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December Calendar

12/12 Girls Basketball Home 6:00 / Boys Basketball Away TBA

12/16 DARE—MS Gym

12/17 Holiday concert at High school

12/21 No Choose Success

12/22 No Choose Success and the Winter Snow Ball Stellar Performance for the 7th and 8th grades only.

1/4 School Resumes

Holiday Help by: Ryan Miller and Kayla Hamp

The Mancelona Middle School is doing many things to help people in need during the holiday season. For starters, we had a food drive that ran from November 16th to the 23rd. The class with the most items of food was rewarded with cider and doughnuts. Mrs.



Brigham's class won with 88 items! Also, there was a penny war! It ran from December 7th to the 11th. The money collected went to Toys for Tots and was sponsored by Student Council.

The National Junior Honor Society also helped kids in need this year. Toys and other items were dropped off at the Resource Center on December 14th and 15th and were wrapped by NJHS students on the 15th. Thank you to all the

Middle school students who participated in these activities and helped those in need. If you want to help those in need, contact the Mancelona Resource Center.



PENNY WARS

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Yearbooks, Get Your Yearbooks! by: Isabella Tremonti and Haley Ackler

Have you been taking pictures of sporting events, field trips or any other activities? If so, you can go to entourageyearbooks.com to have them considered for the yearbook. First, click on the customer login and select *Mancelona Middle School*

2010. Your password is *MMS2010*. Next, pick your category. The categories are: Choose Success, Sports, and Student Life. Last, upload your picture.

The Journalism Class is selling yearbooks at lunch time for \$14.00 until February 11th.

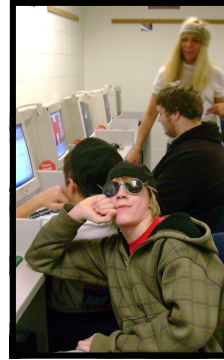
The yearbook will be full color and have 48 pages.

The Journalism Class is also hosting a yearbook cover design contest. Teachers and students may submit ANY artwork to Mrs. Avery-Helwig, Mrs. Malbouef or any classroom teacher.

What's the best island to be stranded on? Study Island of course. What is Study Island you may ask? Study Island is a computer program aligned to state benchmark standards. It is designed to help students in math and language arts skills. There are up to fifteen games a student may play to practice new skills. Students receive blue ribbons for meeting state benchmarks. Blue ribbons lead to various prizes, that get better as the student progresses through the program. Study Island is in Mrs. Hess's lab but is run by our marvelous

Ms. McCain. When a student arrives to Study Island, they report to the lunch room to sign in and eat a snack. Study Island includes homework help, study skills, and practice in Language Arts and Math. The first half hour of the program is homework help time. If a student does not have any homework, they logon to Study Island right away. Our island is supported by Communities in Schools. There are at least eight students who regularly attend, but before a big test more students participate, and their scores usually increase

greatly. Study Island runs every Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 3:30 until 5:00. For more information contact Mrs. Davis at 587-9869 ext. 207.



Yearbook Cover

So far these are the items that have been nominated for the yearbook

cover. If you are interested, submit your art to any teacher!



Winter Sport Safety Tips

by: Kayla Moore and Danielle Musselman

Mancelona Middle School wants to keep you safe during the winter season, so here are some tips to keep in mind. When skiing, always wear a certified helmet. Make sure that your ski bindings are adjusted to your weight. If they are not adjusted correctly, it will result in an injury. Wear goggles that are UV protected because the snow is bright and

can burn your eyes. Also, protect your wrists and head to keep them from breaking or spraining. Snowboarding is a more extreme and advanced sport. Be sure that you learn the basics before you get on the slopes and perform stunts. It is also important that you participate in these activities with others so you can stay safe. Nick Balhorn and Tristen

Fleet gave us a pointer, "Dress appropriately, but don't wear too many layers." Something to keep in mind while you are snowmobiling is that your snowmobile is only as safe as its driver. Check for snowmobile safety classes in your area! Have a great winter and be safe!

Principal's Letter

Happy holidays to all of our students and their families! Can you believe that the school year is half over! Time sure flies when you're having fun!

The start to this school year has been fantastic. The students should be recognized for their hard work and dedication. If you simply take a look at our Caught Red Handed mural it becomes very clear that the Middle School students are the best.

probably don't need this reminder but please be careful if you walk to school as it can be dangerous with all the snow! Also, please remember not to throw snowballs or even pretend to do so as it can also become a dangerous thing.

Enjoy the winter snow, be careful and I am very proud of all of you!

-Mr. Culver



December Birthdays

5th grade

- 12/4 Chase Pruss
- 12/10 Samantha Meadows

6th grade

- 12/1 Cody Cesaro
- 12/15 Noah Burrows
- 12/18 Freddy Ouderkick Jr.
- 12/19 Jordan Whitney
- 12/22 Brook Chambers
- 12/23 Tyler Pickering

7th grade

- 12/2 Clara Schaffer-Weesner
- 12/5 Kayla Camp
- 12/6 Jessey Janus
- 12/19 Riley Henderson
- 12/23 Leon Johnson
- 12/24 Molly Crothers
- 12/28 Kathryn Wright

8th grade

- 12/1 Anna Petersen and Nickolas Bevins
- 12/3 Justin Spires
- 12/11 Niki Camuso
- 12/16 Sharee Windish
- 12/22 Allen DUBY
- 12/30 Kandace Pavlichek

I am confident that all of you