



IronKid News

Mancelona Elementary School
Mancelona Public Schools

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Ironmen Apparel

Stop by the library to check out the latest selection of school spirit. Be sure to see the new line of Mancelona camouflage ball caps. These will be gone before you see them, so don't delay! Wear school colors to support our football team during the playoffs.

Thanksgiving Dinner for Lunch

Put November 19 on your calendar. Again this year, each child will be allowed to invite one guest to a special Thanksgiving lunch. An informational flier and sign-up sheet will be sent home sometime in the next few weeks.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Notes have gone home asking for times that work best for each family when it comes to scheduling conferences. We will work to accommodate your schedules as much as possible. Make sure you return your preferred times to your child's teacher.

Get Involved!

Our parent group is up and running this year. They have taken charge of Popcorn Thursday and host a *Mom to Mom Sale* on October 20. They need more parents to support their efforts this year. Call 587-8661 ex. 357 or email getinvolved@mancelonaschools.org

Fall is Here!



We know the seasons are changing and many exciting things mark this transition. Halloween is a huge deal for elementary children. They get eager about this weeks in advance.

Also, our third and fourth grade students recently finished the MEAP tests. They did a great job and gave great effort. Parent-Teacher conferences are coming. Be sure to sign-up for a time. It is important for each family to attend. The information shared during these conferences is vital. When children see the connection between school and home, more learning takes place. When parents place a value on education the children will respond in a positive manner.

The weather is changing, so each child needs to be prepared for the cold. Be sure your child has appropriate attire for outside

activities. (Please contact our counselor if you are in need of warm clothing.)

In general, the children stay inside during rain and extreme cold. We define extreme cold as anytime the wind chill is zero, or below. There are times when we will stay inside at higher temperatures, but those will be determined on an individual basis by the adults scheduled to be outside at those times.

The first day of school is a distant memory and the last day is too far away to imagine. Take time to enjoy your children and please contact us if you have any questions, comments, or concerns.

Transportation

Each day nearly 400 elementary students ride the bus home. We, as a school district, have taken many steps in recent weeks to improve this aspect of your child's education.

There are a few things that need your help. Changes to end of day routines are one of the biggest challenges for the office, teachers, and bus drivers. The office must know all

changes before 2:30pm. Please send a note to school with your child for such changes.

There are times when last minute situations arise. We will continue to work with families during these special times. However, it may not be practical to delay or reroute busses, so your patience and understanding is appreciated.

Be Safe at Home

Fact: Three of our families lost their homes last year due to fires.

These families lost possessions, homes, and pets. Take time to review your families safety procedures and replace the batteries in your fire alarms. We do not want any of our families to endure one of these situations this year. All students recently sat in on presentations from our local fire department. This type of education is very important.

Sometimes we cannot avoid accidents, but we can prepare for them.

Mark Your Calendars

October 25	Picture Day
October 31	Halloween
November 5	No School
November 7 & 8	Conferences
November 8	Half-Day

