

D.A.R.E.

Our school is fortunate to have the services of a DARE Officer from the Antrim County Sheriff's Department. Deputy Daunter comes to our school whenever asked and provides important safety programming for our students. He will continue to have a space in upcoming newsletters to share information. A benefit golf outing is being held and 100% of the proceeds are returned to the youth of Antrim County.



Date: October 3, 2009
Time: 11:00 a.m. Shotgun Start
Cost: \$50 per person/\$200 team
(limited to first 18 registered teams)
Location: Deer Run Golf Course at
Lakes of the North

To register call 231.533.8627 at
ext. 2241 or ext. 2254.

Important Info

What happens when nobody is home to get a student off the bus? Your child may be taken back to school (587-8661) or the Early Childhood Center (587-9021). The office needs all students to have current emergency contacts on file. Make sure you keep this information up to date. All changes/updates must be made in person.

MEAP

Testing in 3rd and 4th grades begins on October 13. Be sure your students get to school on time after a solid night of rest. A nutritious breakfast will help them perform to the best of their ability.

Free Breakfast

Breakfast is available in the elementary cafeteria each morning at no cost. This universal free breakfast is the best way to start the day!

Thanksgiving Dinner for Lunch

Put November 23 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.

IronKid News

Mancelona Elementary School
Mancelona Public Schools

September/October
2009

Welcome to the 2009-10 School Year

This school year is off to a great start. Our brief summer has turned into fall. Like each passing year, this one will also go fast. By June, you will be amazed at your child's growth and development.

As always, communication is a huge part of your child's success. This newsletter, and the individual classroom newsletters, are vital tools for information delivery. We will use this forum to give you the most recent elementary news and/or policy changes. This first newsletter of the year will be the only one sent home with each child. As a **Michigan Green School**, we look for ways to conserve resources. This edition, and past editions, can be found on our district web site, www.mancelonaschools.org. For your convenience, we will have printed copies available in the office.

If at anytime you have a questions about your child's classroom or the school, please contact their teacher. The office staff can also assist in getting you important information and answering questions.

Already there is a lot going on at school. Our parent group, **Get Involved!**, will be starting the fall fund raiser in early October with delivery scheduled for early November. Please attend their meeting after school on September 21 to learn about this and Title I parental involvement.



We are proud to be one of three area (TBAISD) schools selected to participate in the MiBLSi program. Our staff will be working hard to learn and experiment with behavior and reading supports during this school year.

See the back side of this newsletter for specific parent information regarding the MiBLSi initiative.



Student Handbook

The Student & Parent Handbook is available online at our district web site. www.mancelonaschools.org is the place to visit for the most current information on our school and the school district. To access the handbook simply click on the elementary link and you will find our handbook. If you like, our office can print you a copy. Please stop in to make this request.

Get Involved!

Our parent group is back at it this year. They do a lot to provide for our students and need parents/grandparents to support their efforts again this year. Call 587-8661 ex. 357 or email getinvolved@mancelonaschools.org.

Welcome Visitors

All volunteers must complete a simple screening process. Details can be obtained at our office. For the safety of all our students, we need and appreciate your cooperation.



Mark Your Calendars

September 21	Get Involved!
September 29	Picture Day
November 10 & 12	Conferences
November 12	No School
November 23	Thanksgiving Dinner for Lunch
November 25	No School



What Parents Should Know About MiBLSi

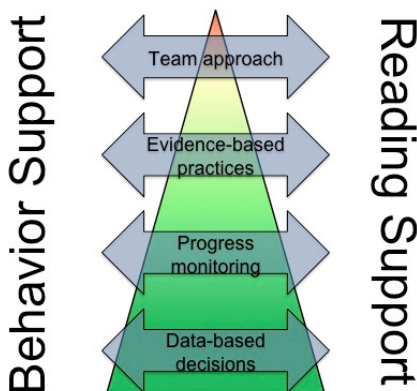
MiBLSi stands for Michigan's Behavior and Learning Support Initiative. It is a grant program through the Michigan Department of Education that helps schools implement positive behavior and reading interventions.

The first part of MiBLSi is a Positive Behavior Support (PBS) plan. The theory behind PBS is to teach and model the expected behaviors and then positively acknowledge students for doing well.

The second part of MiBLSi concerns reading. There is a scientifically researched link between student behavior and reading. Students that struggle with reading act out in class to avoid challenging instruction. This can escalate until behaviors ultimately impact learning in a negative manner.

To address the reading portion, all students in the school were screened for reading abilities. This data will be entered in the computer and we will be able to pinpoint which students need extra help. We are in the process of setting up a targeted intervention program for the students that need extra help in cooperation with *Communities In Schools*.

We are just beginning the first year of our three-year grant cycle. The staff and students are learning the language and procedures of the MiBLSi model. We will certainly learn a lot this year. One thing is for sure, Mancelona Elementary School will be a more productive place for our students to learn and grow.



If you have any questions about MiBLSi you can navigate their web site at <http://www.cenmi.org/miblsi>.