

New Manchester
Elementary Newsletter
September 2017



"It Takes a Team to Educate a Child"

Dear Parents,

We have officially started 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,
Cynthia L. Yeater
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Principal

CONGRATULATIONS

Mrs. Amy Pryor will be recognized by the West Virginia Department of Education as the Hancock County Teacher of the Year. She will be traveling to the WV Department of Education in Charleston this month. We are so proud of Mrs. Pryor and her many accomplishments!

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. Pryor and Mrs. 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.

NO HOMEWORK PHILOSOPHY

NMES will be following a "No Homework Philosophy" this year. Students are still expected to READ every day as well as practice skills with their families throughout the week. A letter has been sent home in regards to this philosophy as well as recommended daily activities. If you have any questions, please contact the school office or your child's teacher.

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. Throughout the 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. The money earned from this program will go to our Accelerated Reading program for incentives, books, and rewards.

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 continue to use Class Dojo this school year. This 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.

OPEN HOUSE and STUDENT LED CONFERENCES

Open House will be held on Thursday, September 14, 2017. 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”.

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.

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.

IMPORTANT DATES

9/1/17	Preschool Orientation 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.	9/12 – 9/14	Book Fair for Students
9/4/17	No School – Labor Day	9/14/17	Open House (Book Fair will be Open)
9/5/17	First Day of Preschool	9/25/17	Progress Reports
9/11/17	PTA meeting at 6:15 in the school cafeteria (Book Fair will be open)		



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