

IronKid News

June 2010

Mancelona Elementary School
Mancelona Public Schools

This Year & Next...

The end of the school year is a time to celebrate the growth that took place during the learning journey of the past nine months. The physical and mental growth of each student is amazing.

What can you look forward to next school year?

There is a lot to be excited about! We will be in the second year of our behavior and reading initiative. The MiBLSi grant has given us great focus in developing behavior supports and planning for improved reading instruction.

Student behavior is the critical element to learning. We have established some fantastic systems for teaching and acknowledging good behavior. Next year you will see banners and posters around the school detailing the behavior expectations for our students. They will continue to earn Nancy PRIDE tickets. These tickets are used in a variety of ways to encourage positive behavior; from classrooms to grade levels & finally to school-wide recognition. All of us, children and adults, will have higher expectations placed upon our shoulders to create the best learning environment possible.

Reading will be the instructional priority for several years to come. All classrooms, preschool thru fourth grade, will be using a new reading program. The *Imagine It!* reading series provides a comprehensive language arts curriculum designed to reach all learning levels in each classroom. The entire school will be teaching reading for the first two hours each day, nothing else will be scheduled and interruptions will be avoided. This will be the most important time of the school day.

So, next year Mancelona Elementary will be the place where top-notch reading instruction takes place and students demonstrate polite and responsible behaviors. Our goal is to make Mancelona Elementary a destination for success.

Nancy PRIDE: Polite, responsible Ironkids do their best each day!



Mark Your Calendars

August 24	Kindergarten: Meet the Teacher
August 30 September 7	Open House First Day of School

Good Luck!

We wish the newest group of middle school students continued success as they leave our school and head to fifth grade. In addition to these students, we will be saying good bye to six of our teachers. Mrs. Allison-Busch, Mrs. Gilmore, Mrs. Korr, Mrs. Weldon, Mrs. McLeod, and Mr. Challis will be starting new life adventures when this school year is over. This group has served our students for many years and we thank them for their efforts and professional commitment. The process to identify our new teachers has started, but likely won't be finished until later this summer. We guarantee the highest quality professionals will be in all classrooms next year.

Welcome

The incoming kindergarten classes are filling up fast. Please be sure to enroll your child to secure a spot in one of our classrooms. All kindergarten students are invited to meet their teacher on August 24 at either 1:00pm or 5:30pm, whichever works best for your family, on our playground.

Class Lists

The school will be posting the class lists for the 2010-11 school year on our front windows **August 27**. In order to create balanced classes, we may hold placement of new students until closer to the first day of school.

Summer Food Service Program

The Summer Food Service Program is available to all children 18 years of age and under. It provides breakfast and lunch, Monday-Friday, at our Middle School cafeteria. The program runs from June 14-August 27. Breakfast is served from 8:15am to 9:15am and lunch is served from 11:15am-1:00pm. Please contact Eric Matusik, if you have any questions: 587-9764 ext. 214.

Summer Office Hours

The office will remain open from the last day of school until June 24. It will reopen on August 16. The summer hours are from 8:00am to 3:00pm. Please call the office at 587-8661 for information about our school, or you can call our Central Office at 587-9764 for information when our office is closed.