MANZ BULLETIN BOARD

A NEWSLETTER FOR MANZ FAMILIES
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Heather Grant, Principal
Nov. 21, 2014
Meta Miske, Secretary

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

Friday, Nov. 21
End of 1st Trimester
Manz Spirit Day - wear purple
PTA Popcorn Sale, proceeds go to medical fund for a Manz 1st grader
AM All School Celebration

Monday, Nov. 24
AM Memorial High School Orchestra performs for Manz
8:45-9:45 Coffee with the Principal, read on for details

Nov. 26-Dec. 1
NO SCHOOL (closed Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Monday)

Tuesday, Dec. 2
School resumes
AM All School Assembly

Saturday, Dec. 6
Safety Patrol Roller Skating Event at High Roller Skating Center

Monday, Dec. 8
Report cards sent home with students

Tuesday, Dec. 9
PM PTA sponsored Toppers Tuesday (see PTA information for details)

Friday, Dec. 19
AM Pajama and Movie Day* (watch for details in next newsletter)
*wear your pajamas to school and snuggle in for an all school movie
PM Classroom winter parties**
** (watch for information from your child’s teacher later in December)

Coffee with the Principal – Monday, November 24

The next Coffee with the Principal will be held Monday, November 24. Parents are invited to gather at 8:45am for coffee in the Library with discussion from 9:00 to 9:45am with Mrs. Grant.

Coffee with the Principal is an opportunity for parents to ask questions, have conversation, and get informed of the current happenings at Manz School. This is an informal gathering for parents to meet with Mrs. Grant, Manz Principal. No specific agenda will be followed, it’s just a time for open conversation about our school. Hope you can make it!

Success with Stuff-A-Truck Food Drive

Thank you to our Manz families for helping our community by donating to the Stuff-A-Truck food drive last week. We gathered 18 full boxes of food and $292.00 in cash donations, all of which was donated to Feed My People Food Bank.

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Message from our Principal - Mrs. Grant

As I’ve shared previously, one of our goals this year is to increase our home/school connections and continue to work hard to build positive working relationships with all of our families. We know that students are more successful when the home and school work together. With that in mind, I will be including information is this section of the newsletter that will help you learn more about what we are working on at school and how you can support that work with your own child. Over the next few newsletters, I will share some information about activities we are engaging in this year to increase student achievement as a part of our yearly School Improvement Plan.

In recent years a lot of research has been done about effective practices in the field of education. Research has proven that one of the most effective things a school staff can do to increase student achievement is to provide time for staff to collaborate together. Knowing this, we have built collaboration time into our daily schedule and into the school district calendar. At Manz, our staff use the time before school (8:00-8:40) to collaborate with their teacher partners, along with other times during the school day. Teachers also use time on early release days and professional development days to collaborate together. This time together is very important to the work we do. When teachers meet to collaborate, they focus their discussions on 4 key questions:

1. What do we want our students to learn?
2. How will we know when they have learned it?
3. How will we provide time and support when they don’t learn it?
4. How will we expand learning when they already know it or learn it quickly?

Today, I’d like to share some information with you about #1: What do we want our students to learn. In future newsletters, I will share information about the other 3 questions listed above.

What do we want our students to learn is all about our academic standards that we have in place for our students. In Wisconsin, those standards are the Common Core State Standards (CCSS). These standards were adopted in Wisconsin in 2010 and are now in full implementation in all Wisconsin public schools this year. So, you might ask: What is the Common Core? Below is a quote from an informational page about Common Core State Standards that gives a bit more information about these academic standards. This link noted as the “source” of this quote also contains helpful information about our Common Core State Standards, so check out that link for more information.

**What is the Common Core?**

State education chiefs and governors in 48 states came together to develop the Common Core, a set of clear college- and career-ready standards for kindergarten through 12th grade in English Language Arts/literacy and Mathematics. Today, 43 states have voluntarily adopted and are working to implement the standards, which are designed to ensure that students graduating from high school are prepared to take courses in two- or four-year college programs or to enter the workforce. Source: [http://www.corestandards.org/about-the-standards/frequently-asked-questions/](http://www.corestandards.org/about-the-standards/frequently-asked-questions/)

Also, here’s a link to a very short video that gives a nice overview of the Common Core State Standards. [http://vimeo.com/51933492](http://vimeo.com/51933492)
Continued…Message from our Principal

So, what can you do at home to support your child as he/she works to meet these end of year grade level standards?
One of the best things you can do to support your child at home is to become more informed about the academic standards for the grade level that your child is in. Below you will find links to specific documents for each grade level that will give you more information about the academic standards of that grade level, along with some helpful hints about how to help at home. Just click on the link for your child’s grade level.


Watch our next newsletter for more information about the work we are doing at Manz to increase student achievement!

Manz PTA News

We will be having our first popcorn day at the end of the month on Friday, November 21. All proceeds from this popcorn sale will be donated to the medical expense fund for Madelyn, one of our 1st graders. Popcorn will be sold for 50 cents a bag. Also, all students and staff are being asked to wear purple that day since that is Madelyn’s favorite color.

Our next PTA meeting is Monday, January 12 at 4:00-5:00 in the Manz library.

Toppers Tuesday: December 9 is Toppers Tuesday! Order from the Eastridge Center Toppers location and mention you’re with Manz, and Toppers will donate a portion of your sales to our PTA! Watch your child’s folder for more details as the date gets closer.
COMMUNITY INFORMATION AND EVENTS

Disclaimer of the Eau Claire Area School District: The Eau Claire Area School District from time to time permits the distribution of information about appropriate non-commercial activities sponsored by nonprofit organizations. The fact that this information is distributed through the Eau Claire School System does not mean or imply sponsorship of, or support of, the activity by the school system. Any problems related to the operation of the activity will be strictly between the participant and the sponsoring organization. Request for further information about the activity should be directed to the sponsoring organization.

COMMUNITY BOOK SALE - Beautiful New Books for All Ages

Give the people you love the gift of books this holiday season! Do your book shopping at the annual Community Book Sale, where all new books are Buy One Get One Free! All profits from this sale go to promoting literacy in the community. When - November 20 and 21 Where - Memorial High School Library, 2225 Keith St., Eau Claire, WI
Shopping Hours: 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. Thursday, November 20 and 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Friday, November 21

Eau Claire Parks & Recreation Hosting a Daddy-Daughter Masquerade Ball on Friday, February 6, 2015

The ball will be held at Westgate Sportsman’s Club from 6:00 pm-8:30 pm. This event is for girls ages 3 and up and their dads, grandfathers, uncles and mentors. Dress in your best and let’s make memories together! Dinner, dancing, and fun will be provided. In true masquerade style, become the character of your dreams. Wear a mask of your own or decorate one when you arrive. The dinner menu will include grilled chicken breast, potatoes and vegetables. The cost is $20/person through January 15 and $30/person after January 15. For more information, call 715-839-5032. All guests must register by January 31. Walk-in, fax, mail and online registrations are currently being accepted. Visit www.eauclairewi.gov/reg for online registration or a form to fax / mail-in.

ECCT PRESENTS “A LAURA INGALLS WILDER CHRISTMAS”

Eau Claire, WI – The Eau Claire Children’s Theatre will present A LAURA INGALLS WILDER CHRISTMAS December 5-7 and 12-13, at The Oxford, 1814 Oxford Avenue in downtown Eau Claire. This original play presents the poignant story of the “missing” two years in the life of the Ingalls family—the only substantial period that Laura chose not to write about in her Little House books. Told with period songs and humor, A Laura Ingalls Wilder Christmas celebrates the importance of family bonds. Performances are scheduled for Friday, December 6 & 12 at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, December 6 & 13 at 11:00 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.; and Sunday, December 7 at 1:30 p.m. Reserved seating tickets are $12 for adults/seniors and $8 for youth/students. A LAURA INGALLS WILDER CHRISTMAS is sponsored in part by Clear Channel Eau Claire and Charter Communications, as well as ECCT’s 2014-2015 season sponsor, Kristo Orthodontics. For tickets or more information, visit www.ecct.org or call 715-839-8877.

Chippewa Valley Theatre Guild to Present The Best Christmas Pageant Ever

Just in time for the holidays, the Chippewa Valley Theatre Guild presents the comedy favorite, The Best Christmas Pageant Ever! A couple struggling to put on a church Christmas pageant is faced with casting the Herdman kids, probably the most inventively awful kids in history! You won’t believe the mayhem and the fun when the Herdmans collide with the Christmas story head on! Hilarious fun for the whole family, including Grandma and Grandpa! The Best Christmas Pageant Ever takes the stage December 5, 6, 12 & 13 at 7:30 pm and December 6, 7, 13 & 14 at 1:30 pm at The Grand Theatre at 102 W. Grand Ave. Individual tickets are $20/adults, $18/seniors, $10/kids. (Special pricing available for organizations with groups of 10 or more.) For tickets or more information please call 715-832-7529 or purchase tickets online at cvtg.org.

ECCT TO HOLD AUDITIONS

The Eau Claire Children's Theatre will hold auditions for the upcoming productions at ECCT located at 1814 Oxford Avenue, Eau Claire. For complete audition information, and a list of musical backing tracks available at auditions visit www.ecct.org and click on Auditions. For those interested in helping behind the scenes, opportunities are available to help with sound and lights, working backstage, and with the costumes and sets. For more information, email frontdesk@ecct.org or call 715-839-8877.