

Bobcat News



A Note From Our Principal

February / March 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians,

What a wild winter we have had so far! It has been many years since I have experienced missing this much school for the weather. Our students have also been having a lot of indoor recess with the frigid temperatures. I know they look forward to being outside to play and back on the playground soon. I know I do!

Thank you for your patience in the morning and afternoon with the extra car riders lately. It is very important that we keep all of our kids safe. I have noticed some traffic concerns in the morning, and I want to remind all parents that drop off should come along the south side of the building or along the west side only after buses have gone through. In order to keep all of our students safe while walking to the building, please avoid turning around or pulling into the long yellow lines by door A during the school day. Your kindness and patience with helping our students get to and from school safely does not go unnoticed. Thank you!

We will start Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR) in early March. This was formerly the PARCC test and is the statewide assessment based on the Illinois Learning Standards. Our third and fourth graders will take multiple sessions of the IAR test over a two week window. Your child's teacher will inform you when their class is testing.

Please consider these three steps to supporting your child through testing.

1. Encourage your child to work hard and try his/her best to show how much he/she has learned. Be cautious not to over stress doing well, but continually encourage to try hard.
2. Limit night time activities on testing eves. Being out or up too late can affect how kids do on tests. To the extent possible, stick to normal bed-times and set an alarm in the morning to not be too rushed.
3. There is something to be said for a good healthy breakfast on the day of the test. Choose energy boosting foods with protein, such as eggs, milk, or yogurt, and healthy carbohydrates, such as fruit, oatmeal, or toast.

As always, thank you for everything you do! We love having your children with us every day.

Respectfully,
Mrs. Lilja

Upcoming Events:

- ✓ 2/13—Parent/Teacher Conferences 4p-730p
- ✓ 2/13—Kindergarten Registration 4p-7p
- ✓ 2/14—Classroom parties 1:30pm
- ✓ 2/18—President's Day-NO SCHOOL
- ✓ 2/20—**RESCHEDULED** Parent/Teacher Conferences 4p-730p
- ✓ 2/20—Kindergarten Registration 4p-7p
- ✓ 2/22—End of 2nd Trimester
- ✓ 2/26—McTeacher Night 5p-7p
- ✓ 2/28—3rd Grade Breakfast Buddies
- ✓ 3/1—Report cards go home
- ✓ 3/7—PTO Meeting 6pm
- ✓ 3/21—Spring Pictures
- ✓ 3/21—4th Grade Breakfast Buddies
- ✓ 3/25-3/29—Spring Break-NO SCHOOL
- ✓ 4/1—School Resumes

IMPORTANT! SNOW DAY MAKE-UP!

On November 26th, 2018, we closed school because of the snow and hazardous road conditions. All schools are required to build in Emergency Days for school to be made up in the event of a cancelation. Our make day will be **Monday, April 22nd, 2019**. Monday is the day after the Easter Holiday, so please adjust your calendars as necessary, because this will become a regular attendance day for our students.

~Dr. Michael J. Greenlee, Superintendent, NBCUSD #200

***Please Note: We do not yet have an official “Last day of school”, due to multiple Emergency Days being used this year. As soon as the Superintendent announces this, we will let you know. Thank you!**

Kindergarten Registration

Registration for those students eligible for Kindergarten for the 2019-2020 school year will be held on February 13, 2019 and February 20, 2019 from 4:00pm—7:00pm at Manchester School. Forms may be downloaded from the District Website at www.nbcusd.org, or picked up at the school office during the hours of registration. Please contact the school at 815-765-2826 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:

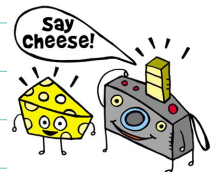
December: Brynley P., William S., Colin B., Owen O., Marshal W-G., Kennedy D., Emmanuel G., Aiden H., Jayden G., Gizzel B., and Sadie B.

January: Vinny B., Carter T., Emmalynn T., Bella W., Mia P., Desteny G., Emma C., Zachary M., Ella H., Emmanuel G., and Bella C.

Congratulations to all!

Spring Pictures

Lifetouch will be at Manchester on Thursday, March 21st for Spring Pictures. Every student will have their picture taken, but purchase is not required. There will be no retakes of Spring Pictures.



School Hours

Please Note: Manchester Elementary’s school hours are 7:55am—2:45pm. School opens to students at 7:45am, and our bell rings promptly at 7:55am. The tardy bell rings at 8:00am, and students are encouraged to be at their desks and ready to learn by this time. Students that arrive after 8:00am are considered tardy and must stop by the office, and be signed in by a parent/guardian before continuing to their classroom. We appreciate everybody’s help as we create the best possible learning environment for all of our students!