



Mansfield Elementary School Take Home Notices Week Ending October 31, 2025

Dear Families,

As we welcome November, the cooler days signal that winter is just around the corner. We're excited to announce that registration for family conferences through Canyon Creek has begun. These conferences provide a wonderful opportunity to discuss your child's progress and celebrate their achievements. We look forward to connecting with you soon! As always, thank you for your continued support.

Warm regards,
Kate and Becky

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MES First Friday Memo - November 2025



Dear MES Families,

As October comes to a close, we reflect on a wonderful month filled with learning, creativity, and community spirit. From fall-themed projects to festive classroom celebrations, our students have shown curiosity, kindness, and a genuine love of learning each day.

Looking ahead to November, there is so much to anticipate! This month, our focus will be on gratitude and kindness as we approach the Thanksgiving holiday. We're excited for another great month of growth and connection here at MES.

No School – Tuesday, November 4

Mansfield Public Schools will be closed for students on Tuesday, November 4, to allow for a Professional Development Day for staff.

Afternoon Bus Transportation

On Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays through December 16, MES will host after-school clubs. Because many students participate in these programs, afternoon bus runs may arrive 5-10 minutes earlier than usual on these days. Please plan accordingly to meet your child at their bus stop a few minutes early. Thank you for your flexibility and support.

Conferences, Shortened Days, and Thanksgiving Schedule

We look forward to connecting with families during conferences to celebrate student progress and discuss goals for the months ahead. MES will operate on a shortened day schedule from November 24-26 for parent-teacher conferences and the Thanksgiving holiday.

- Conferences: Monday, November 24 and Tuesday, November 25. Online scheduling will be available through Canyon Creek.
- Shortened Day/No School: Wednesday, November 26, will be a shortened day in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. Schools will be closed on Thursday, November 27 and Friday, November 28.

Weather Alerts and School Messenger Test

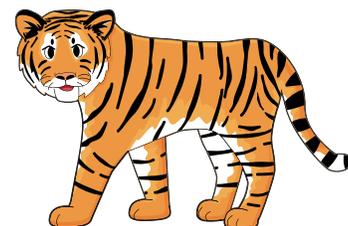
As we turn the calendar to November, we also begin to prepare for the possibility of snow and weather-related schedule changes. Any delays or cancellations will be communicated through our School Messenger system to ensure families receive timely and accurate information.

During the first week of November, Mansfield Public Schools will conduct a test of the School Messenger system. If you do not receive the test alert, please contact the MES main office at mesoffice@mansfieldct.org so we can update your contact information.

With appreciation,

Kate McCoy

Principal, Mansfield Elementary School



October 31, 2025

Dear Families,

We hope this letter finds you well! As we head into chillier fall weather, we want to take a moment to emphasize the critical importance of consistent school attendance for your child's success and overall well-being. Every day of learning counts! 🍎📚

Regular attendance is a major factor in your child's academic journey. When students miss school, they miss valuable instruction, classroom discussions, and essential interactions with peers and teachers that can be difficult to make up. Consistent attendance helps students:

- Establish a strong routine and sense of responsibility. 🕒
- Continue to grow academically 🏃
- Build social and emotional skills through daily interaction. 😊

When to Stay Home vs. When to Come to School 🤔➡️🏠

Knowing when to keep your child home is crucial for their recovery and for preventing the spread of illness within our school community. Please review the following guidelines carefully:

Medical/Dental Appointments

When scheduling your child's medical and dental appointments, please plan to have them come to school for as much of the day as possible.

Please Stay Home If Your Child Has:

Fever: A temperature of 100.4 degrees or higher. They must be fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication (like Tylenol or Advil) before returning to school. 🌡️

Vomiting or Diarrhea: Your child should stay home and return only after they have been symptom-free for 24 hours. 🤢

Undiagnosed Rash: If the rash is accompanied by a fever or behavior change, consult a doctor 🩺 and keep your child home until a doctor confirms it's not contagious.

Confirmed Contagious Illness: Such as strep throat, flu, or pink eye (conjunctivitis). They may return only after the required exclusion period and, for bacterial infections, after 24 hours of antibiotic treatment. 💊

For all other illnesses, please contact our school nurse for additional guidance by calling 860-423-1611. 📞

Sharing Our School Attendance Data

To work together effectively, we believe in transparent communication regarding our collective attendance goals. We are committed to tracking and addressing chronic absenteeism (missing 10% or more of school days). Our attendance team reviews this data frequently, and is committed to supporting all students to be in school consistently.

MES September Attendance was Amazing!

Below is a positive snapshot of our September attendance averages by grade level. It was a great month! Shout out to 3rd Grade - they topped our attendance rates!

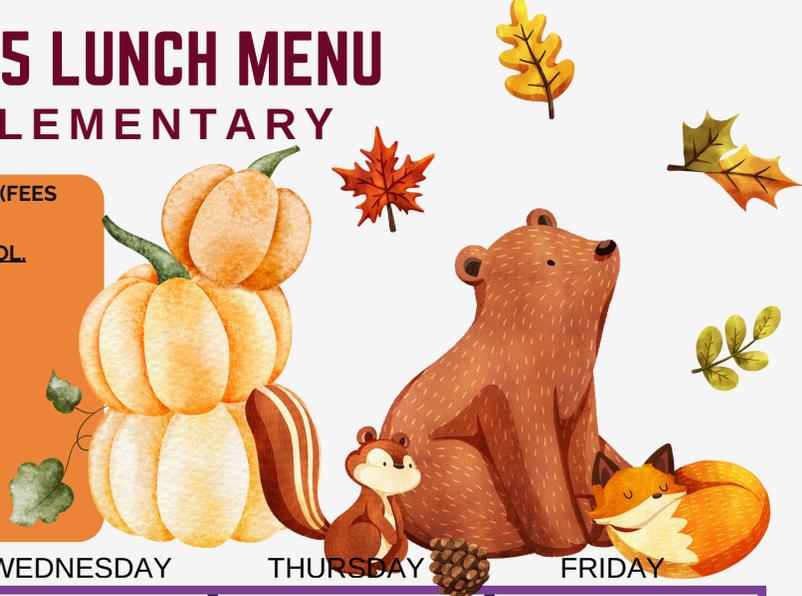
Grade Level	Average Monthly Attendance Rate
Grade Level	Attendance Rate
Pre-Kindergarten	95.86
Kindergarten	96.92
1st Grade	98.03
2nd Grade	98.06
3rd Grade	98.39
4th Grade	97.73

We encourage all families to help us reach our school-wide goal of 96% average daily attendance! Let's get them here every day! 

Thank you for your partnership in prioritizing your child's education and health. If you have any questions about attendance policies or need support in ensuring your child attends school regularly, please do not hesitate to contact the school office, our school nurse, or your child's teacher. We're here to help! 

NOVEMBER 2025 LUNCH MENU

MANSFIELD ELEMENTARY



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

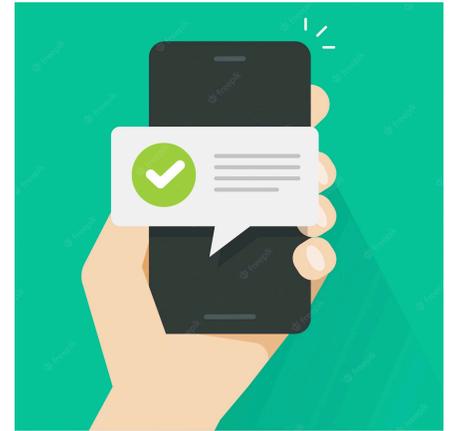
NO SAD LUNCHESES! PLEASE ENCOURAGE KIDS TO ASK IF THEY NEED SOMETHING. WE ARE HAPPY TO HELP!

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>3</p> <p>ALL BEEF OR VEGGIE BURGER* ON A BUN WITH BAKED SWEET POTATOES</p>	<p>4</p> <p>SCHOOL CLOSED</p> 	<p>5</p> <p>OUR OWN MACARONI AND CHEESE* WITH ROASTED BROCCOLI</p>	<p>6</p> <p>CHEESE FILLED BREAD STICKS* WITH OUR HUMMUS AND VEGGIES TO DIP</p>	<p>7</p> <p>MIDDLE EASTERN INSPIRED CHICKEN SHAWARMA WITH BROWN RICE AND GARLIC ROASTED POTATOES</p>
<p>10</p> <p>CHEESY EGGS* WITH A WARM ROLL AND OUR HOME FRIES</p>	<p>11</p> <p>TURKEY WHITE BEAN CHILI OR JUST BEAN CHILI* AND WHOLE WHEAT CHEDDAR DROP BISCUITS</p>	<p>12</p> <p>JAPANESE INSPIRED TERIYAKI STYLE CHICKEN OR TOFU* WITH BROWN RICE AND STIR-FRY VEGETABLES</p>	<p>13</p> <p>CHEESE* OR PEPPERONI PIZZA SLICE WITH LOCAL GREENS CAESAR SALAD</p>	<p>14</p> <p>BBQ CHICKEN DRUMSTICK OR BBQ TOFU* WITH HOMEMADE CORNBREAD AND CINNAMON ROASTED LOCAL BUTTERNUT SQUASH</p>
<p>17</p> <p>ALL BEEF OR VEGGIE BURGER* ON A BUN WITH HAND CUT ROASTED POTATOES</p>	<p>18</p> <p>SEASONED, SHREDDED CHICKEN OR JUST CHEESE* WITH LETTUCE IN A HARD TACO SHELL SERVED WITH SALSA & MILD SPICY BEANS</p>	<p>19</p> <p>PASTA* & MARINARA WITH BEEF MEATBALLS, GARLIC BREAD STICK AND RANCH SALAD</p>	<p>20</p> <p>CHEESE* OR PEPPERONI PERSONAL PIZZA WITH LOCAL CARROTS AND RANCH DIP</p>	<p>21</p> <p>CHICKEN CREOLE STYLE STEW , BROWN RICE AND GARLIC GREEN BEANS</p>
<p>24</p> <p>EARLY DISMISSAL CHICKEN OR PLANT BASED* TENDERS WITH BAKED SWEET POTATOES AND HOMEMADE CORN BREAD</p>	<p>25</p> <p>EARLY DISMISSAL DEEPLY ROOTED PLANT BASED CHILI* WITH CORN TORTILLA CHIPS AND SEASONED BLACK BEANS</p>	<p>26</p> <p>EARLY DISMISSAL OUR OWN MACARONI AND CHEESE* WITH HERB ROASTED ZUCCHINI</p>	<p>27</p> <p>SCHOOL CLOSED</p> 	<p>28</p> <p>SCHOOL CLOSED</p>
<p>27</p> <p>GRILLED CHEESE SANDWICH* WITH OUR OWN TOMATO SOUP</p>	<p>28</p> <p>CHICKEN FAJITA WITH ROASTED PEPPERS & ONIONS AND MEXICAN INSPIRED GREEN BEANS SERVED WITH SALSA, SOUR CREAM & CHEESE</p>	<p>29</p> <p>OUR OWN RAMEN NOODLE BOWL* WITH CHICKEN OR STEAMED EDAMAME* AND BROCCOLI</p>	<p>30</p> <p>CHEESE FILLED BREAD STICKS* WITH LEMONY CHICKPEA SALAD</p>	<p>31</p> <p>PULLED BBQ CHICKEN SLIDER ON A WHOLE GRAIN ROLL AND RODEO CORN SALAD</p>

MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE. THIS INSTITUTION IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER.
DAILY ALTERNATES: SUN BUTTER & JELLY OR TURKEY & CHEESE SANDWICHES

This is a Test!

Mansfield Public Schools uses the School Messenger system for notifying families and staff in the event of a delayed opening/closing; or other urgent or emergency message.



On Thursday, November 6th, at Noon, we are sending out a test message via **SMS text** and **email** to the **contacts** for each child, as well as all school staff.

To receive SMS text from the system, you must opt-in. Please do the following to opt-in:
Send a text to 67587 from your cell phone(s) with the word “yes”.

If you do not receive the SMS text and/or email on November 6th, please contact your child’s school (mesoffice@mansfieldct.org for MES; or mmsoffice@mansfieldct.org for MMS) so that we may add your correct contact information to the system.

School staff who do not receive the test SMS text and/or work email, should contact their school office to have their contact information updated in PowerSchool.

For Weather Closings / Delays, we will alert families via **SMS text and email only** (we do not use voice robo phone calls for weather closings / delays).

The District and Schools send information home electronically each week. If you do not have this technology, please contact your child’s school office.



Knowing Students
Supporting the Whole Child
Ensuring Deep Learning

VETERANS DAY

THIRD GRADE COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

Help us
collect boxes
of tissues for
the Veterans
Home &
Hospital in
Rocky Hill.



**COLLECTION NOW EXTENDED
TO THE MES SCHOOL COMMUNITY!**
**COLLECTION THROUGH
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7**

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



Mansfield Elementary School

FALL CONFERENCES

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2025 | EVENING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2025 | AFTERNOON

Please refer to the instructions sent via School Messenger on October 30th for details on signing up for a conference time using Canyon Creek. Be sure to reserve your time slot by November 21!

Please note these fall conferences are not student-led. Students are welcome to attend, but are not required.





ART SHOW

FEATURING

4TH GRADE ARTISTS

FROM MANSFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



SHOW WILL BE ON VIEW AT
**THE MANSFIELD
PUBLIC LIBRARY**

NOVEMBER 5TH - DECEMBER 1ST



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!



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)

MES PTO FLYERS

AVAILABLE IN:



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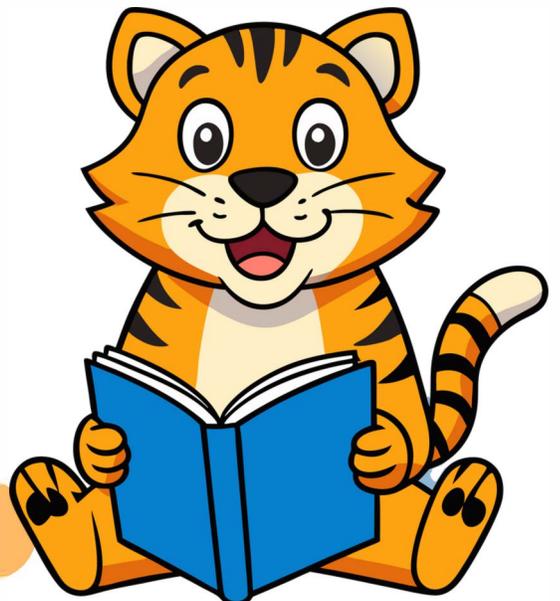
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