

---

Dear Parents,

*With Valentine's Day quickly approaching this month, it is important to remind your child the value of kindness and friendship. Kindness begins with the way your child feels about others. Thoughts can lead to words and words can lead to actions. Remind your child that kindness toward others can create a positive impact in someone's life and can create lasting friendships. Children who have friends tend to do better in school and enjoy it more. Talk with your child about what he/she values in their friendships and encourage him/her to show friends that they care. Give your child opportunities to strengthen bonds with old friends and find new ones by joining various activities. Remember, "No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted"*  
- Aesop

Sincerely,

*Cynthia L. Yeater*  
Cynthia L. Yeater, Principal

---



"It Takes a Team to Educate a Child"

New Manchester  
Elementary Newsletter  
February 2018



### PTA FAMILY FUN WEEK

Please join us in celebrating PTA Family Week by coming to eat lunch at school with your child the week of February 12. PTA will be giving away prizes during lunch. To "Kick Off" Family Fun Week, PTA will be hosting a Carnegie Science Center night at NMES on Friday, February 9 beginning at 6:00 p.m. This is a free event for all of our school families. More details for all events will be sent home in the near future with your child. It promises to be a fun filled week!

### ATTENDANCE

Attendance and arriving on time to school is a priority. Remind your child of the importance of attending school regularly. When your child misses school, even if it is for a few minutes, it is difficult to "catch up". Nothing substitutes participating daily in classroom activities. We are implementing an Attendance Incentive for the 3<sup>rd</sup> 9 weeks of school. Ask your child about it!

### KINDNESS COUNTS/COUNSELOR CORNER

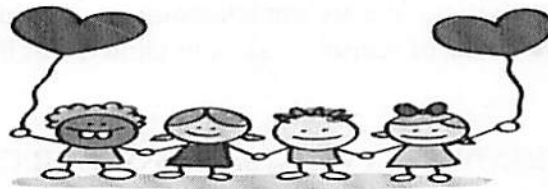
NMES will begin a school wide campaign to remind students to "Choose Kind". We will be doing several activities based on the book We're All Wonders and Wonder by R.J. Palacio. Mr. Taylor, our school counselor, and the classroom teachers will be working collaboratively to promote the value of kindness at NMES.

## SCHOOL NURSE'S CORNER

February is **National Dental Health Month!** The American Dental Association (ADA) sponsors **National Child Dental Health Month** to raise awareness about the importance of oral health. Developing good oral care habits at an early age and scheduling regular dental visits helps children to have a good start for a lifetime of healthy teeth and gums. The ADA recommends children see a dentist within 6 months of their first tooth eruption and no later than age one. Children age 3 years and under should have caregivers brushing their teeth morning and night for at least 2 minutes with a rice sized amount of fluoride toothpaste. Supervised brushing starts at age 3 to 6 years with a pea sized amount of toothpaste. Flossing should begin daily when the child has two teeth that touch. A soft-bristled brush should be used and replaced every 3-4 months or sooner if the bristles are frayed. Children need strong, healthy teeth to chew their food, speak, and have a good-looking smile.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- 2/1 Born Learning Workshop at 5:30 p.m.
- 2/2 PBS 2<sup>nd</sup> 9 Weeks Reward
- 2/5 PTA with 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Presentation at 6:15 p.m.
- 2/9 Kickoff for Family Fun Week at 6:00 p.m.
- 2/12 – 2/16 Family Fun Week – Family Lunch Days
- 2/13 SFA Family Engagement for Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> Grades
- 2/14 Valentine's Day Card Exchange – Wear RED
- 2/16 Progress Reports
- 2/19 No School for Students – Continuing Education for Staff
- 2/20 2 Hour Delay for Students – Faculty Senate for Staff
- 2/21 LSIC meeting at 3:15 p.m.
- 2/22 Preschool's "Snuggle Up and Read" Family Engagement
- 2/23 PTA Read Aloud at 2:15 p.m.



*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.*

*Under FERPA, a school must annually notify parents of students in attendance of their rights under FERPA. The annual notification must include information regarding a parent's right to inspect and review his or her child's education records, the right to seek to amend the records, the right to consent to disclosure of personally identifiable information from the records (except in certain circumstances), and the right to file a complaint with the Office regarding an alleged failure by a school to comply with FERPA. The school must also inform parents of its definitions of the terms "school official" and "legitimate educational interest." For further information, please contact Student Services at (304) 564-3411 ext. 3327*