



# IronKid News

Mancelona Elementary School  
Mancelona Public Schools

March 2008

### Going Green

On Earth Day, April 22, our staff will not use or make any copies. This will be our way of contributing to the environment. This will result in a savings of nearly 2500 sheets of paper and the associated toner.

### Nobody Home?

What happens when nobody is home to get a student off the bus? The bus may be able to come back by, or your child may be taken back to school (587-8661) or the Early Childhood Center (587-9021).

### Fine Arts News from Miss LaPointe

We have some exciting news from the art room. This year all 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students will begin a continuing art project that will decorate the outside of the school and permanently remain there for everyone to enjoy. The objective is to eventually have every student who has attended Mancelona Elementary School, starting from the year 2008, help decorate the brick border that is around the school building. The border will be decorated with painted tiles by the students. The tiles will be painted with a PDL latex paint, sealed, and affixed to the brick building using Thinset & grout. Anyone interested in volunteering with this project should contact Chandra LaPointe, EXT. 330.

### Instant Alert

Our computer lab will be open during conferences for information updating. Be sure to bring accurate emails, addresses, and phone numbers to update your child(ren)'s profile.

## Parent-Teacher Conferences

Notes went out a few weeks ago for scheduling of conferences. We make every effort to arrange things to help families coordinate time slots. There may, however, be a few cases where a gap occurs. We thank you in advance for your understanding. It is always challenging to schedule nearly 500 conferences. This conference period is just as

important as the fall session. During this session we will have our computer lab open for updating your Instant Alert profiles. This automated system automatically notifies families of school related information and/or emergencies. We look forward to seeing you on either March 25 or March 27.

The book fair will be in the library during conferences.

*Thank you carnival workers and volunteers! Your efforts will provide our students will wonderful opportunities to learn and grow.*

## Transportation News

There are nearly 400 elementary students that ride the bus to and from school each day. A typical day will have between 15 and 20 calls to the office for changes in end of day routines. Over the course of a school year this is nearly 70,000 drop-offs and 2500 bus change requests. When it becomes necessary to change a bus/drop for permanent or emergency purposes we fully understand. There are times when convenience for the parent or guardian is the reason for the request. Due to the volume of requests, it may become necessary to examine these on an individual basis. **No changes allowed after 2:30pm.** Please keep this in mind the next time you need to request a bus change. We want our students to be safely transported 100% of the time. Your understanding and assistance is appreciated.

## Kindergarten Round-Up

Open enrollment for all area students turning five by December 1, 2008.

We invite all interested families to attend this registration Open House at Mancelona Elementary. There will be activities for children and a light dinner for families. Meet our staff and learn about the kindergarten programs. Please be sure to visit us on the date that matches your child:

- April 16 4:00-7:30pm**  
**For children born between July-December**
- April 17 4:00-7:30pm**  
**For children born between January-June**

Parents need to bring photo identification, along with their child's birth certificate and immunization records.



### Mark Your Calendars

March 21	No School
March 25 & 27	Conferences
March 27 & 28	Half Days
March 28	PM - Spring Break Begins
April 7	School Resumes
April 16 & 17	Kindergarten Round-Up