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A Newsletter for
Mancelona Middle School Students



October 2008

MIDDLE SCHOOL CALENDAR

See other sports date at
mancelonaschools.org

October 1

Volleyball vs JoBurg

October 2

Cross Country

October 4

5/6 Girls Basketball vs
Forest Area/Central Lake

October 8

Cross Country Ski Valley

October 8

Volleyball vs Bellaire

October 11

5/6 Girls Basketball vs
Inland Lakes

October 14

MEAP—Math

Middle School Football vs
Central Lake

October 16

MEAP—ELA Session 1

October 18

5/6 Girls Basketball
vs JoBurg/Bellaire

October 21

MEAP—ELA Session 2

October 23

MEAP—Science or
Social Studies

October 24

NO SCHOOL

Coming up in
November:

Parent/Teacher
Conferences

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

What a wonderful way to start a new year! I am so proud to have met so many terrific students and look forward to meeting ALL of you throughout the school year.

I noticed the leaves are already changing colors and that means that the cool weather is just around the corner. As you start to wear sweatshirts, jackets and the like, remember that it's a good idea to keep good track of your clothing so it does not get lost. This year we will not be keeping a lost and found for more than a week at a time. Each week the clothing that is left behind will be considered items that you are discarding and will be taken to the local resale shop. Please check the lost and found every day if you feel that something you own is missing. Thanks for your help!!



Mr. Culver

Leap into MEAP!



Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) testing is coming up in October! Math is on Tuesday October 14, ELA Session 1 is on Thursday October 16. ELA Session 2 is on October 21, and Science and Social Studies is set for Thursday October 23. Did you know all students in Michigan will be taking the same test at the same time that you are??

There are plenty of things you can do before and during the actual test to improve your over-all test-taking performance:

- Get plenty of sleep the night before you take your MEAP tests.
- Enjoy a healthy breakfast before school on MEAP days.
- Talk with your parents and teachers about your feelings of the MEAP
- Keep your homework and classroom assignments caught up. Then, you can focus on the MEAP with a clear mind.
- Relax! Take a deep breath or two, especially if you get anxious while taking the test.
- Read the entire question. Re-read the question if it does not make sense to you.
- On multiple choice tests, read all answers before making a selection. The right answer could also be the last answer.
- Don't get stuck on questions and spend too much time on those that are harder. If you get stuck, move on and come back to it if you have time.
- It's not a guessing game. If you don't know the answer to a question, don't make an uneducated guess. As you read over each possible answer to a question, note any which are obviously wrong to improve your chance at selecting the right answer.
- Finished early? Use this time wisely!! Double-check your answers!

Name Your Newsletter!

Here's an opportunity for you to win a prize! Now that we have our own Newsletter, we need to name it. Have some ideas? Write them down on a sheet of paper and place it in the "Newsletter Mailbox" outside the Middle School Office. Be sure to include your name and home-room teacher's name on your entry so we know how to find you. Mr. Culver will go through all of the suggestions received, and select one. If he chooses your entry, you will win a gift certificate for a free pizza at the Pizza Shoppe in Mancelona.

Please have your entries turned in by October 15. The winner's name will be announced next month. If you have any questions or suggestions for the newsletter, or would like to help put it together, please see Mrs. Deb Sutherland. *Have fun thinking!*

You Said It!!!

We asked these students "How did your first day of school go, and who is your home room teacher?" Here is what they told us:

Taylor Robbins:

"It was really good to get back to school to see my friends. I have Ms. Walters, and she seems really nice."



Alexis Thieman:

"My first day went very well. I saw a lot of new people, but it was really nice to get back with my friends."



Contest!

Who Am I???

Each month, this newsletter will feature a contest that you can enter. Once you've completed the puzzle, drop it off in the Newsletter Mailbox just outside the office. One name will be drawn from all correct entries received, and the winner will receive a prize. There will be one awarded per month. This month's contest—name the person pictured here ----->

Hint: "I am a 1983 graduate of Mancelona Public Schools. I am married to a teacher, and we have three dogs: Dewey, Sidney and Sophie May. I just started working for Mancelona Public Schools. During the day, you will always see me in a tie. Who am I?" If you think you know, write your name, grade and teacher's name on a piece of paper, along with your guess. Drop off your entry in the Newsletter Mailbox outside the Middle School Office, before October 15. Good luck!!



"Caught Red Handed" is a new program that will be offered to students who do good deeds for others. For example, if you are walking through the hallway and see a student drop their books, and a teacher sees you help that person pick them up,

the teacher might award you with a "Red Hand" certificate. All red hands will be posted on a board in the Middle School entry way. At the end of the week, all of the names will be entered into a drawing, and the student who is drawn will receive a prize or gift certificate to a business in town. So do those good deeds—we want to reward you for making a positive difference in your school and community! "Caught Red Handed" will begin this fall. Watch for more details next month!

DID YOU KNOW...Breakfast is available in the cafeteria from 7:45 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. every day! There's a hot food option that changes daily, or choose from yogurt, bagel & cream cheese, or an assortment of cereal! Plus, 100% real fruit juice! Pick up a menu in the cafeteria for information.

WELCOME NEW STUDENTS!!

Mancelona Middle School has 24 new students this year! They are:

Levi Wilson
Allen Tipton
Shania Cook
Niki Camuso
Amanda Cesaro
Kelli Shaffer
Jenna Skaggs
Jordan Skaggs
Jonathon Skaggs
Simon Harris
Tristan Hough
James Bowlin

Charles Short Jr.
Nikolas Bevins
Stephanie Kendall
Austin Hildebrand
Dakota Hildebrand
Brandon Johnson
Collin Ordway
Benjamin Grimshaw
Brooke Chevalier
Shania Clausen
Joseph Manion



Welcome to Mancelona!
We are happy to have you here!

WELCOME NEW TEACHERS!!



NEW BAND DIRECTOR—Miss Jessica Turgeon joined Mancelona schools this year as the new band director. She is a graduate of CMU with a Bachelor's of Music Education. She taught in Petoskey for three years before coming to Mancelona. She said, "My grandmother was a teacher, and taught me how important it is to get an education. I became a band teacher because my high school band director had such a passion for music in his teaching, and I wanted to pass that along to my students." She added, "I am a huge NASCAR fan and my favorite driver is Carl Edwards." Miss Turgeon enjoys running, and reading. She is engaged to her fiancé Tim, who is a second grade teacher.

MEET MR OPPERMANN—Although he is not new to Mancelona, Mr. Oppermann is new to the Middle School. This is his first year teaching here. Previously he spent twelve years teaching Social Studies and English at Mancelona High School, and served as interim-principal for one year. His wife Kris is a teacher in Petoskey, and they have a son Bryson in the 6th grade and a daughter Mikayla in the 3rd grade. He enjoys hockey, skiing, driving his jeep, riding his motorcycle and reading history books.

