



Mansfield Elementary School Take Home Notices Week Ending October 03, 2025

Dear Families,

Welcome to October! It's been a joy to watch our students flourish as they settle into the rhythm of the school year. This month promises exciting events and opportunities for our community. We're looking forward to celebrating with you and creating lasting memories for our students. Thank you for your unwavering support and enthusiasm as we work together to make this year truly exceptional.

Warmly,
Kate and Becky

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MES First Friday Memo - October 2025



Dear MES Families,

September has flown by, and our school is sparkling with the magic of fall learning! One of the things that makes Mansfield Elementary so special is our setting — nestled near the Hollow, surrounded by changing leaves and crisp fall air. Our students are so lucky to enjoy this magical location and the time we spend learning outdoors. This connection to nature is a big part of the MES magic and one of the reasons I love fall (and October especially!) here at school.

Mark Your Calendars

- Monday, October 13: No School – Indigenous Peoples' Day
- Tuesday, October 14: No School – Staff Professional Learning Day
- Wednesday, October 15: Penny Wars Winners' Celebration
- Friday, October 17: Whole School PJ Day

PBIS PAWS Celebrations

We're thrilled to launch a new and magical way to celebrate positive behavior this month! Each grade level will gather for a morning assembly, recognizing students who have earned positive referrals:

- Kindergarten – Monday 10/20
- Grade 1 – Tuesday 10/21
- Grade 2 – Wednesday 10/22
- Grade 3 – Thursday 10/23
- Grade 4 – Friday 10/24

Harvest and Heritage Festival — Save the Date!

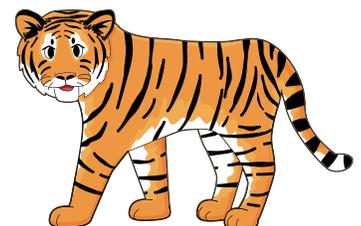
This month, we have our Harvest and Heritage Festival. It is shaping up to be an amazing day for our school community. Mark your calendars and plan to join us! We can't wait to welcome our families, share in the fun, and create new memories together. (And find out who will win Principal for a Day 2025!)

Staying Connected

We love this time of year and all the possibilities it brings. Communication is at the heart of our work, and we're always looking for ways to grow. Your feedback helps us make our school even more magical.

🍁 "I'm so glad I live in a world where there are Octobers." 🍁 L.M. Montgomery (Author of one of my favorite book series- Anne of Green Gables)

With appreciation,
Kate McCoy
Principal, Mansfield Elementary School



OCTOBER 2025 LUNCH MENU

MANSFIELD ELEMENTARY



NO SAD LUNCHESES! PLEASE ENCOURAGE KIDS TO ASK IF THEY NEED SOMETHING. WE ARE HAPPY TO HELP!

YOU CAN ADD FUNDS TO YOUR STUDENT'S ACCOUNT ONLINE (FEES APPLY) AT LINQCONNECT.COM OR AVOID THE FEES BY SENDING CASH OR CHECK IN TO SCHOOL.

COMPLETE LUNCH \$ 3.50
MILK ONLY \$0.50

ALL ENTREES ARE SERVED WITH:

- FRUIT (FRESH, CANNED AND DRIED) AND
- ASSORTED FRESH VEGGIES AND
- LOCAL MOUNTAIN DAIRY MILK CHOICES: FAT-FREE CHOCOLATE FLAVORED MILK, OR 1% PLAIN MILK



October is
Farm to
School
Month!

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
SEPTEMBER 29 CHEESY EGGS* WITH A WARM ROLL AND OUR HOME FRIES	NEW SEPTEMBER 30 TURKEY WHITE BEAN CHILI WITH GREAT NORTHERN BEANS WITH WHOLE WHEAT CHEDDAR DROP BISCUITS	NEW OCTOBER 1 JAPANESE INSPIRED TERIYAKI STYLE CHICKEN OR TOFU* WITH BROWN RICE AND STIR-FRY VEGETABLES	2 TASTY THURSDAY PEPPERONI OR CHEESE* PIZZA SLICE WITH LOCAL KALE CAESAR SALAD	3 BBQ CHICKEN DRUMSTICK OR BBQ TOFU* WITH HOMEMADE CORNBREAD WITH CARROTS AND OUR RANCH
6 ALL BEEF OR VEGGIE BURGER* ON A BUN WITH HAND CUT OVEN FRIES	7 SEASONED, SHREDDED CHICKEN OR JUST CHEESE* WITH LETTUCE IN A HARD TACO SHELL WITH SALSA & MILD SPICY BEANS	8 PASTA* & MARINARA WITH BEEF MEATBALLS, GARLIC BREAD STICK AND RANCH SALAD	9 TASTY THURSDAY CHEESE* OR PEPPERONI PERSONAL PIZZA WITH OUR HUMMUS AND VEGGIES TO DIP	NEW 10 CHICKEN CREOLE STYLE STEW, BROWN RICE AND GARLIC GREEN BEANS
13 SCHOOL CLOSED	14 SCHOOL CLOSED	15 OUR OWN MACARONI AND CHEESE* WITH ZESTY CUCUMBER SALAD	16 TASTY THURSDAY CHEESE FILLED BREAD STICKS* AND MARINARA TO DIP WITH STRAWBERRY SPINACH SALAD	17 CT MAPLE FRENCH TOAST BAKE* WITH OUR OWN SEASONED HOME FRIES
20 GRILLED CHEESE SANDWICH* WITH OUR OWN TOMATO SOUP	21 CHICKEN FAJITA WITH ROASTED PEPPERS & ONIONS AND MEXICAN INSPIRED GREEN BEANS <small>SERVED WITH SALSA, SOUR CREAM & CHEESE</small>	22 OUR OWN RAMEN NOODLE BOWL* WITH CHICKEN OR STEAMED EDAMAME* AND BROCCOLI	23 TASTY THURSDAY CHEESE* OR PEPPERONI PIZZA AND LEMONY CHICKPEA SALAD	24 PULLED BBQ CHICKEN SLIDER ON A WHOLE GRAIN ROLL AND RODEO CORN SALAD
27 CHICKEN TENDERS WITH BAKED SWEET POTATOES AND BUTTERED EGG NOODLES	28 BEEF OR JUST BEAN* CHILI & CHEESE WITH BAKED TORTILLA CHIPS AND CONFETTI CORN SALAD	29 ROTINI WITH BALSAMIC CHICKEN AND MARINARA SAUCE AND GARLIC GREEN BEANS	30 TASTY THURSDAY CHEESE PIZZA BITES* WITH LOCAL LETTUCE & RANCH SALAD	31 ALL BEEF HOT DOGS ON A ROLL WITH NEW ENGLAND STYLE BAKED BEANS*



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DAILY ALTERNATES: SUN BUTTER & JELLY OR TURKEY & CHEESE SANDWICHES



OCTOBER 2025 LUNCH MENU

WELCOME TO THE BACK OF THE MENU!

OCTOBER IS FARM TO SCHOOL MONTH

CELEBRATE LOCAL WITH US ALL MONTH!

TASTY THURSDAYS:
EVERY WEEK IN OCTOBER TRY A NEW RECIPE THAT FEATURES A CT GROWN LOCAL FOOD.

600 LB OF LOCAL WATERMELON SERVED TO MANSFIELD & EO SMITH STUDENTS



CLOVERLEIGH FARM CREW GREW THE MELONS!

LOCAL FARMS WE PURCHASE FROM TO SERVE LOCAL IN OUR CAFETERIAS:

- **Bats Of Bedlam, Chaplin:** Maple Syrup!
- **Cloverleigh, Columbia:** Watermelon, greens and more!
- **Cobblestone Farm, Mansfield Center:** Peppers, tomatoes, salad turnip, squash, carrots and more!
- **Sweet Acre Farm, Lebanon:** Lettuce & tomatoes!
- **Karabin Farm, Southington:** Apples and Peaches!
- **Lapsley Orchard, Pomfret:** Nectarines and more!

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FRESH, LOCAL MILK SERVED IN ALWAYS COLD DISPENSERS AT ALL OUR SCHOOLS!



SEND A CHECK OR CASH INTO SCHOOL TO AVOID THE ONLINE FEES! INCLUDE STUDENT NAME AND ID #

We have added new signs along the serving line to help students identify vegetarian options at lunch.

Look for this symbol and ask your server for the vegetarian option.

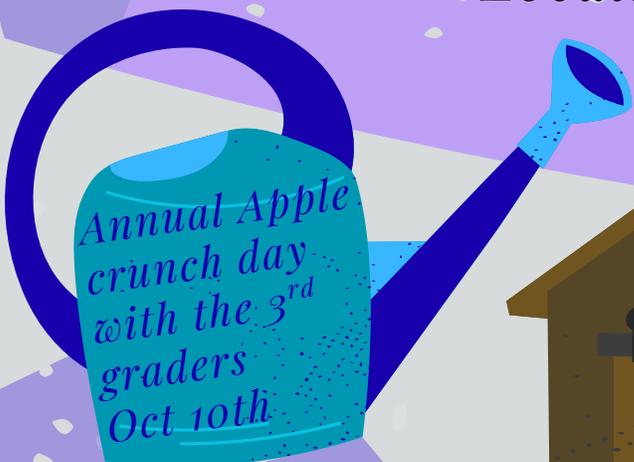


Visit the food services web page for more info

October is

FARM TO SCHOOL MONTH

Join the Mansfield Food Service Team in Celebrating Locally Grown Foods



Annual Apple crunch day with the 3rd graders Oct 10th

Tasty Thursdays: in the cafeteria. Sample delicious scratch made recipes using our abundant local produce. Vote for your favorite!

- Harvest muffins
- Roasted root vegetable hash
- Carrot cake Smoothies
- Grains and greens breakfast bowl
- Local honey oat granola

[Visit the food services web page for more info](#)



Celebrate Mansfield Saturday September 27

Come say hello, see what we are eating at the Mansfield schools and show your prowess with food sorting.



MES Harvest and Heritage Festival October 18th

Visit our table and learn about how diverse our food system is.

Dear Families,

This October, we are excited to participate once again in Socktober—a nationwide movement to collect NEW socks for people in need. Socks may seem small, but they make a big difference in the lives of those experiencing homelessness or hardship.

Why socks?

Socks are one of the most requested items in shelters, but they are also one of the least donated. Together, we can change that!

We are collecting NEW socks in all sizes—adult and child—to donate to local shelters

All donations must be received by October 31st.

Here's how you can help:

- **Donate NEW socks (adult or child sizes)**
- **Drop your donations in the collection box in Mrs. Ramsdell's room**

Let's show our children how much we can achieve when we all work together, one pair of socks at a time. Your generosity can help bring comfort and warmth to someone in need this fall.

Thank you for your support, generosity and kindness.

Courtney Ramsdell

Kindergarten teacher Room 1

ramsdelc@mansfieldct.org



ATTENTION 3rd GRADERS!

Finger Knitting with Knit for NICU

Do you know how to knit?

Are you interested in learning?

The UConn club "Knit for NICU" will be visiting MES to teach us about what their group does, and then we'll learn how to finger knit!

All materials are provided.



23 October 2025

after school 4:00-5:00pm

25 Spots Available!

Get a permission slip at the library.
Return slips by 10/17



Dear Caregivers,

If you are looking for math resources, whether it be math games to play with your child, enrichment resources, a good book to read with your child that addresses relevant math topics or fact fluency practice you can find it on our [district math website](https://sites.google.com/mansfieldct.org/mathematics-mansfield-public-s/home):

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[Math Pathways at MMS](#)

[Math Resources by Grade Level](#)

[Staff Resources](#)

[K-4 Progress Report Guides](#)

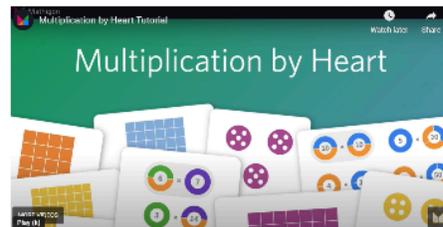
[Fact Fluency](#)

[Mathematics in Mansfield K-4](#)

This screenshot shows an interactive math resource interface. The top section is titled "Addition and Subtraction by Heart II" and includes several activities: "Addition ten frames" (a 10-frame with 12 green dots and 5 blue dots), "Addition place values" (12 + 5 = 17), "Addition bars" (a bar model for 13 + 4 = 17), "Subtraction place values" (13 - 4 = 9), "Subtraction number lines" (a number line from 0 to 10 with 13 and 4 marked), and "Subtraction bars" (a bar model for 13 - 4 = 9). The bottom section is titled "Multiplication by Heart" and includes "Dots up to 5x5" (a 5x5 grid of blue dots), "Grids up to 10x10" (a 10x10 grid), "Prime factor circles" (circles containing 10 and 9), and "11 and 12 tables" (a 12x12 grid).

[Login to keep track of your progress!](#)

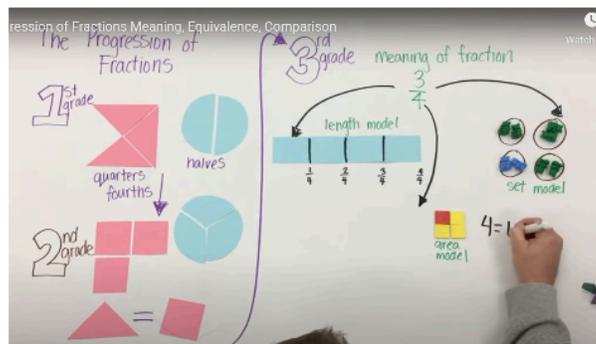
[Multiplication by Heart Tutorial Video](#)



[Math At Home](#)

Thought-provoking math activities, games, and practice pages.

[Khan Academy](#)



[Graham Fletcher's Progression Videos](#)

Mansfield Middle School &
Mansfield Youth Services presents a
community screening of

SCREENAGERS

GROWING UP IN THE DIGITAL AGE

Now updated for 2025 with the latest science, research, and expert insights, Screenagers is an award-winning documentary that dives into the challenges families face in this digital age.

FREE event open to surrounding towns.

Dinner and child care provided

LEARN MORE



🕒 6:00 PM

📅 Nov. 12, 2025

📍 Mansfield Middle
School Auditorium

➔ Sign up here!



SUMMER READING FUN BUS!



Survey

If you visited the Summer Fun Bus this summer, use the QR code to fill out this (very) quick survey. Your feedback will help us improve for next summer!

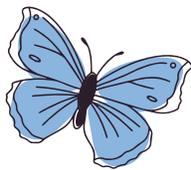




SAVE THE DATE



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.



MES PTO MEETING RECAP

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President's Address: Lauren Valentin

- Welcome everyone!
- Introduction of Board Members
 - President: Lauren Valentin
 - Vice President: Amanda Spalding
 - Treasurer: Michelle Trevino-Talbot
 - Peter Keefe - will take meeting minutes and organize summaries.
 - Communications Chair: Julia Babcock
 - Fundraising Co-coordinators: Justina Ingerson & Emily Potz
 - Staff Appreciation Chair: Justina Ingerson
 - Event Coordinator: Matt Egan
 - Yearbook Co-coordinators: Ryan & Tainá Sindler
 - Grade-Level Liaisons
 - PreK: Jessica Ritchie
 - Kindergarten: Anna Young
 - 1st: Katie Clauson
 - 2nd: Kelsey & Peter Keefe
 - 3rd: Rob Brandon
 - 4th: Geneva Gardner Overview of
- What the PTO has done so far:
 - Back to school lunch
 - Popsicles on the "Playground" + Rock Painting
 - Balloon arch and high fives on first day of school
 - Open House – Rock snake voting
 - Penny Wars
 - Celebrate Mansfield
 - Families created their own blueprint with cyanotape
- Family directory (in progress, will be released soon)
 - 130 families so far, still time to add your family
- Year book candid photos accepted and always welcome
 - If you have a candid photo, please email to the PTO!

Principal's Update: Kate McCoy not present, so today the update was provided by Cindy Fan

- Opening of schools was successful!
- Meet and Greet



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- School Leadership Teams
- Communication Goals and Updates
 - Take home notices
 - Save the Date (sent home in Sept)
 - Teacher newsletters
 - Grade-level newsletters
- After School Clubs
 - Will begin on 10/20 and run for 7 weeks
 - Spring clubs will restart in February
 - Currently, for grades 2-4. K-1 will be considered in spring.
 - Still gathering ideas for clubs, if you have an idea and/or want to help, send to Cindy Fan
 - Flyer will be sent home with take-home notices once ideas are established
 - Clubs are funded within the budget

Superintendent's Report: Candace Morell

- Facility Updates
 - Playground and sun shade
 - Sun shade will be installed soon
 - Natural play scape
 - In progress, using the vision of the kids/teachers but being constructed by professionals
 - Water project
 - Final component installed this summer
 - Sound panels
 - Vendor selected to design and layout sound panels in great hall (cafeteria)
- ScreenAgers – Nov 12, 2025 in Mansfield Middle School Auditorium at 6pm

Community Questions for Superintendent

- Question: Speeders on road near school, can we get additional signage for walker safety?
 - A: Will look into it and ask
- Question: Regarding the water project, will we get copies of the report?
 - A: Once the system is online for a few months, it should become available



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- Follow-up: Will it be continuously monitored?
 - A: Tested every day or periodically according to regulations
- Question: What is the final cost to rebuild the playground?
 - A: Not sure, school building committee will know.
- Question: Any plans to expand pre-K enrollment?
 - A: Current enrollment at 50. Evaluating the current enrollment and if it should increase.

Jeannine Kanadia – Chair Mansfield HRC

- Jeannine from the Mansfield Human Rights Commission (HRC) spoke about what the Mansfield HRC does in our community.
- In addition to human rights, they help to increase inclusion and increase acceptance of others.
- Event at library about indigenous people coming up
- Asking to co-host an event with the MES PTO about HRC, specifically to educate community about indigenous people in Connecticut

Budget: Michelle Trevino-Talbot

- Current bank balance at \$3,070.41
- Raised just of \$2,000 so far this year
- Just over \$700 in costs so far

Fundraisers: Emily Potz & Justina Ingerson

- Harvest and Heritage Festival
 - 23 confirmed prize baskets
 - Compared to last year's 17, pretty good!
 - 14 cultural volunteers for
 - Still need more volunteers, particularly general volunteers
 - QR code in take home notices is for sign-ups
 - Question: Are community member volunteers allowed? Answer: Yes!
 - Still need donations for food
- Lyman Orchard Pie fundraiser
 - Flyers have been sent out in children's folders
 - Will be ready on Nov. 14th, fundraiser ends on Oct 22nd
 - Goal is to raise \$4,000 this year, currently have raised >\$300



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- If pie isn't your thing, you can order pies for the Covenant Soup Kitchen or donate.

Open Floor:

- Summer Swag is in and will be distributed to children in classrooms (or pickup after PTO meeting)
- Question for the superintendent: What is the anti-bullying policy for school?
 - Answer: Concerns about bullying should go to the principal first.
- Question for PTO: What is the goal of the PTO?
 - Answer: See our website mission statement!

Coming Up:

- Pie-in-the-face for 2nd graders on Oct. 17th and PJ day for **everyone**



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Next Meeting:

 **Monday, November 10th, 2025 @ 6:30 PM**

 MES Great Hall

 Free pizza & childcare – bring a friend!

 Everyone is welcome – your voice matters!



Stay Connected with MES PTO

 Facebook

[Mansfield Elementary School PTO](#)

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2874156259541372>

Private group – answers to membership questions are **required**:

- To ensure that only parents, guardians, and staff from our school community are granted access
- Minimize the risk of unauthorized individuals joining the group
- Maintain a safe and respectful environment for sharing school-related news, events, and photos



Website

mansfieldtigerspto.org



Email

{mansfieldtigerspto@gmail.com}

JOIN US FOR THE HARVEST & HERITAGE FESTIVAL

Saturday, October 18 • 1-4 PM

RAFFLE PRIZES!

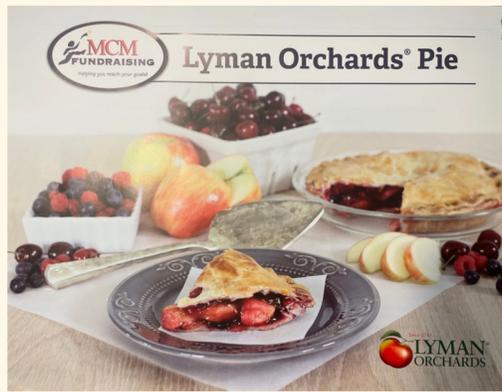


CULTURAL BOOTHS, FOOD & PERFORMANCES!



SIGN UP HERE:





Lyman Pies are Back!

Here's what you need to know:



Order Window: Tuesday, September 30 - Monday, Oct 20



Register and Sell Online:

<https://my.mcmfundraising.com/signup/8CJP>



Order: Online only this year - no paper forms



Pie Pick-Up: Friday, November 14, 3:00-6:00 PM
Mansfield Public Library - Buchanan Auditorium



Donate Pie: Supports Covenant Soup Kitchen and
Mansfield CAREs Program

If you can't participate in the sale but still want to support
MES PTO, donations are welcome by:



Check/Cash - made payable to Mansfield Elementary PTO
Return to school office



Venmo: @PTOMESct



Your support directly helps the MES PTO fund wonderful, fun, and
educational experiences for all MES students.

Questions? Email us at mansfieldtigerspto@gmail.com

Thank you for helping make this fundraiser a success and for
making our children's learning experiences memorable!

MES PTO FLYERS

AVAILABLE IN:



English

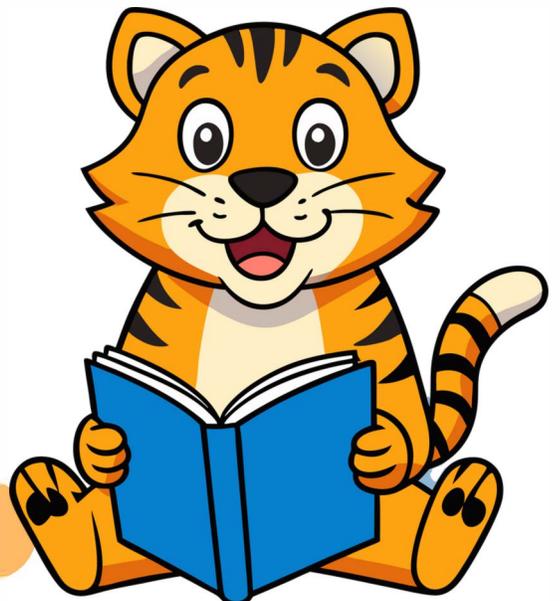


Español



中文

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



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