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Manz Elementary
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May 2022

Up and Coming...

Important Links

Manz Website

<http://www.ecasd.us/Manz-Elementary/Home>

Manz Facebook

<https://tinyurl.com/y7hv7vog>

ECASD Website

<http://www.ecasd.us/District/Home>

District Calendar

[ECASD | Events](#)

Community Resources

[April 2022](#)

May 2-6thStaff Appreciation Week

Tuesday May 3rd.....Manz Dairy Queen Night- Golf Rd

Monday May 9thManz Culvers Night - Brackett Ave

Thursday May 10th.....PTA Meeting- Manz Library

Tuesday May 17thBook Fair 3:45-6pm Manz Library

PTA Playground Night 5:30

Burracho's Night

Tuesday May 24thColor Run! (in-school event)

Thursday June 2ndLast Day of School

MANZ ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Book Fair

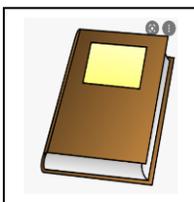
Manz Elementary Media Center

MAY 16 - MAY 20

STUDENTS WILL BE VISITING THE FAIR DURING THEIR LIBRARY TIME

EVENING BOOK FAIR OPEN TO PARENTS/FAMILIES IN THE LIBRARY ON
TUESDAY, MAY 17 FROM 3:45-6:00PM

[Click HERE to browse, shop, or volunteer to help!](#)



From the Principal's Desk



Three Questions

The weather is slowly, but surely starting to turn! Budding trees, green grass, and students, staff, and family are beginning to think about summer. Oh, and the **BREWERS!** As the school year slowly ends, it is important for adults to help children reflect on their year of learning and growth.

I grabbed a book off the shelf that I read a while ago called “Innovator’s Mindset,” by George Couros. There are some great takeaways from his writing and something I read about was metacognition (thinking about our thinking). How can we use this to reflect and move our learning and growth forward? As learners (both students and staff), we will be using the three questions as a metacognitive exercise to reflect and plan for the future.

1. What did I do well this year?

While this is a broad question to ask students and adults alike, we will use it to find the many ways that we learned, engaged, and grew this year! We may scaffold this question by looking at our core academic areas as well as our social & emotional learning and list all the great growth we made! Writing down our successes develops confidence and a growth mindset!

2. Where do I need to grow?

As students and staff, it is important to reflect on where and what gains we made but did not quite “get there yet.” Here is where we can really do some goal setting and thinking. “What is an area in my learning that I want to improve on?” (Reading more at home, asking more questions in class, challenging my ability to write more detailed thoughts, being a kind friend to everyone, etc). Finding a point of emphasis and building goals on it!

3. What things will I challenge myself with/in next year?

Like growth, setting some goals that will challenge us is a wonderful way to expand our comfort zone. In Couros’ writing, his claim is that when we safely and in a calculated way, expand our comfort zone, that is “where the magic happens.” So, we should ask ourselves, where do we want to look and learn to find the magic next year! This is a fantastic opportunity to engage in goal setting school next year also. Sharing these goals and challenges with each other also help us with accountability and circling back to during the year!

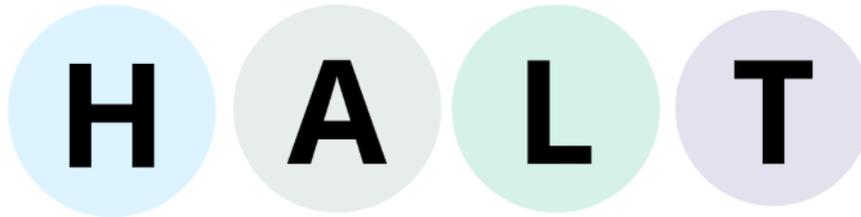
By June, please be sure to ask your Mustang, about these three questions! Think Spring!

A Few School Reminders

- Morning Drop Off of Students: Students should not be dropped off for school in the morning until 8:25am or after. There is not an adult staff member on the playground until that time. We would like our students to be safe. Thank you.
- Our Lost and Found Area is full! Please have your student stop by and pick up anything that belongs to them. Anything left after June 3rd will be donated to the School Closet. Thank you.

May is Mental Health Awareness Month.

Our school based mental health program has some helpful advice for all of us when we are feeling angry, overwhelmed, frustrated or sad.



When you are feeling angry, overwhelmed, frustrated, or sad HALT and check to see if you are:

Hungry



When did you last eat?

If it's been a while, take time to have a meal or snack.

Angry



Are you feeling angry? If so, take time to think about why you are angry and look for ways to diffuse that anger. Reacting to things when angry can lead to regret and hurt feelings.

Lonely



Are you feeling disconnected from others? Was your last social interaction negative?

Reach out to supportive people to reconnect.

Tired



Have you been getting enough rest and giving your body the breaks it needs? If not, take some time to yourself to relax.

All of these things can make feelings feel bigger and stronger. Checking in and addressing these things can help to calm the body and mind and better respond to stresses and life challenges.

Manz PTA News

Thank you to students and families that have contributed to items and shout-outs for the Staff Appreciation Week that is occurring May 2-6th! We really appreciate all of your help and dedication to the staff at Manz Elementary!

Join the Manz PTA, this is your opportunity to help our school. It is also a way to have a voice on PTA activities, every voice matters. Membership is \$8.00. For a copy of the PTA membership form click [HERE](#). Please complete and send the completed form along with the \$8.00 to school with your child or sign up online.

The PTA currently has 30 members, and they would love more to join the group!

There is an opening for the Secretary position on the Manz PTA Executive Board. Email ecasdmanzpta@gmail.com for more information.

Next Meeting: May 10th- held in the Manz library. Come at 6:00pm to meet other parents! Meeting to start at 6:15.

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

PTA Officers

President –[Lindsay Pohlen](#)

Vice President - [Christy Mulock](#)

Secretary –[Kellie Markham](#)

Treasurer –[Alexa Sax](#)

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