



# Bobcat News



## A Note From Our Principal

Dec. 2019/Jan. 2020

Dear Families,

Happy December. Wow, this year is going quickly!

We are in the process of our winter round of MAPs (Measures of Academic Progress) testing for Reading and Math. At Manchester, all students in Kindergarten through 4th grade take the winter benchmark. This test is used as an instructional tool, not a grade. We use the results from this test for instructional support in the classroom. The information provided to us, helps us to group students to teach at their specific ready to learn levels for the standards and skills that are a part of the curriculum. As your child takes the test, there will be many questions on the test your child will know and many questions that your child will not know. This is normal for this test as the test adapts to each student's knowledge level. Just as we will be working with your children to understand the process of the test, we ask that you also stress the importance to your child of taking his/her time and answering each question as well as he/she can. If you have any further questions about this assessment, please reach out to either your child's teacher or myself.

Our district is once again participating in the 5Essentials Survey. Your feedback is extremely important to our building. The information that we compile from this survey helps Manchester and the North Boone School District to grow and make informed decisions. We hope that you will take the opportunity to participate in this survey by visiting <https://survey.5-essentials.org/illinois/> anytime between now and February 14th. Any student that brings in a screenshot or email of their parents' survey completion will receive 3 Bobcat Bucks. Our 4th grade students will have an opportunity to take the survey with their classes as well.

I would like to wish all Manchester Families a happy and safe winter break.

Respectfully,  
Mrs. Lilja

### Upcoming Events:

- ✓ Dec. 6—The Nutcracker Ballet Field Trip
- ✓ Dec. 11—Young Rembrandt's Art Class 2:50pm
- ✓ Dec. 18—Young Rembrandt's Art Class 2:50pm
- ✓ Dec. 20—NO SCHOOL (Emergency snow-day if needed)
- ✓ Dec. 23-Jan. 3—Winter Break-NO SCHOOL
- ✓ Jan. 6—Back to School
- ✓ Jan. 10—Progress Reports go home
- ✓ Jan. 20—MLK Day-NO SCHOOL
- ✓ Jan. 21—2nd Grade Breakfast Buddies
- ✓ Jan. 22—Late Start Day—9:30am
- ✓ Jan. 28—McTeacher Night

## School Hours

Daily school hours are 8:00am—2:45pm. Our first morning bell rings at 7:55am; our tardy bell rings at 8:00am. We ask that car riders do not get to school before 7:45am. Afternoon car riders can be picked up at 2:45pm at Door F. Thank you!

## Lunch Balances

Please remember to pay your account balances for school lunch purchases. Overdue balance letters are sent home weekly, so please check those backpacks often! You also have the option of paying online by following the E-Funds link on [www.nbcusd.org](http://www.nbcusd.org). Please contact the school office if you have any questions.



## 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:

**October:** Alex P., Oliver T., Irelyn O., Gabe H., Colin B., Bentley C., Kennedy D., Joey V., Brynlee B., Aaden J., Chiara R., Tiana K., and Jordan B.

**November:** Freya R., Ava S., Nelo H., Aiden B., Braydon G., Aubrey B., Owen O., Tess H., Sadie B., Iylani B., Aiden J., Drew B., and Annalaya H. **Congratulations to all!**

## Lost and Found

Our Lost and Found Counter is filling up! All lost and found items are in our Lobby area near the office. Please take a look when you are in the building, and take any items belonging to your child. Also, please remind your child to bring home his/her lunchbox on a daily basis. Lunchboxes will be moved to the Lost and Found if left in the cafeteria at the end of the day. Thank you!



## Cold Weather

**Winter is here—Please remember that your children are still going outside for recess!** The School District's Policy is that children will be outside for recess as long as the wind chill is above 10 degrees. Please be sure your child comes to school each day prepared for outdoor recess, as well as in the morning as buses arrive. They should have a winter coat, as well as hats and gloves.



## Absences

Please report your child's absence by 9:00am by either calling 815-765-2826 or emailing Mrs. Jones at [jjones@nbcusd.org](mailto:jjones@nbcusd.org). Pre-Arranged Absence forms are available in the office, and also on the district website—[www.nbcusd.org](http://www.nbcusd.org). **Also, if your student is arriving to school late, please accompany him/her into the office to sign them in.**

## PTO News

Hi everyone,

First, **THANK YOU** to everyone who has donated snacks to the Emergency Snack Cupboard!

Second, every year the PTO disburses thousands of dollars to teachers, classrooms, and programs that benefit and enrich the educational lives of all our kids. In order to maintain this spending, we have to earn some money! Please join us by:

\*Participating in the World's Finest Chocolate fundraiser next month

-starting in January;

-featuring fun prizes for all chocolate salespeople and an exciting grand prize for the top sellers

\*Downloading the Shoparoo app

-easy to volunteer in anonymous market research by snapping a picture of your grocery and other shopping receipts;

-last week the PTO received a check for \$76, thanks to the diligence of just a few Manchester families who regularly used the Shoparoo app last year

\*Donating to or sponsoring PTO events

Thanks so much to those families who have generously sponsored the 1st and 2nd grade Breakfast Buddies this year!

Join our efforts and help to make Manchester School the BEST school!

**Next PTO meeting is Thursday 1/9/2020 @ 6:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.**