

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that March has arrived. We are very much looking forward to spring and spring like weather at NMES. We have had several activities these past few months however, that have kept us busy during the winter. As you are aware, NMES places a large focus on "Family Engagement" both academically and socially. I want to thank all of the families, the PTA, Parent Volunteers, and the Staff for the tremendous support that you continue to show throughout each month. It is wonderful seeing so many families participate in the various activities from the student data conferences, to eating lunch with your child, to PTA meetings, Read Alouds, and Family Engagement nights. We hope you have enjoyed all of the activities thus far and are looking forward to seeing you at the remaining activities this year. We truly appreciate all of your support and involvement. It shows your child the importance you place on education and the value of working as a "team".

Sincerely,


Cynthia L. Yeater, Principal



"It Takes a Team to Educate a Child"

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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/pascswv18s>

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.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Kindergarten Registration is underway at New Manchester Elementary School. We will hold Registration/Orientation on Friday, March 16, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. Incoming 2018-19 Kindergarten students/parents are strongly encouraged to attend as this will be the only time you are asked to come to New Manchester Elementary School prior to the beginning of the 2018-2019 school year. If you have a child or know of a child who will be entering Kindergarten next year, please contact the school office at 304-564-3242.

CALENDAR CHANGES

Many families have been asking about calendar changes due to school closings. At this time, there have been no definitive changes made to the school calendar. Once these changes are made, we will be certain to notify you through a memo, the school website, the school Facebook page, as well as Class Dojo. We truly appreciate your patience and support

NATIONAL NUTRITION MONTH

March is National Nutrition month. In recognition of this, New Manchester Elementary School will be having an All School Family Engagement, "*Spring Into Health*", on Wednesday, March 28, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. This event promises to be an informative and fun way to learn about nutrition, physical activity, and good mental health. It will be a way to interact with your child and learn ways to encourage a healthy lifestyle. Be sure to wear comfortable shoes, as we will be having several interactive stations requiring you to move and have fun.

SCHOOL NURSE'S CORNER

NMES is proud to promote healthful eating and physical activity to control weight and prevent chronic disease. A balanced meal consists of one food from each of the five food groups: Milk & Dairy Products; Vegetables; Fruits; Grains; and Protein (Meat & Beans). ChooseMyPlate.gov has many resources and provides practical information to help build healthier diets. When packing your school lunch try to remember to "balance" the meal with all five food groups. A good example of a balanced packed lunch includes a milk product (cheese), a vegetable (carrots), a fruit (grapes), grains (bread), and protein (meat), and water or milk to drink. Remember to balance what foods you eat with at least 60 minutes of physical activity daily to keep healthy!

UPCOMING EVENTS

3/12	Class Pictures
3/13 – 3/15	Book Fair
3/14	Kindness Club for 3 rd Grade participants at 7:45 a.m.
3/16	Kindergarten Registration at 9:00 a.m. -- NO PRESCHOOL ONLY
3/16	3 rd Grade Flag Program with the Lion's Club
3/23	AR Reward with Mark Clayton
3/28	"Spring Into Health" Wellness Night at 5:30 p.m.
3/29	PTA Read Aloud and Easter Celebration
3/30	No School



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