

New Manchester
Elementary Newsletter
September 2016



"It Takes a Team to Educate a Child"

Dear Parents,

We have officially started off our year and are excited about the months ahead. Teachers have been working diligently with your child, colleagues, and administration to personalize learning and make it relevant and meaningful. To highlight the data that has been reviewed, the goals that have been set, and the journey that we will work on together, teachers will be contacting you by the end of September to set up Student Led Conferences. This will allow each family to meet with his/her child's teacher to discuss what we can do together to improve your child's skills in Reading and Math to ensure a successful school year. We will address your child's strengths and needs and set goals to help foster their learning. Our goal is to help your child become responsible for his/her own learning. We ask that you take the time to come to this meeting and be sure to bring your child with you. This conference will keep you informed, allow us to work together as a team, and help us to ensure your child is successful at school.

Sincerely,

Cinthia L. Virtue, Principal

CONGRATULATIONS

We would like to send a big BEARCAT SHOUTOUT to Mrs. Holdsworth. She received the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST). This is the highest honor bestowed by the US government specifically for K – 12 mathematics and science teaching. This award recognizes teachers who develop and implement a high quality instructional program that enhances student learning. Mrs. Holdsworth is being recognized by the White House in September and by the WV Department of Education and the WV Governor in October. We are proud of you Mrs. Holdsworth!

OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE

NMES has an informational website. Important events, links, and information is placed on this website. Please be sure to check it often. Also, you access our school Facebook page for pictures and information about events happening in your child's classroom and in the school. The QR code above will take you directly to our website or visit: <http://newmanchester.hancock.k12.wv.us/>

ATTENDANCE

Attendance is a priority at New Manchester Elementary School. Remind your child of the importance of attending school regularly and arriving to school on time. If your child is tardy, the parent/guardian **must** walk the student to the office and sign the student in. Please do **not** send the student into the building alone. If you will be picking your child up for an Early Dismissal, please arrange to do this prior to 2:45 p.m. as the buses begin to enter the parking lot for student dismissal. REMINDER: Students are not to be brought to school prior to 7:50 a.m. The tardy bell will ring at 8:15 a.m. Thank you for your cooperation.

Title I Program

New Manchester Elementary has a School Wide Title I program. Mrs. Amy Pryor and Mrs. Dolly Kidd, our Title I teachers, are excellent resources in our building. If you have any questions in regards to the Title I program, please contact the school office or one of the Title I teachers.

WELLNESS

Hancock County Schools has a Wellness Policy. A complete copy of Policy JL/JLC can be obtained at the school, on our school website, or at the Hancock County Board of Education office.

BEHAVIOR

New Manchester Elementary School follows the Expected Behaviors in Safe and Supportive Schools – Policy JG. A condensed version is found in the New Manchester Elementary School student agenda. A complete copy can be obtained in the Hancock County Board of Education office or our school office.

NMES will be utilizing Class DoJo this school year. Class DoJo will be a part of our PBIS program. All information will be sent home via the classroom teacher. Please be sure to sign up to receive notifications as this is a great communication tool.

LUNCH/BREAKFAST

It is important for your child to begin each day with a healthy meal. Studies have shown that eating a healthy breakfast improves student behavior, test scores, attention span, and attendance. Please do not forget that NMES offers a “Grab and Go” Breakfast at approximately 9:00 a.m. if your child does not want to eat the First Breakfast as soon as they arrive at school.

If you would like to complete a Free and Reduced Lunch application, please contact the school office or go online to WVSchoolMeals.net. It is important to complete this form as we are allotted funds for various programs and technology through our Free/Reduced lunch program.

SHOPAROO

Please be sure to sign up for the ShopaRoo app on your smartphone. This is an easy way to earn money for our school. We have earned \$200.00 for our school last year, and we didn’t start the program until January. This school year we will be doing grade level challenges; therefore, it is important to sign up for your grade level. Help your child’s grade level and our school by downloading the app and start taking pictures of your receipts. More information will be sent home soon.

OPEN HOUSE and STUDENT LED CONFERENCES

Open House will be held on Thursday, September 15, 2016. We will stagger the times into two groups to allow the teachers the opportunity to dedicate more time to each family as well as help with traffic flow. The first group will be for STUDENTS WHOSE LAST NAME BEGINS with the letters A-L from 5:00 – 5:45 p.m. The second group will be for STUDENTS WHOSE LAST NAME BEGINS with the letters M-Z. This group will be from 6:00 p.m.- 6:45 p.m. More information will come home soon.

Student led conferences will also be held for students during the last part of September. This is a great opportunity for families to meet with the teacher and for students to set goals for the school year. Please do your best to attend this conference as “It Takes a Team to Educate a Child”.

IMPORTANT DATES

9/1/16	First day of Kindergarten	9/12/16	PTA meeting at 6:15 p.m. in the school cafeteria
9/2/16	Preschool Orientation from 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	9/15/16	Open House
9/5/16	No School – Labor Day	9/27/16	Progress Reports
9/6/16	First day of Preschool		



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.