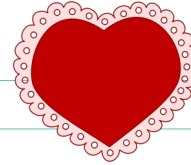


Bobcat News



A Note From Our Principal

January/February 2023

Dear Families,
Happy New Year! Wow, this year is going quickly!
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 January 24th and March 31st. 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.

This time of year is a great time to snuggle in with your kiddos and read some good books. I know as a parent, when reading with my child, sometimes I struggle with the right questions to ask to check understanding. For that reason, am providing some easy go-to prompts that any of us can ask our kiddos to help them with their reading. The questions vary in ability from younger ages to older.

Fiction:

*How does the character feel in this story (or this part)? How do you know?

*What do you think will happen next? Why do you think so?

*Does something in this book remind you of something in your life? How does that help you understand the character or his actions?

*Where did the problem get resolved in the story? Show me in the book.

*What was the author's message in this story?

Nonfiction:

*What is something new you learned from reading this book?

*What have you learned from the pictures or the words? Show me in the book. Find evidence in the text.

*What information did you get from the headings, pictures, captions, diagrams, glossary?

*What did you notice about the language the author used in this book? How did it add to your enjoyment or understanding of the book?

*What was the author's purpose for writing this book?

Respectfully,
Mrs. Lilja

Upcoming Events:

- ✓ 01/16—M. L. King Day—NO SCHOOL
- ✓ 01/25—LATE START—9:30am
- ✓ 01/27—Progress Reports sent home
- ✓ 02/02—Virtual PTO Meeting 6pm
- ✓ 02/08—Parent/Teacher Conferences 4p-7:30p
- ✓ 02/14—Valentine's Day
- ✓ 02/15—LATE START—9:30am
- ✓ 02/16—Parent/Teacher Conferences 4p-7:30p
- ✓ 02/20—President's Day—NO SCHOOL
- ✓ 02/22—3rd Grade Breakfast Buddies 8:15am
- ✓ 03/03—End of 2nd Trimester



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: Luciana C., Harlyn M., Zoey V., Shelby G., Aubriella T., Aiden B., Charlotte S., Liam D., Atlas H., Colton B., Nico C., Carter B., Jacob J., Jordynn H., and Rick M. Congratulations to all!

From the School Nurse's Office

January is here and so is the cold, wind, and snow! Frostbite can occur when the skin is exposed to the cold, wind, and wetness. This can happen quickly especially when temperatures start to drop and wind speeds increase. Manchester Elementary is in the open country and it gets very windy and cold. This combination of cold and wind causes wind chill factors to drop! Families living in town or Candlwick may not experience the cold and wind chill as when your child is at school. Please plan ahead and have your child dress warm for where they will be outdoors. Protecting exposed skin with gloves, hats, scarves, face masks, coats, and boots help to prevent frostbite. Manchester staff does a great job at monitoring outside temperatures and determining whether it is safe for students to play outdoors. Have fun, dress warm, and be safe!!!

February is National Children's Dental Health Month. If your child hasn't had a dental exam, this is a great time to make dental appointments for the 22-23 school year. Dental forms have started being sent home for those students that still need to have a dental exam completed. The dental forms need to be submitted to the Manchester School Nursing Office before May 15, 2023. This is an Illinois Law requiring kindergarten and 2nd graders to have a dental exam. The dental examination must have taken place within 18 months prior to May 15 of the school year. Dental forms can also be found on the North Boone CUSD 200 website and click on drop down to services, then next to health services. <https://www.nbcusd.org/services/health-services/>

Daily brushing and flossing is very important to maintaining good oral hygiene and dental health. My dentist once said, "I only need to brush the teeth I want to keep". Brushing our teeth & flossing in between teeth in the morning, before bed and between meals, when possible are very important in preventing cavities, bad breath, gum disease, and oral infections. Drinking plenty of fluids, especially water, helps to prevent dry mouth. Dry mouth can cause dental cavities. Please speak with your dentist and communicate your concerns about your child's dental health. It's better to prevent a dental problem *than* to have a dental issue.

Valentine's Day Classroom Parties

Manchester will be celebrating Valentine's Day on Tuesday, February 14. Each classroom will be having their party in the afternoon. Teachers will be contacting their room parents regarding times and volunteer needs, and we ask that only these volunteers attend the classroom parties. Please contact your student's teacher, or the school office at 815-765-2826 if you have any questions.



Manchester Phone Issues

We are experiencing intermittent problems with our phone lines. If you are having problems getting through on our line, you can call the district office (815-765-3322) and ask to be transferred to Manchester, or email Mrs. Jones: jjones@nbcusd.org, or email Mrs. Lilja: mlilja@nbcusd.org.