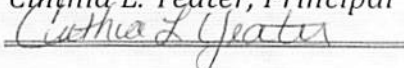

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that March has arrived. Although we have had spring like weather lately, I cannot believe that spring officially arrives this month! We have had so many wonderful activities the last several months that has kept us busy during the winter. As you are aware, NMES places a large focus on parent involvement both academically and socially. I want to thank all of the families, the PTA, Parent Volunteers, and the Staff for the tremendous support that you continue to show throughout each month. It is wonderful seeing so many families participate in the various activities from the student data conferences, to eating lunch with your child, to PTA meetings, Read Alouds, and Parent Involvement Nights. We hope that you have enjoyed all of the activities thus far. We truly appreciate all of your support and involvement. It shows your child the importance of working together as a "team" and the value you place on education. Again, all of us at NMES appreciates the role you play in your child's education.

Cynthia L. Yeater, Principal



"It Takes a Team to Educate a Child"

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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.

NATIONAL NUTRITION MONTH

March is National Nutrition month. In recognition of this, New Manchester Elementary School will be having an All School Parent Involvement on Wednesday, March 29, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. This event promises to be an informative and fun way to learn about nutrition, physical activity, and good mental health. It will be a way to interact with your child and learn ways to encourage a healthy lifestyle. Be sure to wear comfortable shoes, as we will be having several interactive stations requiring you to move and have fun.

SCHOOL NURSE'S CORNER

NMES is proud to promote healthful eating and physical activity to control weight and prevent chronic disease. A balanced meal consists of one food from each of the five food groups: Milk & Dairy Products; Vegetables; Fruits; Grains; and Protein (Meat & Beans). ChooseMyPlate.gov has many resources and provides practical information to help build healthier diets. When packing your school lunch try to remember to “balance” the meal with all five food groups. A good example of a balanced packed lunch includes a milk product (cheese), a vegetable (carrots), a fruit (grapes), grains (bread), and protein (meat), and water or milk to drink. Remember to balance what foods you eat with at least 60 minutes of physical activity daily to keep healthy!

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

The character trait for February was Responsibility. Deputy Barnhart and I used the book *Pigsty* and the video "The Lighthouse Project" to challenge students to show personal responsibility by taking care of themselves and their belongings and by doing what they know, they are supposed to do. Most of the students were interested in getting more freedom or privileges at home, so we explained how doing what they are told to do with fewer reminders or doing chores without any reminders can help build trust and earn "brownie points" or at-home Dojo points. We even encouraged them to volunteer to be a helper with additional chores to show they were becoming more responsible which can make grownups very happy. Additionally, I want to extend my sincerest appreciation to everyone that recognized National School Counselor Week. I have the greatest job in the world, and it is truly a privilege to serve the students and staff of NMES.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 3/2 Read Across America Community Read Aloud – Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss
- 3/2 Born Learning Workshop at 5:30 p.m.
- 3/6 No School
- 3/8 All School Title I Parent Involvement: “Camp Learn A Lot” at 5:30 p.m.
- 3/10 Lion’s Club Flag Program for 3rd Grade Students
- 3/13 PTA and 4th Grade Science Fair (doors open at 5:30 p.m. to browse projects)
- 3/14-3/16 Book Fair
- 3/17 Incoming 2017 Kindergarten Orientation (No School for Preschool and Kindergarten ONLY)
- 3/23 Preschool Field Trip to Library
- 3/23 1st Grade SFA for students in the “WINGS” program only at 4:30 p.m.
- 3/24 Kindergarten Field Trip to Library
- 3/27 End of 3rd 9 weeks grading period
- 3/29 All School Parent Involvement: Wellness Night at 5:30 p.m.
- 3/30 – 3/31 Spirit Days during Lunch
- 3/31 PTA Read Aloud



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.