

# **MUSTANG MINUTES**

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February 2024

# **Manz events and information**

### **Important Links**

**Manz Website** 

**Manz Facebook** 

Breakfast and Lunch
Menu

**ECASD Website** 

**District Calendar** 

**Community Resources** 

# **Bundles of Love**

Manz is collecting bags of individually wrapped candies!

Manz students will be writing kindness letters, decorating bags, and packing the bags up for residents at the Classic and Dove Healthcare West.

If you feel that you can donate a bag of candy, please have it to school by Feb 8<sup>th</sup>. There is a drop box outside the main door.

# What's Happening in February?

Fridays are always SCHOOL SPIRIT days! Wear red/blue and/or Manz apparel!

Character Strong Trait for February is HONESTY

Si usted quiere ayuda en interpretar esta carta, por favor póngase en contacto con el asistente de educación bilingüe al 715-852-3456 y deje un mensaje con su nombre y número de teléfono.

Yog koj xav tau tus neeg Hmoob txhais tsab ntawv no ua lus Hmoob rau koj los yog koj muaj lus nug txog tsab ntawv no, hu rau (715-852-4808)

# **News from the RCU School \$ense Program**



February 2024

### We LOVE learning about money!

The third Monday of February is President's Day. This day recognizes our first president, George Washington's birthday on February 22, but it is also close to Abraham Lincoln's birthday, which is February 12. Both men played such important

roles in our country that we have also honored them by putting their images on our money. George Washington is on both a coin (the quarter) and currency (\$1 bill). Abraham Lincoln is also on a coin (the penny) and currency (\$5 bill).

Did you know that it's against the law for a living president to have their image printed on U.S. currency? This dates back to Washington's refusal to have his portrait printed on the U.S. dollar. In 1866, this tradition was made law by an act of Congress.





Abraham Lincoln was the first president to be featured on a U.S. coin. Minted in 1909, "Lincoln Pennies" were meant to commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Lincoln's birth. However, the coins proved so popular that they just never stopped minting them!



We also celebrate Valentine's Day in February! Since we LOVE when students save at Royal Credit Union School \$ense, our special gift this month will be prize bags randomly awarded to two savers depositing on Wednesday February 14!

The Manz Royal School \$ense is open every Wednesday morning at to help your child develop good saving habits.

Remember that Royal donates \$250 to your school for every 500 deposits made. Manz just reached this exciting goal! Let's keep saving to reach the NEXT 500 deposits!

If you have any questions about the Royal School \$ense program please contact:

Rachel Orlovsky

rachel.orlovsky@rcu.org

# **News from the District**

### 2024-2025 School Year Calendar Approved by School Board

Our School Board approved the 2024-2025 School Year Calendar at the January 22, 2024, School Board meeting. Please go to 2024-2025 School Year Calendar (pdf) for details.

### Open Enrollment is February 5 through April 30, 2024

#### What is Public School Open Enrollment?

Wisconsin's inter-district public school open enrollment program allows students and families who don't live in our district to open enroll into the Eau Claire Area School District.

#### Who May Participate?

Wisconsin residents in grades K-12 may apply to participate in open enrollment. Students in pre-kindergarten may participate in limited circumstances; parents should call the Executive Director of Business Services at 715-852-3010 to find out if their preschool-aged children qualify.

#### **How and When May Parents Apply?**

The regular open enrollment application window will be February 5, 2024, through April 30, 2024, for the 2024-2025 school year. Parents may submit online applications beginning February 5, 2024, at the Wisconsin Department of Instruction website at <a href="https://dpi.wi.gov/open-enrollment">https://dpi.wi.gov/open-enrollment</a>. Please call 715-852-3127 or email districtadministration@ecasd.us for more information.

#### Have you moved out of the district during the 2023-2024 school year?

If so, you must apply for a Tuition Waiver to continue attending the Eau Claire Area School District for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year. Contact the Enrollment Office at 715-852-3127 or email <u>districtadministration@ecasd.us</u> for an application.

#### Students Currently Attending the ECASD Through a Tuition Waiver

Students who have moved outside of the district during the 2023-2024 school year and are currently attending school under a Tuition Waiver <u>must</u> apply for open enrollment during the regular application window, February 5, 2024, through April 30, 2024, to continue attending during the 2024-2025 school year.

#### **Current Open Enrollment Students**

Students currently attending the Eau Claire Area School District under the open enrollment law do not need to reapply.

#### Other Information

Students who move into the district after January 2024 and anticipate moving out of the district before the 2024-2025 school year will not be eligible for a Tuition Waiver. Students <u>must</u> apply for open enrollment during either the regular open enrollment or alternative open enrollment period to be eligible to attend the Eau Claire Area School District during the 2024-2025 school year.

#### **School Placement**

By completing an open enrollment application, you are applying to attend the Eau Claire Area School District. You have the opportunity to indicate which school your child would prefer to attend; however, the district will determine placement based on space availability.

#### Questions?

If you have any questions about open enrollment or the application process, please contact the Enrollment Office at 715-852-3127 or email districtedministration@ecasd.us.

# The More You Know...

### 211 Text...Call...and now you can use the APP

211 is a way for you to learn more about resources in our community to support basic needs like food, housing, health care, employment and income assistance, mental health care and more. You can call or text 211 to connect with someone 24/7/365. And now you can add the app to your devices. The app was developed by Dane County, but you can enter your zip code and the app will guide you to resources in the Eau Claire area.

Questions regarding this information? Contact Stephanie Thurner, School Social Worker, sthurner@ecasd.us

## PBIS at Manz: What is the goal for February?

The Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports team has introduced a new goal for February! It is a continuation of the January goal with another element added!

Goal: Students will follow directions the first time asked AND stay on task.

When the students are meeting their goal, they will get a heart or snowflake sticker to fill up the gnome's beard! (See the picture to the right). When the gnome's beard if full, an all-school reward will be given. Last month, we had an all-school hallway dance party! What will it be this month?



# **Manz PTA News**

Next Meeting: February 7th- held in the Manz library. Come at 6:00pm to meet other parents!

PTA minutes can be found on the Manz Website https://www.ecasd.us/Manz-Elementary/About/PTA

### PTA Bingo Raffle Basket Items needed!

The PTA's 90's Bingo Night is free to attend and play bingo! They also use the event as a fundraiser by selling raffle tickets for baskets. Each Manz student receives one free raffle ticket for a chance to win a student raffle basket. Additional raffle tickets are for sale at the event.

Raffle baskets are put together by PTA members with items that are donated to the Bingo Night by area businesses and Manz families. If you are interested in donating an item or two for the raffle baskets, please click on the following link to sign up. <a href="https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050F4FA8AF2AA3F58-47069575-manz">https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050F4FA8AF2AA3F58-47069575-manz</a> There will be a tote outside of the main door for people to drop off items during school hours.

#### **PTA Officers**

President – Curtis Deprey Vice President – Etta Larson
Secretary – Sarah Neitzke Treasurer – Jenn Phillips