

Bobcat News



A Note From Our Principal

February / March 2022

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are working slowly to become more normal here at Manchester. Shortened exclusions and Test to Stay have definitely been helpful. We have started bringing volunteers into the building and would love to see more. If you would like to volunteer with your child's classroom, please reach out to the homeroom teacher. If you would like to become a volunteer to help throughout the building, please reach out to the office. Volunteers will need to fill out a once a year volunteer form and self certify that they are feeling healthy.

We will start the Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR) in early March. This is the statewide assessment based on the Illinois Learning Standards. Our third and fourth graders will take multiple sessions of the IAR test. We are currently planning on taking the tests before Spring Break. Make-up testing will happen throughout the window until testing is completed. Your child's teacher will inform you when their class is testing.

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

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 your child to try hard.

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 bedtimes and set an alarm in the morning to not be too rushed.

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.

Our district is currently conducting the year state required 5 Essentials Survey <https://survey.5-essentials.org/illinois/>. This survey helps us to know how we are doing and analyze the effectiveness of changes we have made in the building. When you take the survey, please send in a picture/screenshot of the completion screen, and we will give 3 Bobcat Bucks to your child. I also want to thank all of the families that took the time to take the K-2 SEL survey. The information you provide in these surveys helps our school to make better educational decisions for your children!

Respectfully,

Mrs. Liya

Upcoming Events:

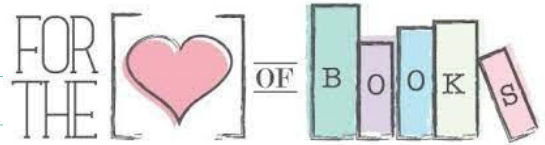
- ✓ Feb. 3—PTO Virtual Meeting 6pm
- ✓ Feb. 9—Parent/Teacher Conferences 4p-730p
- ✓ Feb. 11—End of 2nd Trimester
- ✓ Feb. 17—Parent/Teacher Conferences 4p-6p
- ✓ Feb. 17—Virtual Family Reading Night 6p-730p
- ✓ Feb. 21—President's Day-NO SCHOOL
- ✓ Feb. 25—Report Cards sent home
- ✓ Mar. 3—PTO Virtual Meeting 6pm
- ✓ Mar. 16—Late Start—9:30am
- ✓ Mar. 18—Spring Pictures
- ✓ Mar. 28-Apr. 1—Spring Break—NO SCHOOL
- ✓ Apr. 4—School Resumes



Virtual Family Reading Night

Family Reading Night is Thursday, February 17, from 6p-7:30p, and is VIRTUAL this year! Our theme is "For the Love of Books" and teachers will be reading stories about love, kindness, and friendship. Students will each receive a free book along with some extra goodies. Log in to spend the evening with our entire district and enjoy the spirit of love. We hope to see you there!

Log-in details will be sent home at a later date.



PTO News

The VIRTUAL February PTO meeting will be on Thursday, February 3 at 6:00 p.m.

<https://meet.google.com/pvd-gncb-tnc> OR check your email for a convenient hyperlinked version!

We'll be making plans for an outdoor family fun day and everyone is invited to help with the brainstorming.

As a bonus: The classroom with the highest parent attendance at the February meeting will win a LOVELY prize.

Hope to see you there!

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.

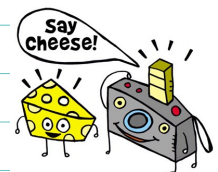
Our recent recipients are:

December: Alijah C., Alexander G., Joey P., Freya R., Genesis M., Jettie M., Chiara R., Zander H., Addison B., Abimael V., and Mackenzie W.

January: Carson M., Addison B., Will A., Carter B., Mylie M., Carter T., Colin B., Lia N., Stanley S., Andrea A., Zander H., and Lily K. Congratulations to all!

Spring Pictures

Lifetouch will be at Manchester on Friday, March 18th for Spring Pictures. Every student will have their picture taken, but purchase is not required. There will be no retakes of Spring Pictures.



Kindergarten Registration

Registration for those students eligible for Kindergarten for the 2022-2023 school year will open online on February 23, 2022, at www.nbcusd.org. Flyers with more information will be sent home with students soon. Online Registration for all other students will open up in March—details to follow. Please contact the school at 815-765-2826 if you have any questions.