



Mansfield Elementary School Take Home Notices Week Ending September 12, 2025

Dear Families,

Our MES students are settling into the new school year beautifully, and their progress is already remarkable! It was wonderful to see so many of you at this week's Open House. Let's keep this positive momentum going for an outstanding year ahead.

Warmly,
Kate and Becky

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Mansfield Elementary School is a "PAWS"itive Place to Be!

We're excited to share our MES **PBIS Matrix**, a tool that clearly outlines our school-wide expectations. PBIS stands for **Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports**, and it's a framework we use to create a safe, positive, and productive learning environment for all students.

The matrix you see on this flyer breaks down what it means to be a **Respectful, Responsible, and Safe** member of our school community. Students see this matrix daily, as it is posted throughout our school. We encourage you to review it with your child to help them understand our shared expectations and reinforce these positive behaviors at home.

	Classroom	Hallway	Bathroom	Playground	Cafeteria	Bus
P Practice Kindness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use kind words and good manners Help and support one another Be an upstander 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stay on the right side of the hallway Carefully go around others and give privacy Be an upstander 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Give others privacy Wait your turn patiently Be an upstander 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Take turns, play fairly, and include others Use kind words Be an upstander 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Invite a friend to sit with you Use good manners Be an upstander 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Share your seat, if asked Use good manners Be an upstander
A Act Responsibly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Care for the materials and space Try your best Take responsibility for your actions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Help keep your environment clean Go straight to your destination Follow directions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Go, flush, wash hands Keep area clear: water in sink, paper towels in trash Use only what you need 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seek to solve small problems Line up promptly Follow directions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Compost and recycle correctly Clean up spills or ask an adult for help with spills 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check your voice level Stay seated with your feet in front of you
W Work and Play Safely	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safe hands, feet, and words Use strategies to calm your body and mind Check your voice level 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be mindful of body and voice Keep hands and feet to yourself Follow directions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report problems to an adult Check your voice level 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be careful on equipment Slide down feet first Keep hands and feet to yourself 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check your voice level Eat only your food Keep hands to yourself 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wait in a safe place Hands, feet and objects to oneself Enter and exit quickly and safely
S Show Respect	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accept and celebrate differences Use active listening Follow directions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check your voice level Take care of our hallway environment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Give others privacy Take care of yourself and the bathroom environment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Care for recess materials Be a good sport Be kind to nature 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Give personal space Respect other people's food choices 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Listen to your bus driver Give personal space

Back to School Family Conversations



Family conversations at dinner, in the car, or at bedtime can help you learn more about school and to support your student's success! You can try some of the suggestions below to learn more about your student's day at MES!

What did you do today that you are proud of?

What related arts class did you have today? Tell me about it!

When did you see someone being kind today?

What was a challenge for you today? Did you persevere?



Is there a story that your class has been reading?

**Did you earn a paw sticker today/this week?
Tell me about it!**

What is your favorite part of the school day?

**Let's look at/read from a book you got
from the library.**

Mansfield
Elementary School

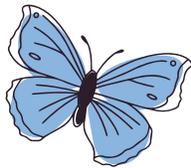
**What did you learn this week
that you think I don't know?**



SAVE THE DATE



DARLENE MURPHY
CRAFT FAIR
AT MES!



NOVEMBER

SATURDAY

1

10:00 - 2:00

134 WARRENVILLE RD
MANSFIELD CENTER, CT

DARLENE MURPHY CRAFT FAIR

CRAFTER/VENDOR APPLICATION

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1st, 2025 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

AT MANSFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Name _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Type of products you will be selling:

8 ft table spaces are \$25.00 each: QTY: _____

Table rental is \$5.00 each: QTY: _____ or I will supply my own table: _____



Checks should be made payable to MES PTO
or use QR Code to access PTO online payment

Proceeds will go to the MES Cares Team for families in need.

Electricity needed: Yes/No _____ Limited availability

Special Requests:

Doors open at 8:30 am for set up.

Please return your completed application with payment to MES attention
Andrea Lennon by October 17th.



WHO: Mansfield Cub Scout Pack 61

WHERE: Mansfield Middle School Cafeteria

WHEN: Tuesday Sept 16th 6pm – 7pm

WHY: Learn about Scouts and the exciting activities planned for the upcoming year—including camping, overnight trips to Old Sturbridge Village and the Hartford Yard Goats, and our Pinewood Derby Car Race!

INFO: richardpfau4153@aol.com (Mr. Richard, Pack 61 Secretary)



Ssssaay HI to our new MES Rock Snake!



Thanks for voting for me!



ROCKY

Students had a chance to vote on our snakes name at Open House



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

Students can bring their painted rocks all year long and give them to their teachers. Each week they can check on Rocky's growth!



THE WINNER



Students had a chance to vote on Rocky's head design. A fine choice they've made.

LET'S GROW SOMETHING AWESOME TOGETHER!



MES RACE FOR THE GOLDEN PAW!

Let's help our very own MES

THUNDER THE TIGER

win some golden paws and earn prizes for your grade

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:

- ★ Put pennies and paper money in your grade's jar to earn points! Venmo with grade comment, works too!
- ★ Add nickels, dimes, and quarters in other grades' jars to take away their points (that's called sabotage).
- ★ The grade with the most points wins extra recess AND the chance to pie a teacher!

POINTS BREAKDOWN

Positive Points:	Negative Points:
= 1 POINT	= - 1 POINT
= 100 POINTS	= - 10 POINTS
= 500 POINTS	= - 25 POINTS
= 1,000 POINTS	
= 2,000 POINTS	

You can Donate via Venmo for positive points only. Must include grade level in comment to get credit.

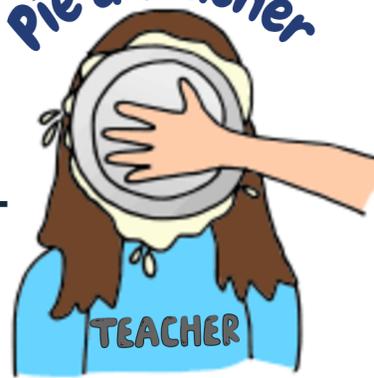
GRAND PRIZE:



Extra RECESS TIME

AND

Pie a Teacher



Jars will be counted along the way so everyone can track their grade and see who's in the lead!

SCAN ME

Penny Wars Runs from Sept. 10th - Sept. 24th
All proceeds support MES PTO programs & events

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MES PTO

Harvest & Heritage Festival!

JOIN US

OCT. 18th

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.



MES Voulnteer
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.

MES PTO FLYERS

AVAILABLE IN:



English

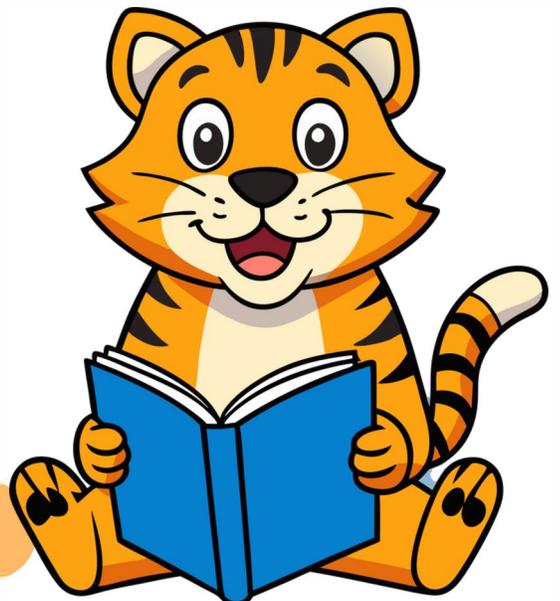


Español



中文

Visit the PTO website to find Mandarin and Spanish versions of all our PTO flyers



<https://mansfieldtigerspto.org/flyers/>