



# IronKid News

Mancelona Elementary School  
Mancelona Public Schools

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## Going Green Online

This is the first edition of our newsletter to not be sent home with students. We will be utilizing the district web site to pass along information. While there will still be notes sent home, our goal is to reduce the amount of paper used in and around our building.

## Wrestling

Elementary wrestling is gearing up. Notes were sent home with all 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grade students. Call the school office for more information.

## 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](http://www.mancelonaschools.org)) You can find them under the elementary link - Parent Group.

## Mark Your Calendars

January 23	Half-Day
February 4	Half-Day
February 13 & 16	No School
March 6	Carnival
March 24	Young Author's
March 28-April 5	Spring Break

## Wertz Warriors

In 1981, when former Detroit Tiger Vic Wertz decided he wanted to do something to help fund Winter Special Olympics, the Wertz Warriors were born. From this came the *Wertz Warriors 900 mile Endurance Ride*. This year they ride for the 28th time, back and forth across Michigan, making many stops along the way picking up monies raised by many different organizations.

One of these stops will be at Mancelona Elementary School on Thursday morning, Feb 5th. This will be the 8th time that Mancelona Elementary has raised money for Wertz Warriors and Special Olympics.



Over the years we have raised over \$10,000! Again this year we will be running a "Penny War." There are also paper snowmobiles being sold for \$1 each in the elementary office. These will be displayed in the elementary lobby. There are also raffle tickets for sale. All the money raised will be donated to Wertz Warriors and Winter Olympics. Thank you all for your generous and continued support of this wonderful cause.



We would like to welcome Shelly James, our new elementary school counselor. She previously held the position of Mancelona Middle School Counselor/Dean of Students.

Shelly graduated with a bachelor's degree in English Education and Psychology from Michigan State University and a master's degree in counseling from Sienna Heights University. She has held a variety of positions over the last 25 years in education; first as an English teacher with Onsted Community Schools, then as a rehabilitation counselor and supervisor for Michigan Department of Education, plus a K-12 guidance counselor at a school in Gaylord. Mrs. James is currently teaching a microwave cooking class during Monday's *Choose Success* program.

Mrs. James looks forward to working with our students and parents. Please feel free to stop by and introduce yourself.

## School Officer's Corner

My name is Deputy Bob Daunter, School Liaison Officer for Antrim County. I am delighted to announce that the IronKid newsletter will now have a School Officer's Corner. Information to be passed along in this corner will be related to safety concerns within the school and community. The Antrim County Sheriff's Department offers a number of programs such as, DARE, KidCare ID, (this is a photograph with fingerprints for your student, that are sent home with your child) along with events such as, Stranger Danger, Bus Safety, and Playground Safety. The School Officer will also handle school complaints; such as truancy, behavior, and other various concerns within the school.

Please contact me if you have further questions about school or our programs at 231-533-8627 ext 2241.

Deputy Bob Daunter

## Page Two...A Kid's View

On this page you will find stories generated by some of our students.

It was a success!!! Thank you for coming. The students worked very hard to put this together. Miss LaPointe also worked very hard by trying to get us prepared for this terrific concert. Miss Lapointe's mom, Cindy LaPointe, taped this wonderful concert and is putting it on DVD. You can buy one for \$5 in our school office. The 4<sup>th</sup> graders played *Hot Cross Buns*, *Gently Sleep*, *Merrily We Roll Along*, and *It's Raining* with recorders. Tommy Folder and Kristen Parrott played *Ode to Joy* and the other special treat was *Jingle Bells* with Tommy, Kristen, and Heidi Tracy on the recorders and Caitlin Ancel on guitar. There was also a *FUNKY* reindeer dance. There were hand bells played by the first graders. The second and third grade played boomwackers. The kindergarteners helped sing songs. If you weren't able to come, you missed one heck of a show.

By Tommy Folker & Kristen Parrott



In the Mancelona Elementary School we are doing a program called Accelerated Reader (AR). Who is doing this? The whole school, of course. When is this going on? It's going on all the time, but ends right before the school year ends. Everyone is complaining, "Why does it have to end!?" Every year we do this and this year we are using the seven continents to chart our progress. As you travel you get a prize. At the end of the year if we meet our goal we get to have a water balloon fight with the principal. The total that the whole school has is 3157.2 points. Our school is a really splendid school to go to. Keep reading Mancelona Elementary so we can get the prize.

By Josh Hauser & Conner Chapman

A special thanks to Mrs. Weeks for helping us put our stories together.