



MUSTANG MINUTES

Manz Elementary

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At a Glance

Important Links

Manz Website

<http://www.ecasd.us/Manz-Elementary/Home>

Manz Facebook

<https://tinyurl.com/y7hv7voq>

ECASD Website

<http://www.ecasd.us/District/Home>

District Calendar

<https://tinyurl.com/ycww33gd>

**At Manz School we
will be kind,
respectful,
responsible, and safe.
We do our best and
have FUN!**

Thursday, Jan 2	School Resumes
Tuesday, Jan 7	Manz Dairy Queen Night (5-10pm Golf Rd location)
Wednesday, Jan 8	School Store Open During Lunch Recess
Friday, Jan 10	Crazy Hair Day
Monday, Jan 13	PTA Meeting 6:15 – 7:30pm
Tuesday Jan 14	Kindergarten Field Trip to Children’s Museum (AM)
Tuesday Jan 14	4 th Grade to Ice Age Trail (2 sections)
Wednesday Jan 15	4 th Grade to Ice Age Trail (1 section)
Friday, Jan 17	Hat Day
Monday, Jan 20	No School – Professional Development Martin Luther King Jr Day observed
Friday, Jan 24	80’s Day
Wednesday, January 29	WQOW Weather Academy Night
Thursday, January 30	Planetarium Show – 3 rd Grade in gym
Friday, Jan 31	Manz Spirit Day (Wear blue and red) PTA Popcorn Day – Bring 50 cents for popcorn Stuffed Animal Day



Message from our Principal – Mrs. Grant

Happy New Year Manz Families! This is the time of year when we reflect on how we can improve our lives and the lives of our family members. The #1 way you can help your child is to make sure he/she attends school each day that he/she is healthy enough to be here. Given that, I want to ask for your commitment to making sure your child attends school every day possible. The evidence is clear: **children with good attendance are more likely to be successful in school.** High attendance rates are linked to high student achievement. This is true for every grade – elementary, middle, and high school students. Regular school attendance from Kindergarten on is essential to successful learning.

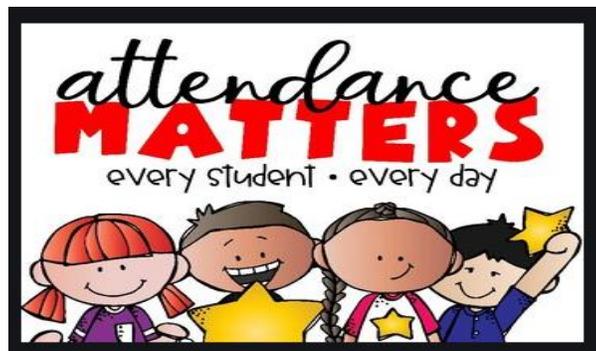
- **Every day counts.** Missing school even a small % of the time has a significant impact on reading and math achievement as children progress through school. The more school a child misses, including just being a few minutes late, the more likely that child is to fail in school.
- **Students with good attendance perform better in math and reading.** Children who have good attendance in Kindergarten through Grade 2 are **more than twice as likely** to score proficient on state math and reading tests than students with poor attendance.
- **Good attendance starts early.** Research has shown that the attendance habits established in Kindergarten through Grade 2 have lasting effects on students throughout their education: children with high attendance in the early grades continue to have good attendance; and students with low attendance in the early grades are more likely to have low attendance—and lower academic performance—throughout their elementary and middle school years.

I am asking for your support in helping your child get to school on time every day this year. Your child needs to be in school and engaged in learning to reach his or her full potential. Yet, we realize that every family face challenges— illness, transportation, childcare, or scheduling demands. **Please let me or your child's teacher know if your family needs help dealing with these challenges, we want to help all children to be here at school each day.** We will do our best to help your family ensure that your child's school attendance stays on track.

More information on what families and schools can do together to support good student attendance can be found at:

http://attendanceworks.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/Attendance_ESP1PG_English_062614.pdf

Thank you for all you do to support your child's school success and overall well-being. Together we can make a difference! **#mustangpride**



Manz Highlights

Manz 4th graders participated in a service-learning project by making tie blankets for the Bolton Refuge House and the chew toys for the Eau Claire County Humane Association.

Thank you for all your donations to make this project possible!



News & Announcements

THANK YOU!!

At Manz we are so thankful for our many families and community members who continually help with donations for our school. Just in the past couple months we have asked for ...

- Change for the Change Challenge for 4th grade service project
- Cookie and Punch donations for Friendship Winter Tea
- Winter Recess Toys
- Donations of Winter outer wear for students

We are very thankful for a community that supports our school. Your generosity does not go unnoticed. Thank you!!

Manz Lost and Found

The Manz Lost and Found will be displayed in the school lobby during the week of Jan 6-10. Please stop by school during this time and look for any items you may be missing. **All unclaimed items will be donated on Monday, January 13.**

Valentine Candy Donations Needed

Manz School will be collecting individually wrapped valentine candy donations January 13 – 24.

With these donations, Manz student's will be decorating and assembling **Sacks of Love** to be delivered to elderly community members the week of Valentine's Day. **When selecting your Valentine treat, please remember that these Sacks of Love will be sent to elderly homes (softer candy is suggested).** Sacks of Love will also have a Valentine message from our students.

Please drop off all candy donations by **Friday, January 24** at the school office. For questions regarding this community service project, please contact Kimberley Winkelmann, Partnership Coordinator at 715-852-3907 or kwinkelmann@ecasd.us.

Message from Our School Nurse on Restricted Physical Activity- Physical Education or Recess

If a child must stay inside from recess or sit out from Physical Education class for medical reasons, parents are required to send a note from a health care provider detailing the restriction and the period of restricted activity. If you have any questions about these guidelines, please contact your child's school nurse for further direction.

ECASD Food and Nutrition Part-Time Positions Available

Are you looking for a job that allows you to have the same days and holidays off as your kids or grandkids? ECASD Food and Nutrition has part-time positions available that allow you to see your children off to school and be there when they get home. Interested candidates should apply through <https://wecan.education.wisc.edu/#/>

Be a Part of Building the Next Generation by Inspire Young People to Embrace a Successful Future

When asked "What is the highlight of your JA Experience?" Tammy McCartney replied, "Making a difference and connecting the generations."

Junior Achievement is a non-profit organization that partners with local businesses and community members to bring programs on work readiness, entrepreneurship and financial literacy to area school students. Through JA, students learn how to run a business, how to budget, skills needed to keep a job and are more inspiration to create realistic goals for their future careers. The unique part of JA programs are the community volunteers in the classroom. Volunteers share real-life experiences to students and provide insight about career success.

Volunteering for Junior Achievement is a rewarding way to give back to the community. There is an array of volunteer opportunities. JA also provide training to help you make the most of your classroom experience. The only requirement is to have a desire to learn and share with students.

To learn if this position is right for you, please contact Mainhia Yang at myang@javis.org or 715-318-1460. If you cannot volunteer, please consider sponsoring a student at your school for just \$25

Community Events and Resource Page for Families

The Eau Claire Area School District offers a Community Events & Resources section on its web site. Families and students may go to [Community Events](#) to view flyers for upcoming events and resources in our community that apply to school-age students and families. If provided by the organization, paper copies for events may also be available in common areas of our buildings. If you have a community announcement you would like to have posted on the ECASD, please contact [Teri Piper Thompson](#).



PTA Updates

Join the Manz PTA, this is your opportunity to help our school. It is also a way to have a voice on PTA activities, every voice matters. Membership is \$6.00. For a copy of the PTA membership form go to [Membership Form](#) on the Manz website. Please complete and send the completed form along with the \$6.00 to school with your child.

Save the Date

The next Manz PTA meeting will be Monday, January 13, 2019 from 6:15pm-7:30pm in the Manz Library - we hope you can join us!

Trex Recycling Challenge

Way to go Manz Mustangs! Please continue to collect plastic.

Check out the full list of plastic items at <http://bit.ly/2aa0PBM>, and support our students by dropping off your recyclables in the school lobby!

PTA Minutes

PTA minutes can be found on the Manz Website at <https://www.ecasd.us/Manz-Elementary/About/PTA>

PTA Officers

President – [Sarah Stafford](#)

Vice President – [Heidi Laurin](#)

Secretary – [Carin Keyes](#)

Co-Treasurers – [Susan Larson](#)

“At the end of the day, the most overwhelming key to a child’s success is the positive involvement of parents.”

- Jane D. Hull