

# Bobcat News



## A Note From Our Principal

October/November 2021

Dear Families,  
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.

So far this year, our morning announcements have been focusing on having a growth mindset and many classes are doing the same. 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*

### Upcoming Events:

- ✓ Oct. 8—1st Trimester Progress Reports sent home
- ✓ Oct. 11—Fall Break—NO SCHOOL
- ✓ Oct. 15—PTO Movie Night
- ✓ Oct. 20—Virtual Parent/Teacher Conferences 4p-7:30p
- ✓ Oct. 22—Institute Day—NO SCHOOL
- ✓ Oct. 28—Virtual Parent/Teacher Conferences 4p-7:30p
- ✓ Nov. 11—Picture Retakes
- ✓ Nov. 12—End of 1st Trimester
- ✓ Nov. 17—Late Start—9:30am
- ✓ Report Cards sent home
- ✓ Nov. 24-26—Thanksgiving Break—NO SCHOOL

## Halloween Party

We are all super excited to announce that we will be having Halloween parties in classrooms this year. We will also be doing an outdoor Halloween parade. Since this is outdoors, it is weather permitting and if the weather is not cooperating, the parade will unfortunately have to be cancelled. Let's all hope for good weather!

The parade will be held at 1:30 on October 29th, and the parties will follow in the classrooms afterwards. Students will change into school appropriate costumes before the parade begins. Please make sure your child knows how to put on their costumes. We will have staff helpers, but in order to make it go smoothly, students should also know how to put on their costumes. Students will leave the school in costumes. Parents are welcome to come watch the outdoor parade! We will not be having visitors in for the parties this year, however teachers may be reaching out for supplies and take home treats.



## 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:** Everly B., Jacob J., Stone A., Charlotte S., Abi V., Emmalynn T., Ethan C-V., Carson M., Addy R., Alexis T., Annalaya H., and Gianna W.

**September:** Oscar V., Zeke Z., Hunter S., Connor L., Graycee G., Ema D., Alijah R., Bennett M., Abi P., Alexander G., Noah R., and Peyton E. Congratulations to all!

## Picture Retake Day

After waiting patiently this year, we were finally able to get Picture Day in! We will soon be receiving your student's picture packages. However, if you are not happy with the photos you can return your pictures and request retakes. Retakes will take place on **November 11, 2021**. 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.



## Birthday Treats

We are allowing birthday treats and goodie bags this year, but they must be store bought and we would ask that they be sent in 2 days in advance. Treats will be sent home with students at the end of the 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.

## PTO News

Excited to see everyone in person at our future PTO meetings! Please stay tuned for our next meeting date. All parents are welcome to attend.

Whether or not you can attend meetings, every parent at Manchester is invited to participate in PTO events. If you are not on the PTO email list and would like to know the PTO news, please send an email to [ptomanchester@gmail.com](mailto:ptomanchester@gmail.com).

The Manchester PTO will host a FREE Outdoor Family Movie on Friday, October 15.

Set up of chairs/pillows/blankets can begin at 5:30 p.m. Movie will begin at 6:00 p.m. Concessions will be available, popcorn will be FREE!

