

**New Manchester  
Elementary Newsletter  
December 2017**



"It Takes a Team to Educate a Child"

Dear Parents,

*It is hard to believe that December is here. The students and staff are excited about the flurry of activity this holiday season. December is a great time to appreciate the gifts in our lives and what better gift can we give our children but a "love for learning"? Talk to your child about the importance of learning. Let your child see how much you enjoy learning new things. This will motivate them to enjoy learning as well. Be positive with your child about school and continue to participate in school activities. Ask your child about their progress and accomplishments in the classroom. Provide your child with opportunities to explore and wonder. Learning builds confidence, and a child who is confident is more open to new opportunities to learn.*

Sincerely,

Cynthia L. Yeater,  
Principal

**"THANK YOU"**

NMES would like to thank the many leaders in our community that came to read for American Education Week. The event was a success! The students enjoyed meeting all of the participants and asking them details about their jobs. It amazed the students how much math and literacy play a role in all of the jobs in the community. A special "thanks" goes out to our PTA for helping with the event and to the staff and students for all of their hard work and great "BEARCAT PRIDE".

**FAMILY ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES**

Throughout various times of the school year, every grade level conducts a "Family Engagement Activity" for families which address topics that pertain to your child's educational experience and progress. We encourage you to attend these programs when they are offered. If at any time you have questions regarding your child's progress, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

**SCHOOL NURSE'S CORNER**

**December 3-9 is National Handwashing Awareness**

How often do **YOU** wash your hands? Did you know you should wash your hands after handling money; using the bathroom; blowing your nose or coughing; touching pets or animals; and outdoor activities? In addition, you should wash your hands before eating, serving, or preparing food; visiting anyone who is sick; and when your hands are dirty.

**How to Wash Your Hands Correctly:**

There is a right way to wash your hands. Follow these simple steps to keep your hands clean:

- Use warm water (not cold or hot).
- Use whatever soap you like. Antibacterial soaps are popular but regular soap works fine.

- Rub your hands together well and scrub all surfaces: Lather up on both sides of your hands, your wrists, between your fingers, and around your nails. Wash for 20 seconds (sing "Happy Birthday" two times).
- Rinse well under warm running water and pat dry with a clean towel.
- In public restrooms, consider using a paper towel to flush the toilet and open the door because toilet and door handles harbor germs. Throw the towel away after you leave.

For more resources go to: [http://kidshealth.org/teen/your\\_body/skin\\_stuff/handwashing.html](http://kidshealth.org/teen/your_body/skin_stuff/handwashing.html)

## MR. TAYLOR'S COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Deputy Barnhart and Mr. Taylor present the "Keep a Clear Mind" series for the fourth graders every November. Over four lessons, it focuses on providing information on the topics of alcohol, tobacco, marijuana, and thinking positively so students can make good choices when faced with peer pressure. Mr. Taylor presented at the BORN Learning Academy for preschoolers and their guardians on the topic of developing relationships. We were also available for the Community Read-Aloud. We will begin the Character Education classroom guidance lessons in December.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

12/1	Progress Reports
12/1	Pajama Day for all students and staff
12/4	Deputy Phil Program for K- 3
12/7	Field Trip for Students 2 <sup>nd</sup> – 4 <sup>th</sup>
12/7	Born Learning at 5:30
12/13	Krispy Kreme Delivery and Family Pick Up
12/13	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Family Engagement at 4:30
12/14	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Polar Express Night at 5:00 and Hoagie Pick Up
12/18	PTA with Preschool Performance at 6:15 p.m.
12/20	Christmas Read Aloud and PTA Christmas Celebration
12/21	2 Hour Early Dismissal for students K-4; No Preschool ONLY
12/22 – 1/2/18	No School
1/3/18	School Resumes

**Have a Wonderful Holiday Season!!!!!!**



*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.*