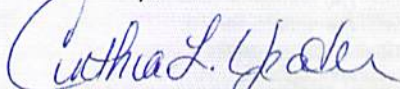


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Dear Parents,

We are beginning the final nine week grading period. There is a lot of excitement with spring; however, we must remain focused on working hard and doing our best. Please help your child by continuing to stay involved in their education. Consider these "everyday strategies" to encourage your child to do his/her best. First, communicate expectations. Let your child know you expect him/her to work hard. Set goals with your child. Next, know what your child is learning. Utilize LiveGrades and Class DoJo, talk with your child's teacher, and help your child review skills. Your curiosity will show your child that school matters. Finally, make time for reading. Reading regularly can help your child do well in all subjects and can develop a love of reading for a lifetime. This will also help to encourage your child to reach his/her AR goal for the final nine weeks of school. With warmer weather and spring activities, the days can become long and eventful. Remind your child that school is a priority, and let us continue to work together to help your child succeed and have a great final nine week grading period.

Sincerely,

  
Cynthia L. Yeater, Principal



"It Takes a Team to Educate a Child"

## SCHOOL CLIMATE SURVEY

New Manchester Elementary School is requesting that all parents/guardians complete the School Climate Survey. The WV Board of Education requires all schools to engage in continuous school improvement. The results of this survey will be used to make changes in our school to ensure a positive climate for teaching and learning. Parent participation in the survey is very important. If you have questions about the survey or have problems completing the survey, please contact the school office. The online parent survey will be available through May 11, 2018.

Access the survey at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/paseswv18s>

Enter this login code: **P029208**

When you log onto the survey you will see explanatory information about the survey and the important information below as to your rights as a survey participant:

Your participation is voluntary. You may choose not to participate; not to answer any questions you do not want to answer; and you may stop participating at any time during the survey without penalty. Your responses will be anonymous and confidential.

## SPRING WEATHER

With the arrival of warmer weather, students want to dress in cooler clothing. Please remember that appropriate school attire is expected. If your child wears shorts or skirts, please be sure their length is appropriate. We discourage any type of flip-flops because students walk stairs on a daily basis and go outside for both morning and afternoon recess. Since the students go outside for recess, we encourage students to wear jackets. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

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## SCHOOL COUNSELOR'S CORNER

For the month of March, Deputy Barnhart and I wanted to do classroom guidance lessons on empathy since the school was focusing on the WONDER theme. We did an activity called "Crossing the Line" with students in second through fourth grades. This activity was meant to show that some peers might be going through or have similar experiences as them. Deputy Barnhart, myself, and the teachers participated right along with the students to show we have more in common with them than they might have expected. For kindergarten and first grade, we did an activity called "Someone Else's Shoes" where a few students pretended to wear shoes representing children in difficult situations to see how they might feel and to learn ways they could help. We plan to continue the empathy theme next month with an activity all grades can do called "Wrinkled Heart."

## UPCOMING EVENTS

4/2	No School for Students. Staff Reports
4/4	Spring Individual Pictures (Optional)
4/5	Born Learning at 5:30 p.m.
4/6	Grades Close
4/9	PTA Meeting at 6:15 p.m.
4/13	PBS Reward – "Minute To Win It"
4/13	Report Cards
4/17	NMES School Board Presentation at 5:30 p.m.
4/18	Camp Learn A Lot from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.
4/27	PTA Read Aloud



*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*