



Mansfield Elementary School Take Home Notices Week Ending October 17, 2025

Dear Families,

As we reach mid-October, the changing leaves outside serve as a beautiful reminder of the vibrant season we're experiencing. Our school grounds are alive with autumn colors, and our students are embracing the wonder of the season with enthusiasm and curiosity. Thank you for your continued support in making this time of year so special for our school community.

Warmly,
Kate and Becky

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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.



LAST CHANCE



Lyman Orders due by Wednesday!

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!

IT'S NOT TOO LATE... SCAN TO ADD YOUR INFO TO THE NEXT RELEASE OF THE MES FAMILY DIRECTORY

VERSION 2.0
RELEASE
SCHEDULED FOR
10/31/2026



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

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OPEN YOUR
PHONE
CAMERA

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SCAN THIS
QR CODE

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FILL OUT FAMILY
DIRECTORY
FORM

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CHECK
YOUR EMAIL
AFTER 10/24

**Already filled out the form before 10/7?
Check your Google email for access details to the
first 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.



Fall Play



Dear MES Families, Fall is a perfect time to leap into play activities together! Try to complete 4 or more of these fun fall activities as a family. Note: underlined items have links for more information. Students who return this page by Nov. 21 can choose a play prize and will be recognized in our morning announcements. Feel free to email photos of your family participating to irvinesb@mansfieldct.org. Have fun! Find more MES Play & Explore with [this link](#) or scan the code with your phone.



Student's First & Last Name _____ Classroom Teacher _____



Go to a corn maze



Attend the MES PTO Harvest & Heritage Festival



Join a Walktober hike



Roast pumpkin seeds



Carve or decorate a pumpkin



Make a fort to play or read in



Visit the Wee Faerie Village at the Flo Griswold Museum



Collect leaves and sort by color or size



Make a scarecrow



Build tiny houses using acorns, pinecones



Attend a UConn or Eastern sports game



Make a Mexican Paper Picado



Make up a fall song to sing



Make applesauce



Play hide and seek with glow sticks



Saturday Storytime at the Mansfield Library

Office: Return to Susan Irvine



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



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



COME JOIN US AT THE

DARLENE MURPHY
Craft Fair

Mansfield Elementary School
134 Warrentville Road
Mansfield Center, CT 06250

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM



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!



MES PTO FLYERS

AVAILABLE IN:



English

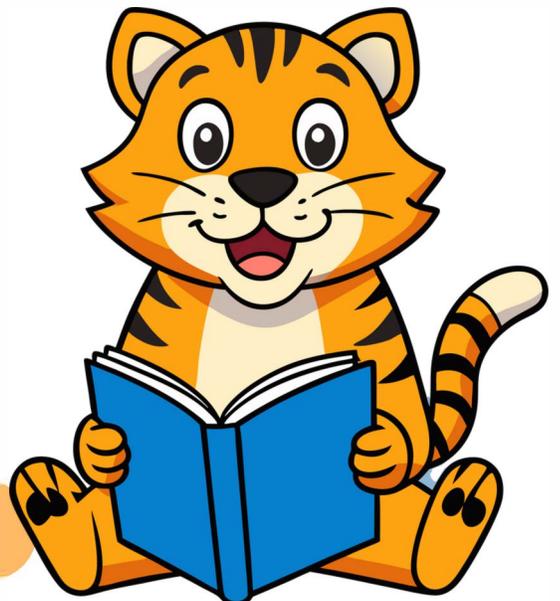


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Visit the PTO website to find Mandarin and Spanish versions of all our PTO flyers



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