



# Mansfield Elementary School Take Home Notices Week Ending September 05, 2025

Dear Families,

As our first week of school wraps up, we're delighted to share that both students and staff are enthusiastic to be back, and we're already witnessing new friendships blossoming. Our students have been diligently learning about our PAWS expectations and getting to know their new classmates. We're excited to invite families into the school next week for our Open House on Wednesday, September 10.

Warmly,  
Kate and Becky

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# MES First Friday Memo - September 2025

Dear MES Families,

Welcome to our very first First Friday Memo of the 2025–2026 school year! Each month, on the first Friday, I'll share a quick peek into MES happenings along with important reminders. You'll also spot a short blurb at the top of the take-home notices—just another way to keep our Tiger families in the loop.

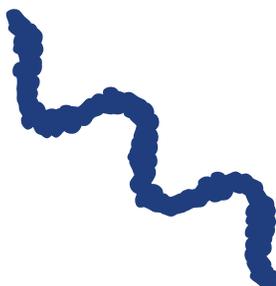
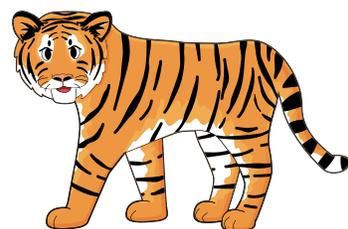
I cannot believe this is the start of year THREE!!! ✨ And what a start it has been! ✨ We were so excited to welcome back our 530 MES scholars. The halls, classrooms, cafeteria, and playground have been bursting with joy, learning, and laughter. (And yes...a few first-day tears from children and a few grown-ups...) but we made it through, and the MES magic is already in full swing. 🐯🌟

Here's what's coming up in September:

- 📸 Open House & Picture Day – Wednesday, September 10th. We can't wait to see those big MES smiles during the day and then connect with families at Open House that evening.
- 📅 No School – Friday, September 19th is a Professional Learning Day for staff. We'll send reminders as the date gets closer.
- 📖 Future events can also be found in our Save the Date Flyer included in this week's notices!

We're off to an amazing start – full of new friendships, big ideas, and lots of Tiger pride. Next week will be our first full week so enjoy a beautiful fall weekend and rest up for a busy five days. Thank you for sharing your incredible children with us each day. MES is always better because of them (and you!)

With joy,  
Kate McCoy  
Principal, Mansfield Elementary School





# MES Save the Dates 2025-2026



Date	Time	Event
August 26	Grades K & 1: 2:30 PM - 3:00 PM Grades 2, 3, & 4: 3:00 PM - 3:30 PM	Teacher Meet and Greet
August 28	8:55 AM - 3:35 PM	First Day of School for K-4
August 28	10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	Pre-K Visit Day
August 29	8:55 AM - 3:35 PM	First Day of School for Pre-K
September 01	N/A	No School
September 10	During School	Picture Day
September 10	Last Name A-M: 5:30 PM - 6:10 PM Last Name N-Z: 6:20 PM - 7:00 PM	Open House
September 19	N/A	No School
September 29	6:30 PM - 7:30 PM	PTO Meeting
October 13 & 14	N/A	No School
October 18	1:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Harvest & Heritage Festival
October 28	During School	Picture Retake Day
November 04	N/A	No School
November 10	6:30 PM - 7:30 PM	PTO Meeting
November 24 & 25	November 24: 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM November 25: 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Fall Conferences
November 24, 25, & 26	8:55 AM - 12:45 PM	Early Dismissal
December 12	During School	PJ Day for the Kids
December 23	8:55 AM - 12:45 PM	Early Dismissal
December 24 - January 02	N/A	No School



# MES Save the Dates 2025-2026



Date	Time	Event
January 12	6:30 PM - 7:30 PM	PTO Meeting
January 19	N/A	No School
January 24 Snow Date: January 31	Pre-K, K, & 1: 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM Grades 2, 3, & 4: 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM	Snow Ball Dance
February 11	5:30 PM & 6:30 PM	Grade 2 Music Concert
February 13 - 17	N/A	No School
March 11, 12, & 13	8:55 AM - 12:45 PM	Early Dismissal
March 11, 12, & 13	March 11: 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM March 12: 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM March 13: 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Student Led Conversations and Celebrations (SLCCs)
March 30	8:55 AM - 3:35 PM	PTO Meeting
April 08	5:30 PM	Grade 3 Music Concert
April 13 - 17	During School	No School
May 02	1:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Book Festival
May 04 - 08	During School	Staff Appreciation Week
May 21	5:30 PM	Grade 4 Music Concert
May 25	N/A	No School
June 08	6:30 PM - 7:30 PM	PTO Meeting
TBD	During School	Field Day
TBD	TBD	4th Grade Promotion
June 12	8:55 AM - 12:45 PM	Last Day of School & Early Dismissal Tentative, will change with any school closures



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# Picture Day is coming!

## Picture Day is \_\_\_\_\_

We have made it easy for you to place your portrait order online and support your school! A portion of the proceeds of every order placed on or before Picture Day are returned to your school to support fundraising efforts. Just follow these simple steps:



1. Scan the QR code or go to [www.coffeepond.com](http://www.coffeepond.com) and click on the big red button that says "Order School Portraits and shop our exclusive products".
2. Using the drop-down menu, select the city and state where your school is located, then select the name of your school.
3. Enter your child's information, including full first name (as it appears in the school's registry).
4. Select your packages and add them to your cart.
5. If you have more than one child attending this school, click "Order for Another Child" and repeat the steps above.
6. Once you've added packages to your cart for all your children, you're ready to check out! Follow the prompts to enter your contact and billing information. Once all your information has been entered and you've reviewed your order, just be sure to click "Submit Order"!



Orders placed after Picture Day may be subject to a \$8 handling fee.

Just a reminder that class photos will be delivered when retake packages are shipped to the school.



## Morning Drop Off Procedures

Please review our drop off expectations below. Please share these expectations with anyone who may drop off your student(s). These are designed to keep all students and staff safe. If for any reason you need to have different accommodations, please contact the office @ MESOffice@mansfieldct.org

### Morning Drop Off Procedures for Families and Students:

- **Drop-Off Window:** The drop-off period will begin at 8:40 and end at 8:55 a.m. *Students should all be out of vehicles by 8:55.*
- **Stay in Lane:** Please stay in the designated car line and ***do not pass vehicles.***
- **Students Exit on the Sidewalk Side:** For student safety, students will be required to exit vehicles on the sidewalk side only. If possible, ***please install car seats behind the passenger seat.***
- **Adults remain in Vehicles:** For all other students, we request that adults remain in the car to maintain the flow of traffic and prioritize safety. *Our staff will support students that need assistance in exiting their vehicles.*
- **Readiness for Drop-Off:** All school belongings should be prepared and accessible to the student before arriving at the drop-off point.
- **Assistance for Small Children:** Families needing assistance with small children (**PreK**), may have one adult exit the car. **Students in K-4 should be exiting the vehicle without family assistance.** Staff will support students.
- **Maximizing Drop-Off Space:** Pull to the furthest point staff direct you to.
- **Keep the Crosswalk Clear:** Please keep the crosswalk clear.
- **Be attentive to surroundings:** Please stay off phones or other distractions while in the drop off line.
- **Be patient:** The safety of our drop off depends on you- be patient with staff and families as we adjust to our routines.

We know some mornings are more challenging than others, therefore, if on occasion, you need more time in the drop off line please pull into a parking space. Once your child is ready you may walk them across the crosswalk. **Working together we can ensure a safe start to the day for our students!**

# MES Family Pickup Badges



## What

Badges to help us identify who you are picking up

## Who

Whoever is picking up your child from MES should have a badge

## When

During parent pickup at the end of the day

## Where

Keep your badge in an easily accessible area in your car

## Why

To help expedite the dismissal process

## How

To get a replacement badge, send a request to [mesoffice@mansfieldct.org](mailto:mesoffice@mansfieldct.org)



# NextTrex



## Recycling Challenge

**What:**

The eco-action team wants to collect plastic bags. We can recycle bags from school or bring them from home. There are white bins to put the bags in near the front door and near the caf.

**Why:**

We want to do this to prevent waste. We can already recycle hard plastic but we usually have to throw away soft plastic. We also can earn a school bench if we collect enough bags.

**When:**

We are starting now!

### What can be recycled?

*All plastic must be clean, dry and free of food residue.*



Grocery bags



Bread bags



Bubble wrap



Dry cleaning bags



Newspaper sleeves



Ice bags



Plastic shipping envelopes



Ziploc & other reclosable food storage bags



Cereal bags



Case overwrap



Salt bags



Pallet wrap & stretch film



Wood pellet bags



Produce bags

# Ssssaay HI to our new MES Rock Snake!



**Paint a rock at home and bring it to school to  
add to our MES snake and help it grow!**

## Which snake head should we use?

Students will have a chance to submit their vote during our open house on **September 10<sup>th</sup>** to pick our MES snake head and name it as well. Results of the vote will be revealed during morning announcements and delivered to the campus the following day.



**LET'S GROW SOMETHING  
AWESOME TOGETHER!**



MES FAMILIES  
SAVE YOUR

**PENNIES!**



**THUNDER THE TIGER'S**

**PENNY WAR IS COMING UP!**

*PENNIES and paper money add points for your grade and  
SILVER COINS sabotage other grades!*

**Start Date:**

**WEDNESDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>**

**Finish Date:**

**WEDNESDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>**

*All proceeds support MES PTO  
programs & events*



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MES PTO

# Harvest & Heritage Festival!

JOIN US

OCT. 18<sup>th</sup>

1pm - 4pm

Join us for a delightful celebration of the bountiful autumn season and celebrate the diversity among our school community at this years Harvest & Heritage Festival!

**Activities, Crafts, Face painting,  
Food, Games, Raffles, & More**

**Together, WE  
are MES!**



Kids can "travel the world" and get their passports stamped once they visit and complete an activity at each represented nation/destination.



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sign up

**GET INVOLVED WITH THE**

# **HARVEST & HERITAGE FESTIVAL!**

**Saturday, October 18 • 1-4 PM**



**Our 3rd Annual Fall Celebration is getting a  
global twist!**

**This year, we're combining our classic Fall Festival fun with  
cultural stations that celebrate the amazing diversity of MES  
families!**

**Students will "travel the world" with a passport and visit booths  
where they can explore games, crafts, fun facts, and food  
samples from around the globe.**

## **HERE'S HOW YOU CAN HELP:**

### **HOST A CULTURAL STATION**

**Design and run a simple booth with a  
fun craft, activity, display, or tradition  
from your family's heritage. We'll  
provide a table—just bring your ideas!**

### **VOLUNTEER AT THE FESTIVAL**

**Help run games, activity stations, or  
assist with setup and cleanup.**

### **DONATE EVENT SUPPLIES**

**We're looking for donations of:**

- Apple Cider (gallon jugs)
- Bottled Water (cases)
- Apple Cider Donuts (dozens)

### **DONATE CULTURAL FOOD SAMPLES**

**Bring a small dish (store-bought or  
homemade) to share your culture  
through food. Please label ingredients.**

### **PERFORM OR DEMO**

**Dance, music, story telling, language -  
whatever represents your culture best.**

### **SIGN UP HERE:**



**QUESTIONS? Email the PTO  
at mansfieldtigersPTO@gmail.com**

# CONNECT WITH CLASSMATES! SCAN HERE TO JOIN THE FAMILY DIRECTORY



<https://forms.gle/5e1acdi7eMjSEtjYA>

1

OPEN YOUR  
PHONE  
CAMERA

2

SCAN THIS  
QR CODE

3

FILL OUT FAMILY  
DIRECTORY  
FORM

4

WAIT FOR  
DIRECTORY  
RELEASE

The Family Directory is to help families connect and build community. It's great for playdates, birthday invites, and more. Participation is optional — just share what you're comfortable with.