



# MUSTANG MINUTES

**Manz Elementary**  
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March 2024

## Manz events and information

### Important Links

[Manz Website](#)

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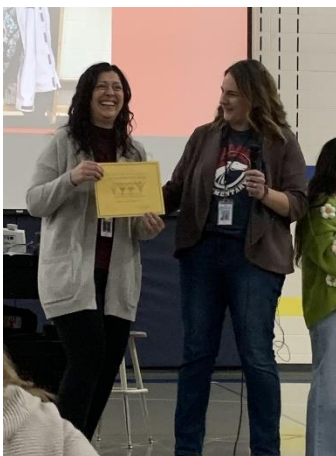
[Community Resources](#)

### What's Happening in March?

- Fri Mar 1<sup>st</sup> ..... No School for all
- Mon Mar 4<sup>th</sup> ..... No School/PD Day for staff
- March 4-8<sup>th</sup> ..... Read Across America Week
- Tues Mar 5<sup>th</sup> ..... Manz Dairy Queen Night 5-10pm (Golf Rd)
- Thurs Mar 7<sup>th</sup> ..... PTA End of Year Carnival Committee Mtg 3:40
- Tues Mar 12<sup>th</sup> ..... Multicultural Night**
- Wed Mar 13<sup>th</sup> ..... RCU School \$ense
- Tues Mar 19<sup>th</sup> ..... PTA Meeting 6pm in library
- Wed Mar 20<sup>th</sup> ..... RCU School \$ense
- Thursday Mar 21<sup>st</sup> ..... 4<sup>th</sup> grade field trip: Ice Age Trail
- Thurs Mar 22<sup>nd</sup> ..... All School Meeting

**March 25<sup>th</sup> to March 29<sup>th</sup>: No School Spring Break**

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



**Congratulations Manz Golden Apple Award Winner: Lizzie Castro**

Character Strong Trait for March is  
**Cooperation**

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



March 2024



The Royal Credit Union School \$ense team is excited for all the fun that March brings! We get to enjoy longer days and warmer weather, basketball tournaments, Spring Break, and St. Patrick's Day! But you don't need to chase a leprechaun to find a pot of gold when you're a School \$ense Super Saver. By bringing your money to save each week, you are building up your own treasure, as well as one for your school! Remember, Royal Credit Union donates \$250 for every 500 deposits made at your school.

We are happy to report that your Royal School \$ense has had **625** transactions this school year! That means Manz has earned **\$250** so far this year!

During the month of March, School \$ense will be hosting a March Money Madness. Each week, savers will earn a small surprise in their pouch. The prizes will change each week, so save all three weeks of March to win them all! Look for posters around school to see what the cool prizes will be!

Your Royal School \$ense is open on Wednesday mornings to help your child develop good saving habits.

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

Rachel Orlovsky

[rachel.orlovsky@rcu.org](mailto:rachel.orlovsky@rcu.org)

## News from the District



### Summer Programs 2024

Summer Program Registration begins online Saturday, March 2, at 8 am and will end on March 22. Athletics registration will be open throughout the summer. The family hotline for questions will be available from 8 am-12 pm on March 2 only at 715-852-3141. Letters should have arrived in mailboxes with student IDs and instructions on how to register. The guide is also online at [www.ecasd.us/summer](http://www.ecasd.us/summer). Families can pick up extra guides at their school and at the Administration Building.

## **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.

## **ECASD Family Climate Survey**

We care about your opinion! On March 4, families will receive an email invitation from Superintendent Mike Johnson to complete the ECASD Family Climate Survey. The information we learn from you will help us to know what we're doing well and where we need to improve. Families will have until Sunday, March 17 to complete this survey. Please keep an eye out for this email message in the coming weeks.

## **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 <https://dpi.wi.gov/open-enrollment>. Please call 715-852-3127 or email [districtadministration@ecasd.us](mailto: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 [districtadministration@ecasd.us](mailto:districtadministration@ecasd.us) 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 must 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 must 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 [districtadministration@ecasd.us](mailto:districtadministration@ecasd.us).

**5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE SMS FAMILY NIGHT**

April 9 at 6:00 pm - 6:45 pm

Where: South Middle School Auditorium

There will be an informational presentation on SMS vision and mission, how a typical school day looks, highlights on extracurricular offering and more!

**5<sup>TO</sup> GRADO SMS FAMILIA NOCHE**

9 de abril a las 18:00 - 18:45

Dónde: Auditorio de la Escuela Intermedia Sur

Habrà una presentación informativa sobre la visión y misión de SMS, cómo es un día escolar típico, aspectos destacados de la oferta extracurricular.

## The More You Know...

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

The Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports team has introduced a new goal for March!

**Goal:** Manz students will show **respect** to themselves, students, and adults.

Manz students filled the gnome's beard (and more) and met February's goal of following directions the first time and staying on task! The all-school reward for February is **Flashlight Reading with Buddy Classrooms!** Great job on your accomplishment Manz Mustangs!



Understanding a child's delays, disabilities, mental health condition, or special health care need can be complex. Now the journey to find the many different agencies, resources, and eligibility criteria for programs and services that meet your needs just got easier. Wisconsin Wayfinder: Children's Resource Network can help you take the next step. Use this link to learn more about Wisconsin Wayfinder.

<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/publications/p03539.pdf>

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Get support for kids with special health care needs

All calls are free and confidential (877) WiscWay 877-947-2929 [dhs.wi.gov/wiscway](https://dhs.wi.gov/wiscway) **Contact us today!**

# Manz PTA News

**Next Meeting: March 19th- 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>

## End of year Carnival

Let's start the summer out with a bang and the end of year carnival! Should there be snow cones? Maybe cotton candy? How would your student like to dunk Mrs. Funk or another favorite Manz staff member? Would your student like their picture taken with their friends? The PTA has approval from the Manz staff to plan an all-new end of year carnival. If you would like to help plan please join us in the library on Thursday March 7th right after school. The meeting will last no later than 4:30. Students can attend with their adult but should have something to do.



Can't make the meeting but want to be apart or share ideas? **Email Joy Adams at [jschone85@hotmail.com](mailto:jschone85@hotmail.com)** or text 715-529-5657.

If you don't want to help plan we will be looking for parents to help setup run stations/monitor areas. If you are interested in helping please save the date Wednesday June 5th from 12:25-3:40 (this includes set up and clean up time). Look for a sign up for volunteering to come out soon.

### **PTA Officers:**

President –[Curtis Deprey](#) Vice President – [Etta Larson](#) Secretary –[Sarah Neitzke](#) Treasurer –[Jenn Phillips](#)