

## **MUSTANG MINUTES**

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November 2023

## **Welcome to Manz Elementary!**

#### **Important Links**

**Manz Website** 

**Manz Facebook** 

Breakfast and Lunch
Menu

**ECASD Website** 

**District Calendar** 

**Community Resources** 

### What's Happening in November?

Nov 20-24..... No School for Students

Wed Nov 29<sup>th</sup>...... RCU School \$ense



### Welcome back to Manz, Coda and Ms. Emily!

Coda and his handler/owner, Ms.
Emily are back working at Manz this year! They will be working with students through the counseling department on Thursdays and Fridays for the school year.



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#### What are you Grateful for?

An attitude of **gratitude** can help children find contentment instead of always asking for more, more, more. As a way to celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday this month, consider making a gratitude list with your child. It can be fun and nothing is too small to add to the list! Maybe you start with big things like family, friends, or health, and then realize the joy of the sun on your face, a smile from a stranger, or the opportunity to try a new skill. See how many ideas you can add to your list this month! You can even save the list from year to year and reflect on how your child grows in their gratitude as they mature.





We at Royal Credit Union School \$ense are grateful for all of our Super Savers! We do a little happy dance each time we see students get excited about saving money and working to build strong financial skills

Your Manz Royal School \$ense is open every Wednesday morning to help your child get excited about saving and helping their school. As our way to say **THANK YOU**, we will have a **Tootsie Roll Promotion** on November 15 and November 29! All savers who fill out the folded transaction slip in their pouch will receive a tootsie roll! Remember that

Royal donates \$250 to your school for every 500 deposits made.

If you would like to get your child signed up for our School \$ense program, follow this link to get started to <a href="https://www.rcu.org/schoolaccounts">www.rcu.org/schoolaccounts</a>. We welcome any questions about Royal School \$ense. Please contact Rachel Orlovsky at rachel.orlovsky@rcu.org.





The Great American Smokeout is a nationwide campaign to raise awareness about the dangers of smoking and support smokers who are ready to quit.

You don't have to be an expert to talk to your kids about tobacco use. Let your kids know how you feel about tobacco and make sure they have the facts they need to make healthy decisions on their own. Learn more at TobaccolsChanging.org.

This information is provided by the Eau Claire Health Alliance - Substance Misuse Action Team, which works to prevent alcohol, tobacco, and other drug misuse. Learn more at: ECHealthAlliance.org

#### Family Advisory Council (FAC)

The Family Advisory Council is made up of two family representatives from the early learning school, two representatives for each elementary school, three representatives from each middle school, and four representatives from each high school in the Eau Claire Area School District. The FAC fosters communication between families and school district administration. We believe communication is necessary for quality and excellence in our children's education. For more information, please click <a href="https://example.com/herea/here

The Family Advisory Council wants to hear from you! Manz Elementary has two FAC representatives to carry your questions and concerns to the district office. Please reach out to: <a href="mailto:andrewjamesadams@live.com">andrewjamesadams@live.com</a>, <a href="mailto:kflinn6@gmail.com">kflinn6@gmail.com</a>, or email the PTA at <a href="mailto:ecasdmanzpta@gmail.com">ecasdmanzpta@gmail.com</a>

Thank you,

Andrew J Adams and Katie Burroughs, Manz Family Advisory Council representatives

#### AN UPDATE FROM YOUR FAMILY ADVISORY COUNCIL (FAC):

The first meeting of the 2023-2024 Eau Claire Area School District Family Advisory Council (FAC) was held on October 3. After initial introductions from the family volunteers representing schools and organizations within the district and the sharing of news and events, election of this year's officers took place: Katie Sideri (Longfellow) — Chair; Jamie Kampf (Putnam) — Vice Chair; and Nicole Everson (North) — Secretary. Superintendent Johnson then provided his monthly district update, and the meeting concluded with an agenda-setting session for the remainder of this year's FAC meetings that resulted in the following topics: Attendance Policy (overview, issues, educating staff and families); Grading & Reporting (update, Al and integrity, accelerated and enriched programming); State of the District Update; Safety & Security Update; Mental Health/Behaviors/Student Supports/Special Education Update; Upcoming Referendum/Demo & Trends/District Long-term Vision Update; and District Year in Review/Looking Ahead to 2024-2025.

The second FAC meeting will be held on November 14, and the district's Attendance Policy will be the main topic of discussion.

# PID YOU KNOW THAT YOU CAN HELP THE PTA EARN MONEY JUST BY DOING YOUR REGULAR GROCERY OR OFFICE /SCHOOL SUPPLY SHOPPING?

- THE PTA PARTICIPATES IN THE <u>BOX TOPS</u> PROGRAM. ANY ITEM THAT YOU PURCHASE THAT HAS A "BOX TOPS" LOGO ON IT, CAN EARN \$.10 FOR THE PTA. ALL THAT YOU HAVE TO DO IS SCAN IN YOUR RECEIPT WITH THE BOX TOP APP. <u>CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION!</u>
- OUR LOCAL <u>OFFICE MAX/OFFICE DEPOT</u> DONATES A PERCENTAGE OF YOUR PURCHASE TO A
   SCHOOL OF YOUR CHOICE (MANZ ELEMENTARY!!!). JUST TELL THEM AT THE REGISTER THAT YOU
   WANT YOUR SCHOOL DONATION TO GO TO MANZ. THEY WILL TAKE CARE OF IT FOR YOU.
   NO EXTRA COST!



# News from the Manz Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) Team

#### What is PBIS?

The purpose of PBIS is to establish a climate at Manz in which appropriate behaviors are the norm.

#### Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports

Goals of the staff include:

- 1. Create and maintain a safe and effective learning environment.
- 2. Ensure all students have social skills needed for success at school and beyond.
- 3. Provide a proactive system-wide framework for implementation.
- \*\* Stay tuned for more information on PBIS in our school and what it means for you and your student.

### **Manz PTA News**



**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 <u>HERE</u>. Please complete and send the completed form along with the \$8.00 to school with your child or sign up online.

Or use the QR code and pay online!

The PTA currently has 30 members, and they would love more to join the group! Email <a href="mailto:ecasdmanzpta@gmail.com">ecasdmanzpta@gmail.com</a> for more information.

Next Meeting: November 14th- held in the Manz library. Come at 6:00pm to meet other parents!

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

#### PTA Officers

President – Curtis Deprey
Secretary – Sarah Neitzke

Vice President – Etta Larson Treasurer – Jenn Phillips