

Welcome New Staff

We are pleased to add new staff to our teaching team this school year. Mrs. Davis joins us in second grade and Mrs. Simmonds and Mrs. Willison are the new preschool teachers. Mrs. Brown returns to us in first grade with Mrs. Heuss from the high school and Mrs. Avery-Helwig from the middle school. Mr. Dingman has taken over as our P.E. teacher. Each of these professionals bring a unique perspective and expertise to our building.

We are also lucky to have our returning staff in positions where they can excel and teach beyond belief.

For a complete staff listing, and lots of other important information, please visit our district and school web site at www.mancelonaschools.org.

Student Attendance

When students have poor attendance patterns it becomes difficult to learn and keep up with their peers. When a student misses an average of ten school days a year, that equates to nearly a year of schooling lost by the time they are seniors. The problems compound when we see 20 or 30 school days missed by some students.

Mrs. James has been asked to make tracking student attendance a priority this year. She will work with our school liaison officer to contact families and improve attendance for all students. For children to succeed, we all must make the commitment to be here daily.

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This is going to be a great school year!

We enter this fall with a staff energized to teach with state of the art materials in a setting where high expectations exist for student learning and behavior.

This will be a year unlike any other our school has ever experienced!

The implementation of MiBLSi and positive behavior supports will be realized fully in all areas of the building. Our parent group, *Get Involved!*, has purchased banners and t-shirts to help our students recognize how special they are. These are designed to tie in with the Mancy PRIDE tickets students earn for positive behavior.

For the first time ever, we have made reading *the* building priority and dedicated all available resources to helping students read. Not only has the best reading series available been purchased, but, we have scheduled a significant amount of time to teach and support reading. Staff are being utilized in new ways to promote literacy and learning throughout the entire school day.

How can you help our students and school become great?



The most important variable you control is getting your children here on time each day. Daily, at 8:30am, the classroom wing will be secured and learning will begin. There will be no interruptions during this time. Visits to classrooms during this time will need to be scheduled in advance and deliveries of items (backpack, lunches, etc.), library time, recess, Fine Arts, and Physical Education will be delayed until after 10:30am. The office will be glad to hold items and deliver when the reading block is over.

Do you have any questions?

Please contact the school whenever you have a question or concern. Your child's teacher is a great starting point, but the office can also provide a lot of answers. Our principal and counselor are always available to assist. Email is becoming increasingly popular. While we encourage the expansion of this communication format, please remember that personal visits or appointments are the best form of communication.

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Mark Your Calendars

September 7	First Day of School
September 27	Picture Day
November 1, 11 & 24	No School
November 9 & 11	Parent-Teacher Conf.
School Starts at 8:14am and ends at 3:06pm; half day dismissal is 11:30am	