

# Bobcat News



## A Note From Our Principal

October/November 2019

Dear Families,

I want to sincerely thank you for supporting us with our fundraising efforts by selling Cookie Dough and Butter Braids. Whether you helped your child to sell one item or twenty, we appreciate your support. We were able to raise \$2400 to support additional educational materials and programming here at Manchester.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at conferences. Please remember that although we set aside two nights in October and two nights in February for conferences, you can still reach out to us for any needed meetings at other times. We realize that educating children is a team effort and appreciate the part families play on the team.

As I walk around the school, I hear many teachers and students talking about mistakes and how important they are. We talk about having a growth mindset. This is the belief that anyone can improve and that mental capabilities are not fixed in place. Brain research has shown that when a mistake is made, our brains are more active and grow more pathways. Although it is nice to answer things correctly, making mistakes helps us all to learn. The important part is helping students learn from their errors. So how can you do this at home? Point out the mistakes, but don't gloss over them. Help your child to understand where he/she went wrong by having them review their work, offer suggestions, and encourage him/her to go to the teacher for help. While doing this, it is also important to praise progress. After reviewing mistakes, help your child to see that he/she is learning and improving. Paying attention to past mistakes and correcting them makes a difference. The more a child sees this, the more that child will believe in his/her ability to improve.

Respectfully,

Mrs. Lilja

Birthday Treats

As a reminder all treats that are brought into the classroom must be store bought. For further information on this, please see page 10 of the student handbook. Thank you for your support.

### Upcoming Events:

- ✓ Oct. 3—PTO Meeting 6pm
- ✓ Oct. 4—Progress Reports go home
- ✓ Oct. 14—Columbus Day-NO SCHOOL
- ✓ Oct. 15—Picture Retakes
- ✓ Oct. 15—Kindergarten Breakfast Buddies
- ✓ Oct. 15-24—Book Fair
- ✓ Oct. 16—Parent/Teacher Conferences 4-7:30pm
- ✓ Oct. 18—PTO Movie Night
- ✓ Oct. 24—Parent/Teacher Conferences 4-7:30pm
- ✓ Oct. 25—Institute Day-NO SCHOOL
- ✓ Oct. 31—Halloween Parade 8:15am
- ✓ Nov. 15—Report Cards go home
- ✓ Nov. 19—1st Grade Breakfast Buddies
- ✓ Nov. 20—Late Start 9:30am
- ✓ Nov. 27-29—Thanksgiving Break -NO SCHOOL

## Halloween Party

Manchester will be celebrating Halloween on Oct. 31!

Our parade will be in the Gym at 8:15am, followed by our classroom parties at 8:45am. Students will change into their costumes in their classrooms before the parade. Please no face/body paint, and leave those weapon-like items at home. Parents and families are welcome to attend our parade, but only pre-arranged classroom volunteers will be able to attend the parties.



## 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:

**August:** Isabella B., Liam B., Graycee G., Henry M., Emmalynn T., Melissa T., Joshua S., Jason D., Charlotte S., Jessi B., Nico C., Gizzel B., and Nicholas S.

**September:** Maria G., Staryln S., William S., Lia N., Austin B., Molly V., Adalyn C., Gabriella W., Harper R., Josiah C., Emmanuel G., Giovanni B., and Keiko Z. Congratulations to all!

## From the School Nurse

Vision and Hearing Screenings will be conducted at our school in the upcoming months. If you **do not** want your student screened for vision and hearing the parent/guardian must submit a written statement of refusal stated on it and signed/dated. This refusal statement must be submitted annually and will be kept in the student file. Thank you.

## Picture Retake Day

Photos were sent home with students a few days ago. If you are not happy with the photos you can return your pictures and request retakes. Retakes will take place on **October 15, 2019**. You must return your pictures on that date if you wish your child to have retakes. Please write "Retake" on the outside of your picture envelope. If your child was absent on picture day we will have them photographed on retake day.



## Cold Weather

Cold weather is coming! Please make sure your child comes to school each day prepared for outdoor recess, as well as in the morning as buses arrive. We will be outside as long as the wind chill is above 10 degrees.

## Scholastic Book Fair

**YOU ARE INVITED TO THE ARCTIC ADVENTURE AT OUR SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR!**

The Book Fair will be at Manchester from Oct. 15—Oct. 24. It will be open on Mondays and Wednesdays from 8am—3pm. It will also be open on October 16 and 24 during Parent/Teacher Conferences from 4—7:30pm.

Come in and check out all of the great books for children and adults!

All students will have the opportunity to visit the Book Fair during their library time. A book list showing some of the available titles will be coming home with your student. Several additional titles will also be included in the Fair.

Students can make their purchases with cash or **checks made payable to "Manchester"**.

**PLEASE ADD 7.75% SALES TAX TO ALL ORDERS SENT TO SCHOOL WITH YOUR STUDENT.**

\*Make sure your student brings their Scholastic Dollar to redeem at the Book Fair (sponsored by Manchester PTO)!



## PTO News

The parent volunteers who will be leading the PTO this 2019/2020 school year as officers:

- President: Carrie Morelock
- Vice-President : Shantel Rabe
- Treasurer: Robert Dreyer
- Co-Secretaries: Angie Peyatt and Lori Bedore

The Upcoming PTO events:

- 10/3 6:00 p.m. October PTO meeting
- 10/8 4:00 p.m. Teacher and staff PTO check in
- 10/15 8:00 a.m. Kindergarten Breakfast Buddies
- 10/16 Teacher Conferences Dinner
- 10/18 6:00 p.m. Family Movie Night
- 11/7 6:00 p.m. November PTO meeting
- 11/19 8:00 a.m. 1st Grade Breakfast Buddies

The ways that everyone can be involved:

- Come to Family Movie Night
- Send your BoxTops to school
- Utilize the Shoparoo app\*
- Join us at PTO meetings
- Make a donation to Manchester PTO
- Bring part of the meal the PTO prepares for teachers during conferences

Email [ptomanchester@gmail.com](mailto:ptomanchester@gmail.com) to be included on the email list and learn when and where you can help.

### **\*Shoparoo phone app\***

Help us earn EASY money!!

\*Download Shoparoo App

\*Search for "Manchester Elementary School" Poplar Grove within app

\*Answer a couple of questions

\*Begin taking photos of ALL your shopping receipts on the app

During the 2018-2019 school year only 6 people actively entered receipts and Manchester will be getting a \$58 check soon due to it. SO EASY!

## Lost and Found

Our Lost and Found 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 student. Also, please remind your student 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!