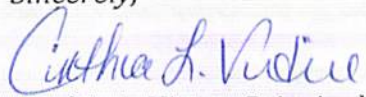

Dear Parents,

November is a great time to reflect and give thanks. Thinking back on the first nine weeks of school, I am thankful for our students, parents, staff, and community. It has truly been a "team" effort to provide the necessary foundation needed for the academic success of your child. Each student has been an active participant in setting goals and keeping track of their academic data. We will be continuing this strong commitment daily in the classroom alongside your child. We will continue to provide support for you through our parent involvement activities, conferencing, and communication. Please keep talking with your child on a regular basis about school and his/her goals. Discuss ways that you can help him/her meet their goals. As always, we appreciate all that you do for your child and their education. It truly is remarkable how well our mission statement, "It Takes a Team to Educate a Child", is seen positively on a daily basis! Enjoy your Thanksgiving Holiday season and thank you for allowing me and our staff the opportunity to be a part of your child's educational process.

Sincerely,


Cynthia L. Virtue, Principal



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SCHOOL CLIMATE SURVEY

New Manchester Elementary School is requesting that all parents/guardians complete the School Climate Survey. The WV Board of Education requires all schools to engage in continuous school improvement. The results of this survey will be used to make changes in our school to ensure a positive climate for teaching and learning. Parent participation in the survey is very important. If you have questions about the survey or have problems completing the survey, please contact the school office. The online parent survey will be available through November 18, 2016.

Access the survey at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/pascswv16f>

Enter this login code: **P029208**

When you log onto the survey you will see explanatory information about the survey and the important information below as to your rights as a survey participant:

Your participation is voluntary. You may choose not to participate; not to answer any questions you do not want to answer; and you may stop participating at any time during the survey without penalty. Your responses will be anonymous and confidential.

AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK

November 14-18, 2016 is American Education Week. This is a great opportunity to celebrate the importance of education and the great commitment of our students, staff, and families. We will be planning several activities for this week to celebrate your child's education. Please check your child's bookbag and our school website in the coming weeks for further information.

SCHOOL NURSE'S CORNER

November is National Diabetes Awareness Month. Diabetes means that your blood sugar is too high. If your blood sugar stays high for too long it can damage your heart, eyes, kidneys, nerves, and more. You can lower your risk of becoming a Type 2 Diabetic if you keep a healthy weight, are more physically active, and eat the right amounts of healthy foods. Warning signs of diabetes are excessive urination, increased thirst, unexplained weight loss, feeling tired, and having patches of thick, dark skin that feels like velvet on your neck or under your arms. For more resources visit: www.cdc.gov

New Manchester will continue to stay committed to working with our students to educate them on Diabetes throughout the month of November with a variety of lessons/activities.

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

October was Anti-Bully month. Deputy Barnhart and I completed guidance lessons on bullying in all grade levels 1st - 4th. For the older students we focused on giving them several options if they were to witness bullying or face it themselves. Ask your child how a handful of tongue depressors show the importance of sticking together. We also addressed how our value does not change even if we are mistreated. You can ask how a \$20 bill shows us that. We also encouraged the students to do random acts of kindness to combat bullying. For the younger grades we focused more on managing anger through the use of an Angry Birds lesson and birds video. In November we will begin our Character Education lessons.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov. 2	Picture Make Up Day
Nov. 2	3 rd Grade Parent Involvement at 5:00 p.m.
Nov. 3	Born Learning Academy at 5:30 p.m.
Nov. 4	Report Cards
Nov. 7	PTA with a Kindergarten Presentation
Nov. 8	No School – Election Day
Nov. 10	PTA Honor Roll Treat
Nov. 11	No School – Veterans Day
Nov. 16	All School Parent Involvement 4:30 – 6:00 p.m.
Nov. 17	Community Read Aloud at 10:00 a.m.
Nov. 17-18	Spirit Days during Lunch Times
Nov. 23-25	No School – Thanksgiving Break



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.