

New Manchester  
Elementary Newsletter  
October 2016



"It Takes a Team to Educate a Child"

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that October is here and we are midway through the first quarter of school. We have had a successful start to our school year. We have welcomed several new faces and are excited they have joined our Bearcat Family. Our teachers are starting to plan Parent Involvement Activity nights. The Preschool Teachers have been meeting with families to ensure smooth transitions for our preschool students. Our teachers in Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade have successfully been implementing the Success For All (SFA) Curriculum. The teachers in 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> grade have been working with students and families setting up student led conferences based on students' individual data. All students have been setting goals for themselves for this school year while staff has been setting goals by developing our Strategic Plan. We will continue to focus on increasing reading and math achievement; increasing writing across the curriculum; and promoting awareness, knowledge, and practices to provide a safe learning environment. Please feel free to contact the school office, any staff member or committee member, or our students to ask about NMES school goals for the 2016-17 school year. We are very excited to be working with all of our students, families, and the community to provide a wonderful school year for all. Thank you for your continued commitment to your child's educational process!

Sincerely,  
  
Cynthia L. Virtue, Principal

### ***BORN LEARNING ACADEMY***

NMES is one of 7 schools in the state of WV to receive the Born Learning Academy Grant through the United Way Foundation and Toyota. We are very excited for this opportunity. We will be holding monthly workshops for children and families of Preschool age (3-5 yrs). During these workshops families will learn how to strengthen their child's foundation for success in school, work, and life. We will provide families with tools and resources to turn everyday activities into learning moments. These workshops will be held the first Thursday of every month from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. beginning Thursday October 6, 2016 and concluding Thursday, April 6, 2017. There will be a full meal provided at each session for all family members, free childcare, and many prize giveaways. This opportunity is open to all of our community families, not just NMES families. Please help to spread the word!

### ***WEATHER***

With the weather changing on a daily basis, please make sure to dress your child accordingly. All grades go out daily for recess and every grade rotates for morning recess.

### ***CLASS DOJO***

NMES has implemented the use of Class DoJo to enhance our PBIS program. If you have not already joined, please contact your child's teacher for the information. I encourage each of you to join as you will be kept updated with not only your child's behavioral progress but also with information in regards to classroom activities.

### ***NURSE'S CORNER***

Flu season is upon us and unfortunately children frequently share germs. The flu virus can live on a surface for 2-8 hours after being deposited. The staff at NMES frequently disinfects germ hot spots and surfaces.

Our staff works hard to be the best “GERMBUSTERS” they can be by reminding students to:

1. Frequently wash their hands, especially before meals and after using the restroom. Hand washing is most effective if done using warm soapy water for at least 20 seconds (about the time it takes to sing “Happy Birthday” twice)
2. Cough and sneeze into a bent elbow or a tissue, not into their hands, and washing or using hand sanitizer after
3. Avoid touching their eyes, nose, and mouth with their hands
4. Get their yearly flu shot which is the single most effective way to prevent the spread of the flu
5. Stay home if sick, especially if fevered, and stay home for 24 hours AFTER a fever is gone to make sure it stays away, and not to expose other students during the fever period
6. Drink plenty of fluids and eat a well-balanced diet

Join our team of “GERMBUSTERS” and combat the flu and other germs at home!!

### ***COUNSELOR AND PRO'S CORNER***

In September Deputy Barnhart and I completed classroom lessons for second through fourth grade students on the topic of Friendship and Disabilities. Ask your child how kiwi and eggs relate to that topic. October is Anti-Bullying month, so we will be presenting classroom guidance lessons on how to deal with bullying and how to not be a bully. For parents here are a few tips to help Bully-proof your child: Encourage your child to develop strong, healthy relationships since bullies often target kids who are alone; talk daily with your child about their school day to see if there are any peer issues; take a solution-focused approach if your child indicates they are being bullied; communicate your love telling your child you are proud of them and they will always have your support.

### ***IMPORTANT DATES***

10/3	Picture Day
10/3	PTA at 6:15 p.m. (3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Presentation)
10/4	1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grades Parent Involvement: STEM Night 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.
10/6	Born Learning Academy Night 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
10/7	No Preschool ONLY
10/10	No School for ALL STUDENTS – CE Day
10/14	PTA Fundraiser deadline
10/27-28	PTA Spirit Days during Lunch Times
10/28	End of 1 <sup>st</sup> Grading Period
10/28	PTA Read Aloud and Halloween Parade



*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.*