

Bobcat News



A Note From Our Principal

April 2019

Dear Families,

I hope everyone had a restful and rejuvenating spring break. I used my week to re-energize. This will carry us through with a strong end of the school year! April is looking to be a very busy month for us here at Manchester.

*The third and fourth graders will be participating in the Illinois Assessment of Readiness over the next two weeks. This is the test mandated by the state that we give every year. It helps us to understand how we are doing as a school and district in relation to the state standards and other schools in the state.

*PTO will be hosting a Movie Night coming up on the 12th. These are great events for families to attend together and enjoy a big screen version of a new release. This time we will be watching Spider-Man: Into the Spider Verse. I am very excited to see this with my family! The event is free, but there are concessions for sale.

*Family Reading Night will take place on April 30th. This is looking to become a great event. We will have sessions to support parents as well as fun activities for kids. Mrs. Pride, our Art teacher will be displaying many of the great art projects that our students have been working on this spring semester.

*Additional classroom events will continue to pop-up throughout the month. Continue to watch classroom newsletters or the school facebook page for more events.

Have a wonderful April!
~Mrs. Lilja

Upcoming Events:

- ✓ 4/9—IAR (formerly PARCC) testing begins
- ✓ 4/12—PTO Movie Night 6pm
- ✓ 4/17—2nd Grade Field Trip to Legoland
- ✓ 4/18—Progress Reports go home
- ✓ 4/19—NO SCHOOL
- ✓ 4/22—Snow day make-up day. School IS in session.
- ✓ 4/26—NO SCHOOL- Institute Day
- ✓ 4/30—Family Reading Night
- ✓ 5/2—PTO 6pm
- ✓ 5/3—Jog-a-Thon

PTO News

PTO Updates reaching all the way back to February:

Thank you to all the parents who shared all the DELICIOUS fixings for the teachers dinner at Parent/Teacher Conferences!

Thank you to everyone who supported the Valentines Dance - whether through your generous donations of snacks and treats for the sweet walk or your sweet moves on the dance floor! The dance also showcased the new sound equipment that the PTO Chocolate Fundraiser was able to purchase for the school - so thank you to all who worked hard to make the fundraiser a success!

The PTO was excited to support the inaugural One Book One School program at Manchester last month. Hope that everyone enjoyed the hijinks of The Fantastic Mr. Fox!

The yearbook is in production! Don't panic, though, if you missed the deadline for ordering your yearbook. A few extras have been ordered and will be available on a first come first served basis in May.

Up next:

The PTO is excited to offer the Spring Family Movie Night featuring concessions, popcorn, and the Spider Verse. Bring your whole family, blankets, and pillows and join us on April 12!

The Jog-A-Thon, scheduled for May 3, will offer the students a chance to raise money, decorate t shirts, and run for Summer Reading! Mark your calendars, can't wait!

Thanks, as always, for your support of Manchester School, especially the students, the teachers, and the families that make it so great. Hope to see you all at Movie Night!



Student of the Month

Manchester Elementary honors one student from each class as Student of the Month. These students are nominated by teachers and staff for his/her outstanding achievement in citizenship, academics, leadership, and for being caring students who are role models for others. Our recent recipients are:

February: Elianna S., Gabriella V., Landen B., Samantha P., Kye T., Jason D., Tess H., Emily P., Joshua S., Kareem B., and Iylani B. Congratulations to all!

Spring Pictures

Spring Picture Day was March 21, and we should be receiving our pictures soon! Please review and return payment and/or all unwanted Lifetouch Spring pictures to the office ASAP. Thank you.



Art Room News

The art room has been super busy with projects emphasizing foxes to coordinate with our One School One Book. The annual Art Fair is rapidly approaching and will be held on April 30th in coordination with the Family Reading Night. We hope that you will be able to join us. Please watch for more information to be coming home with students. Finally, I have uploaded numerous projects to Artsonia. Please check out our fantastic projects online. Remember that any purchases help to fund art in our schools.

Sincerely,
Heidi Pride



News From the Office

A friendly reminder—if your child is going to be absent or delayed in getting to school, please contact the school office by 9:00am to avoid an unexcused absence. You may either call the office at 815-765-2826, or email Mrs. Jones at jjones@nbcusd.org. Also, if your student is arriving late to school (after 8:00am), you MUST accompany your student and sign them in at the office. Thank you!

Lunch Account Balances

Please watch your child's backpack for lunch account letters, and send payments promptly. We will not be able to accept personal checks as payment after April 30, 2019, and your child will not be able to charge lunches after April 30, 2019. Please make sure your child has enough money in their account to cover lunches. Contact the school office if you have any questions at 815-765-2826.



Family Reading Night

Manchester's Family Reading Night will be Tuesday, April 30th from 6pm—7:30pm. This year's theme is "Catch the Reading Bug"! Flyers were sent home with students last week—please return your RSVP's as soon as possible.