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Manz Elementary

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At a Glance

Important Links

Manz Website

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

Manz Facebook

<https://tinyurl.com/y7hv7voq>

ECASD Website

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

District Calendar

<https://tinyurl.com/ycww33gd>

Tuesday, Nov 3	Election Day
Tuesday, Nov 3	Manz Dairy Queen Night (5-10pm Golf Rd location)
Tuesday Nov 10	Picture Retake Day
Friday, November 13	Picture Retake Day
Wednesday, Nov 11	Veterans Day
Tuesday, November 17	Manz Spirit Day
Wednesday, Nov 18	Burrachos Night
Friday, Nov 20	Manz Spirit Day
Monday Nov 23 – Friday Nov 27	No School – Thanksgiving Break
Monday, Nov 30	School Resumes

Manz Food Pantry Exciting News! Manz now has a Food Pantry! Please watch your child's folder for more information.

Thank-you to all families who entered our **“Virtual Pumpkin Contest”**. It is so much fun to see what everyone created. Ribbons will be coming home with the students next week. Please check Manz Facebook for pictures.

Message from our Principal – Mr. Keeton



We can say a lot about 2020 and many of them are unpleasant! However, we can celebrate and cheer for the great start to the school year. Some said that we would be virtual by October and anything beyond that is a gift. Some have shared that a day past November is a miracle. Well, here we are! Going strong. This is an incredible testament to our commitment to learning and school. This commitment has come at no small cost. Missed opportunities with family and friends, cancelled sporting events, missed dance recitals, and many other fun experiences. Whatever our sacrifices, we have done so with the best in mind, our children.

This is truly one of our greatest accomplishments and our efforts to remain vigilant, remain physically distant, wear masks and more have led us to November and family conference time.

Although family conferences will look differently this year, the conversation, the two-way dialogue, the opportunity to learn and listen and ask questions about how your student is doing this year remain the same. To help us make sure our precious conference time is of high value, please take a moment to review just a few friendly and simple ways that you can prepare and engage in these meaningful conferences in a few short weeks!

- **Being on time.** Conference days are exhausting for teachers (back-to-back-to-back) and even a 2-minute delay can throw off an entire afternoon or shortchange other conferences.
- **Come prepared with some questions for your student's teacher that support growth as a learner.** This can help guide the conversation, especially with limited time. Furthermore, questions that lead to action items are sometimes more helpful than more general questions, for example: How is my student doing with addition and subtraction? What suggestions do you have for our family after school and on weekends to support their mental math skills? Questions like these can help us work with you this school year!
- **Do know that educators, like families, are doing their very best amidst a pandemic.** Many teachers are being asked to juggle both in-person and online instruction, while others are bearing the burden of caring for their own families while managing a full course load. As with everything in 2020: bring extra patience, understanding, and kindness to the conversation.
- **Do share details about success during at home learning.** Oftentimes, a specific insight or detail that you might not think is critical, can be the crucial link in a teacher's full knowledge of your kiddo. Something as simple as, "We've discovered that my daughter really struggles with focused seatwork in the afternoons here at home, so we have started to take walks between Zoom classes after lunch." This small, but intuitive detail gives teachers a holistic view of your child as both a remote learner and a person.
- **Don't lose sight of what's important.** The New York Times recently shared an article about finding what is important. Their message is simple: *Value process over product*. It's easy as a parent or caregiver to get caught up in the small stuff, like comparing your student's accomplishments to others or fixating on one test or one grade. More than ever, students (and families alike) are feeling overwhelmed, so now is the time to support your child in valuing the learning process over test scores. And during a virtual conference, this may look like asking questions about your child's emotional well-being instead of what grade they got on a recent test.
- **Ending the virtual conference with a plan and an understanding of what to expect this winter.** Every conversation with an educator can and should lead to action items, whether it's something small (Read with your student every night before bed) or a long-term plan (steps to increase independent homework completion). Make sure you understand what has been shared and how it affects your student's learning success and be sure to follow up with questions via email or a phone call if you need clarification.



Help Support Manz Elementary by Participating in our Fundraiser!

Wednesday November 18

4:00 – 8:00 PM

Water Street Location

329 Water Street, Eau Claire WI 54703

715-835-6195

Orders can be placed up to 3 days in advance at www.burrachos.com

Just mention MANZ when you order!

(Add Manz to Notes area for online orders)

CURBSIDE/CARRY OUT * DINE-IN (LIMITED SEATING)



Burrachos will be donating 25% of your
purchase back to Manz!

#BurrachosGivesBack

TACO KITS AVAILABLE FOR CARRY OUT ORDERS

Family Style Taco Bar - \$19.99

Comes with 12 shells, Chicken (Just heat and serve!)

Three sides of salsa or sour cream, cheese and lettuce
for the whole family!

Deluxe Family Style Taco Bar - \$25.00

The bigger brother of the Family Style Taco Bar includes
12 Taco Shells, Chicken (Just heat and serve!) Three
sides of salsa or sour cream, cheese, lettuce, chips and
queso.

Get your **Flu Shot!**

Drive-Thru Flu Shot Clinics

WHO Open to all Children (ages 6 months - 18 yrs)
(whether they have insurance or not)

*We encourage individuals to visit their healthcare provider and pharmacies for flu shots as well!

COST FREE! (while supplies last)

**WHEN/
WHERE** Saturday, October 24, 2020, 10am-3pm
Augusta Senior and Community Center
616 W. Washington Street, Augusta, WI 54722

Saturday, November 7, 2020, 10am-3pm
Indoor Sports Center (Soccer Park Parking Lot)
3456 Craig Rd, Eau Claire, WI 54701

**TIPS FOR
FASTER
SERVICE**

- Print, fill out, and bring the consent form with you.
Find it here: <http://bit.ly/FluShotEC>
- Wear a sleeveless shirt.

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! If any of the statements below applies to you, we **cannot** give you a flu shot.

- If you or anyone in your household is under quarantine or isolation due to COVID-19.
- If you or anyone in your household is experiencing any of the following symptoms: Headache, fever, cough, chills, shortness of breath, vomiting, diarrhea, nausea, fatigue, loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion, or runny nose.
- If your child is uncooperative, due to safety reasons.

Questions? Call us at 715-839-4718
or visit flushot.echealthdepartment.org

 Eau Claire City-County
Health Department

News & Announcements

Picture Retake Days Tuesday Nov 10 and Friday Nov 13

Tuesday, November 10th for Cohort A and Cohort D and Friday, November 13th for Cohort B. Cohort C – If you would like a re-take, please come either day at 10 a.m.

Winter & Holiday Help Information

This is the season for thanks and celebration in many homes. It is also the season of increased heating and clothing expenses. The Eau Claire County Resource Guide is a helpful tool and it can be accessed at www.eauclaire.uwex.edu/family-living/resource-directories or by calling 1-800-362-8255.

If your family is financially unable to provide winter outerwear for your child(ren), we do have limited resources donated by community organizations to our school. If you would like to confidentially discuss your child(ren) or your family's needs, please call Sara David at (715) 852.3903 or email me at sdavid@ecasd.us.

Cold Weather Reminder

Our students will be outside before school, and at recess, in both the snow and the cold. We will only be inside if it is raining, the temperature is below zero, or the wind chill is below -10 degrees. Please help us keep your kids warm and safe by sending them to school each day with appropriate weather gear, including snow pants, boots, hats, mittens, and warm winter jackets.

PTA Update

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 \$6.00. For a copy of the PTA membership form go to [Membership Form](#) on the Manz website. Please complete and send the completed form along with the \$6.00 to school with your child.

Manz PTA Needs Your Help! Manz PTA is looking for someone to put together our 2020/2021 yearbook! This task involves taking digital photos provided by Manz staff and organizing them into templates online to create a memory of this school year! Please reach out to Sarah Stafford at sarahstafford8@yahoo.com if you're interested!

PTA Minutes

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

PTA Officers

President – [Sarah Stafford](#) President Elect – [Lindsay Pohlen](#)
Secretary – [Kellie Slimak](#) Treasurer – [Heidi Laurin](#)

“At the end of the day, the most overwhelming key to a child's success is the positive involvement of parents.”