



Mansfield Elementary School Take Home Notices Week Ending October 24, 2025

Dear Families,

As October nears its end, we want to celebrate the many ways students are demonstrating their PAWS expectations every single day. This time of year also brings new opportunities for student leadership to shine. We've seen students step up in meaningful ways, whether by assisting peers, contributing to school projects, or leading group discussions. Thank you for your ongoing support in creating such a special and enriching environment for our students this fall.

Warm regards,
Kate and Becky

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- 05 — **Attending School Every Day is Important**
- 06 — **Soctober Collecting New Socks Donations**
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- 09 — **Downtown Boo Bash October 25**
- 10 — **MES Winter Swag Order Due November 29**
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Dear MES PTO Board and Volunteers,

Thank you for an incredible weekend at our Harvest and Heritage Festival! This celebration welcomed not only our MES students and families, but also friends from across the community, including student groups from UConn and throughout the region. The event truly had something for everyone: delicious food, some dancing (some of us may need a few more lessons!), fun games, great conversations, and so many moments of connection.

Additional thank you for celebrating the MES with the Penny Wars Second Grade win, complete with the epic pieing of staff and the unveiling of a gigantic trophy to honor our champions.

Our PTO Board embodies what makes MES magical. You took the idea of a fall celebration and turned it into something intentionally inclusive, vibrant, and welcoming. Thank you for your creativity, your hard work, and your tireless commitment to our students and school community.

We are so proud and deeply grateful to partner with you in making MES such a special place for all. Thank you for all you do!

**Sincerely,
Kate, Becky, and all of our MES Staff**



The second time's a charm!



If you are dissatisfied with your child's student portrait and would like another try, you have the opportunity for a retake on:

Please return the undamaged portrait package to the photographer on Retake Day.

If you have any specific instructions for the photographer, please jot a note and attach it to the outside of the package, so it can be easily seen.

If your school received class photos, please keep yours and return just the individual portraits.

Retake packages will be distributed at the school approximately 3-5 weeks following Retake Day. If your school receives Class Photos, those are usually distributed at this time.

For refund information, please visit www.coffeepond.com
Email us at lifeguards@coffeepond.com
Call us at (508) 907-6633 ext. 0

Mansfield Elementary School

Food Drive

November 3rd- November 7th

Join Mansfield Elementary School and the CAREs Team's Food Drive. This Fall, we will be collecting non-perishable items. These non-perishable items will be given to the families in our community who need a helping hand as well as to the Covenant Soup Kitchen.

Day	Food Theme
Monday, November 3rd 	Canned Goods For Holiday Meals <u>Ideas:</u> canned vegetables, cranberry sauce, pumpkin, artichokes, corn, beans, peas, applesauce, soups, sweet potatoes, yams, pears, peaches, diced tomatoes
Tuesday November 4th 	Stuffings, Rice and Boxed Foods <u>Ideas:</u> stuffing mix, rice, instant potatoes, muffin and bread mixes, mac n cheese, pasta, couscous, falafel, tabouli, tacos, cereal, granola bars
Wednesday, November 5th 	Pies and Desserts <u>Ideas:</u> pie fillings, crusts, brownie mixes, box cake mixes, cookie mixes, jello, pudding mix, flour, sugar, baking soda, baking powder, spices
Thursday, November 6th 	Personal Items <u>Ideas:</u> soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, body wash, dental floss, baby wipes, toilet paper, band aids, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, combs, diapers
Friday, November 7th 	Your Choice <u>Bring in anything from the lists above or your choice of a non perishable items like:</u> olive oil, aluminum foil, parchment paper, sandwich bags, paper products

All In In School Every Day!

EVERY LEARNING DAY COUNTS



Attending school every day is important for building good habits

Showing up on time every day is important to your child's success

Did You Know?

Being in school every day allows a student to:

- Establish routines as a part of a community
- Make friends and interact with peers
- Build connections with teachers and other trusted adults
- Advance in key skills, including math & reading
- Learn new subjects and stay on-track with learning

2 Absences a Month
= Too Many!

What can you do?

Your school team is here to help

- Reach out to social workers if you sense something is wrong at school that might be dampening your child's enthusiasm.
- Be engaged with school activities as a family to show your child that the school community is important to you, too.
- Keep your child healthy with regular bedtimes. Find out about health and safety procedures if they are feeling ill. Our health staff is here to support your child.



Ready-Set-Go!

- Remind your child to lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before
- Have a backup plan for getting to school if something comes up
- Encourage them and inquire about their fun day at school



*Everyone misses school sometimes,
but regular attendance should be the goal.*

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

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COME JOIN US AT THE

DARLENE MURPHY
Craft Fair

Mansfield Elementary School
134 Warrenton 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!

DOWNTOWN BOO BASH!

Saturday, Oct. 25th

DOWNTOWN STORRS
3:00PM - 5:00PM

THE MES PTO AND MMSA JOINED FORCES!
STOP BY OUR TRUNK FOR SOME TREATS!





MES SWAG

**STICKERS, NOTEBOOKS, SCRUNCHIES, T-SHIRTS, HOODIES,
CREW NECKS, LONG SLEEVES, WATER BOTTLES, MUGS, & HATS**

**ORDERS DUE BY 11/29/2025
DELIVERY ESTIMATE: 12/15/25**



[HTTPS://GIVEBUTTER.COM/MES-SHIRT](https://givebutter.com/mes-shirt)

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

2

SCAN THIS
QR CODE

3

FILL OUT FAMILY
DIRECTORY
FORM

4

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.

MES PTO FLYERS

AVAILABLE IN:



English

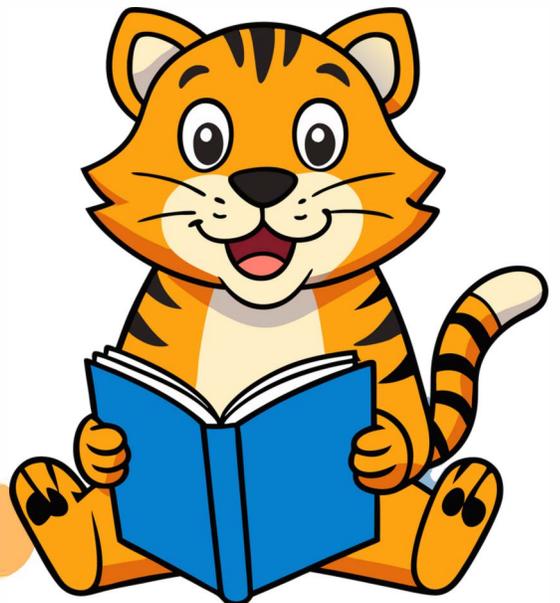


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