

Bobcat News



A Note From Our Principal

March / April 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope that you are doing well in this crazy time. It has been just about a full year since we had a normal schedule. I want to wish our sincerest gratitude to all of our families for all you have done to help your children with their education this past year. We have loved having students with us in the building and are looking forward to seeing them for longer days! As your children transition into full days with us, here are some ideas for continuing to support your student and keep them engaged in their learning.

*Continue communicating with your child's teacher. The partnership between home and school is vital for student success. You are your child's first teacher, best advocate, and number one fan. Knowing that you are involved in their education is a great motivator.

*Talk to your child about what they are learning, what challenges he/she faces, and what is going well for him/her at school. Ask them questions, and be open to what they share. Problem solve struggles together. Open dialogue reinforces the importance of education with your child, as well as sparking interest and curiosity.

*Read to or with your child everyday. Even a few minutes of intentional time can support their learning, deepen your relationship, and foster a love of reading that lasts a lifetime.

Respectfully,

~Mrs. Lilja

There is still time to take the 5Essentials Survey for Manchester <https://survey.5-essentials.org/Illinois/> anytime between now and April 2nd. Any student that brings in a screenshot or email of their parents' survey completion will receive 3 Bobcat Bucks.

3rd and 4th grade students will be taking the IAR test in April. This is a mandatory test taken in grades 3-8 statewide.

Upcoming Events:

- ✓ Mar. 12—End of 2nd Trimester
- ✓ Mar. 14—Daylight Savings Time begins—Spring ahead!
- ✓ Mar. 15—MES Late Start
- ✓ Mar. 19—Student of the Month Lunch @ 11:30am
- ✓ Mar. 19—Report Cards mailed home
- ✓ Mar. 29-Apr. 2—Spring Break—NO SCHOOL
- ✓ Apr. 5—School Resumes with FULL DAY, IN-PERSON SCHEDULE—8a-225p
- ✓ Apr. 23—Institute Day—NO SCHOOL

In-Person Schedule Change—IMPORTANT!

Starting Monday, April 5, 2021, all NBCUSD K-4 students will return to a 5-day in-person school week, with extended hours. The school day will now be from 8a-2:25p, M-F. If your child is currently attending remote-only learning, and you would like to switch them to in-person learning, please contact the school by March 10th. We will also need to know if your child will need bus transportation. More information was mailed and emailed home last week. Please contact the school office at 815-765-2826 if you have any questions.

Kindergarten Registration 2021-2022

Kindergarten online registration will be open from February 17—March 12, 2021. Registration information can be found online at www.nbcusd.org. Proof of Residency (2 forms) and Birth Certificate are required, and can be uploaded right onto the registration portal.

No Fees will be due at the time of registration.

Incoming Kindergartners must be 5 years old by or on September 1, 2021.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Manchester Elementary at 815-765-2826, or you may email your questions to: registration@nbcusd.org.

**Returning Student Registration will be open late March—stay tuned for details!



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: Reagan S., Jacob J., Aiden B., Brynley P., Liam D., Landen B., Samantha P., Audrina E., Molly V., Owen O., Genesis M., Josiah C., and Avery A.

January: Cole C., Poppy M., Hannah L., Dawson G., Keiko Z., Braydon G., Natalie S., Alexander C., Addy R., Genesis M., Rick M., Nico W., and Aiden B.

February: Andrew G., Cece F., Radamel H., Lia N., Eli W., Austin B., Braylee M., Bentley C., Aiden B., Colton G., Daniel R., Noah R., and Austin P. Congratulations to all!

School Lunches

The State of Illinois has waived lunch fees for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year. If you would like school lunches delivered to your home (full-remote learners), please sign up **WEEKLY** by Thursday for the following week at www.nbcusd.org. In-person students may choose to have a hot lunch at school, and do not need to sign up in advance for it.

Safety Protocols

The following safety protocols remain in place:

- *Students must wear masks at all times;
- *Students will be socially distanced as much as possible;
- *Sanitizing stations are located throughout the building;
- *Classrooms are sanitized daily;
- *Students will need their own supplies; supplies are not shared.
- *Parents will need to continue to screen students prior to sending them to school. Temperatures will be checked before students enter the building.
- *Lunches will be served, but no snacks will be permitted. Students may bring water bottles daily, but drinking fountains are not accessible.