Academy Workshop at 5:30 p.m.
1/9	PTA program
1/11	SFA Parent Involvement Activity for Kindergarten and 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade
1/13	Deputy Phil Program at 1:30 for Grades K-3
1/16	No School
1/20	End of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> 9 weeks grading period
1/26-1/27	Spirit Days during Lunch Time
1/27	PTA Read Aloud
1/27	Report Cards
1/30	PTA Honor Roll Reward

# Happy New Year!



*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.*