



IronKid News

Mancelona Elementary School
Mancelona Public Schools

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November/December 2008

Friends of the Mancelona Library

On December 11 from 5-7pm the friends group at our local library is offering free books. This is a great opportunity for parents to "secretly" get gifts for the holidays. Please call 587-9451 for more information.

Calendars

Don't throw away your 2008 calendars. The art classes would love to collect and use them. This is just another example of how recycling can benefit our students.

Basketball

Saturday Morning Basketball is open to all third and fourth grade students. Registration will take place in December and the sessions will begin in January. Additional information and sign-up sheets will be sent home, with extras located in the office, in early December.

Wrestling

Elementary wrestling will begin in February. More information to come.

Winter Safety

Don't become a statistic! Each year families close to us experience a house fire. Please, make sure you have fire alarms with fresh batteries.

Get Involved!

Be sure to check out the happenings of our parent group. They have their own link on our district web site. (www.mancelonaschools.org) You can find them under the elementary link - Parent Group.

Time Flies

The school year is 25% over. Can you believe it? We say that each year, but it always holds true. It really does seem like a few weeks ago it was September 2nd and we were enjoying the first day of school. Now, we are just a few weeks away from the winter break. Whew!

One of the most rewarding aspects of this school year has got to be our parent group, Get Involved! The numbers in this group have really grown. They now handle the main 'pizza sale' fund raiser for our school. These efforts are going to result in some new playground equipment to replace the remaining wooden structure. The spring carnival will help fund our Young Author's day near the end of the school year. In addition to these improvements, they are

also working with the *Green Schools* initiative to bring a limited recycling program to our school.

All of this demonstrates just how important an active parent community is to our school. The students of Mancelona Elementary are always in need of your help. Please join this important group, or simply come in to the school to help out in a classroom. Each moment you spend volunteering will make a difference!

We look forward to working with you to help make all of our students have a full and rich school life.

Please contact us if you have any questions, concerns or comments.

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Thanksgiving Dinner for Lunch

At the elementary there are several annual events that draw large crowds. We have the upcoming Winter Concert (December 15) and Spring Carnival that pack the high school gym and the entire elementary building, respectively. Our Young Author's event is always a big hit.

The 3rd annual *Thanksgiving Dinner for Lunch* is scheduled for Monday, November 24. Each child in our school gets the chance to invite a special guest to enjoy a holiday meal with. The slips for this event are now available. Please be sure to RSVP by November 20. We look forward to seeing you on this special day.

Changing Weather

The leaves are gone and in no time banks of snow will be lining our streets. Please make sure your child has warm clothes for outside recess.

Having a break and spending time outside are important factors to a successful day of school. All students are expected to participate in recess. When the temperature/wind chill gets too cold, we do hold indoor recess. The parent survey at our recently completed parent-teacher conferences showed that about 90% of our families felt a ten degree wind chill was a good cut-off for outside recess.

If you need assistance in getting outfitted for winter recess, please let our office know. All requests are kept confidential.

Mark Your Calendars

November 24	Thanksgiving Dinner for Lunch
November 26	Half-Day Thanksgiving Break
December 13	Breakfast with Santa
December 15	Winter Concert
December 19	Break Begins
January 5	School Resumes
January 23	Half-Day
February 4	Half-Day
February 13 & 16	No School