



# IronKid News

Mancelona Elementary School  
Mancelona Public Schools

June 2008

### Superintendent Search

We have a new Superintendent. Mr. Jeff DiRosa was selected from a pool of over twenty-five applicants. He returns to Mancelona where he was raised and went to school. Welcome, Mr. DiRosa!

### Accelerated Reader

This year our students accumulated over 7000 points! This is well above previous year-end totals. Our goal for next year will have to be set even higher. Great job, Ironkids!

### Class Assignments

Our teachers are working hard to set up classes for the 2008-2009 school year. We plan to post classroom assignments for next year starting on August 15. So, be sure to check out our front entry for assignment information.

### Kindergarten

We are looking for area children that will be five on or before December 1. These children are eligible for one of our kindergarten programs. Please contact the school office for registration information, 587-8661.

### Good Bye®

It is with a heavy heart that we bid farewell to Mrs. Schwandt, Mrs. Stark and Mrs. Miller. Each of these ladies has given a career serving children. As they head into the next chapter of their lives we wish them well and hope they come back to visit and spend time with us in the future.

### Time to Reflect

So many wonderful things took place this past school year. There are many annual events and special people that helped to keep our school one of the best in the area.

Credit needs to be given to the many volunteers that enter our building each day. Without classroom and building volunteers many things simply would not get done. Our parent group, *Get Involved!*, has been vital in helping with many functions. They have assumed the Popcorn Thursdays and

recently inherited our fall fund raiser.

The *Choose Success!* before and after school programs were a big hit. Many of our students were able to participate in academic and enrichment programs that weren't previously offered.

So many people combine to give our school a truly unique identity. The staff at Mancelona Elementary hopes you have a wonderful and safe summer season. We'll see you in September.

### Read 180

Our school will have a fully functional Read 180 lab in place next year. The Read 180 program is a prescribed reading program that utilizes a leveled computer program as one element of reading instruction. We will be able to allow two classrooms to take part in this pilot program. The statistics show remarkable gains for students that are enrolled in this program.

In order to serve the most students we will be experimenting with two fully self-contained classrooms in third and fourth grade. This type of configuration will allow for maximum student access.

This will be an exciting chapter in the history of Mancelona Elementary.

### Summer School at Home

While we all look forward to relaxing in the summer - don't let your kids! Staying sharp on their academic skills needs to be a priority. Try to carve out some time to read a book or create some interesting math story problems.

Having fun away from the TV and video games is important. A physically fit student is a brighter and happier student. Make sure your kids spend plenty of time engaged in outdoor activities.

We live in an area that truly offers great recreational opportunities. Swimming, fishing, or just walking are just a few examples. There is a list of 100 suggestions on the back.

### Mark Your Calendars

Tentative for 2008-2009	
September 2	First Day of School
Nov. 3	No School
Dec. 22-Jan. 2	Holiday Break
March 30-April 3	Spring Break

