



MMS Weekly Update

Thursday, October 30, 2025

Check out the **MMS Weekly Updates** for MMS event information, news and activities. Weekly Updates will be sent out each Thursday.



MMS School Counseling



A WEEKLY NEWSLETTER ABOUT OUR SCHOOL COUNSELING PROGRAM

WEEK OF OCTOBER 30

THIS WEEK

COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS DAY VIDEO AND STUDENT SELECTIONS

7TH AND 8TH GRADE STUDENTS VIEWED A VIDEO OF THE 21 PRESENTERS COMING TO MMS ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH. THEY WERE ASKED TO SELECT THE PRESENTERS THEY FOUND MOST INTERESTING TO THEM. BASED UPON THESE SELECTIONS, STUDENTS WILL BE PLACED IN ROOMS WITH PRESENTERS TO LEARN ABOUT COLLEGE AND CAREER OPTIONS.



FROM THE STUDENTS..

"I loved all the options for College and Career Readiness Day. Can't wait to hear the presenters on November 26."
7th Grader

CONNECTING

CAREER CAFE - KIM WILLS

ON WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 5 STUDENTS WILL LEARN ABOUT BEING AN ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST. KIM WILLS WILL BE SPEAKING ABOUT NOT ONLY THE SCIENTIST PART OF HER CAREER BUT ALSO HOW SHE NOW OWNS THE COMPANY. IT IS SURE TO BE AN INTERESTING CAFE!



STAY IN TOUCH

MRS. EILEEN MELODY
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7th and 8th Grade Counselor

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5th and 6th Grade Counselor

MRS. JENNIFER ROBERTS
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5th-8th Grade Counseling Support



CONSIDER THIS

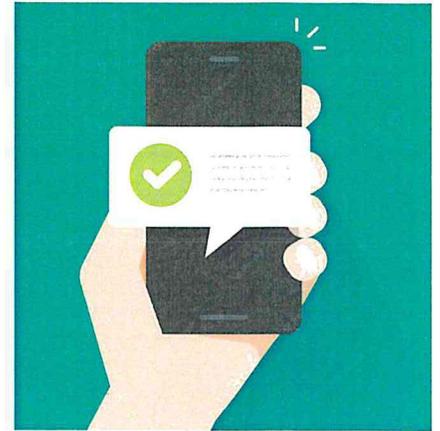
CAREER AWARENESS ISN'T A LECTURE; IT'S SIMPLY POINTING OUT REAL-WORLD CONNECTIONS, SUCH AS NOTICING THE STEPS A PERSON TOOK TO BUILD SOMETHING YOU ADMIRE OR HOW A HOBBY COULD LEAD TO A JOB. FOR PRACTICAL DISCUSSION ABOUT FUTURE OPTIONS, ASK YOUR CHILD TO EXPLAIN WHAT SOMEONE IN A SPECIFIC JOB (A CHEF, A PROGRAMMER, A NURSE) ACTUALLY DOES MINUTE-TO-MINUTE, SHIFTING THE FOCUS FROM INCOME TO DAILY TASKS AND REQUIRED SKILLS. USE EVERYDAY MOMENTS—A TRIP TO THE GROCERY STORE, WATCHING A NEWS SEGMENT, OR FIXING SOMETHING AROUND THE HOUSE—AS NATURAL OPENINGS TO TALK ABOUT DIFFERENT PATHS AND THE SKILLS NEEDED FOR THEIR GENERAL OUTLOOK ON THE FUTURE.



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



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Dear MMS Families,

Thank you for supporting our Book Fair last week. It was a great success, and we were able to grant 162 Book Wishes (free books) for students. If you were unable to attend or were unable to find a book you had hoped to purchase, you may check out our online fair. Anything ordered now until November 2nd will earn us 25% in Scholastic Dollars and will allow us to grant more Book Wishes next year.



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR EVEN MORE ONLINE!

Every purchase
BENEFITS
our school!

- ◆ Exclusives, new releases, value packs, and more. So many choices, all of them awesome!
- ◆ Everything ships right to your home, with FREE shipping on orders of \$35 or more.*
- ◆ During the Fair, 25% of every online purchase goes to our school! After that, we earn 2% on purchases all year long.

Visit our Book Fair homepage to get started:

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/mansfieldmiddleschool>

*Free standard shipping is available on book-only orders of \$35 or more, after all discounts are applied. There may be differences in pricing or formats between online and in-school offerings.

Sincerely,
Stacie Ristau
Mansfield Middle School
Library Media Specialist
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NOVEMBER 2025 LUNCH MENU

MANSFIELD MIDDLE

hello
FALL

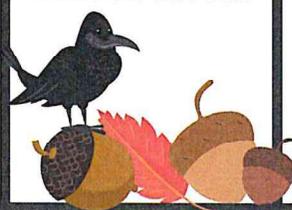
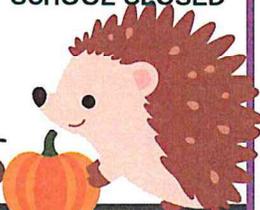


YOU CAN ADD FUNDS TO YOUR STUDENT'S ACCOUNT ONLINE (FEES APPLY) AT LINQCONNECT.COM OR AVOID THE FEES BY SENDING CASH OR CHECK IN TO SCHOOL.

COMPLETE LUNCH \$ 3.75
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

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>GARLIC FRENCH BREAD PIZZA* 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>DENVER STYLE EGG FRITATA* WITH A TOASTED ENGLISH MUFFIN 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 BUFFALO CHICKEN 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 KNOT AND RANCH SALAD</p>	<p>NEW</p> <p>20</p> <p>CHEESE* OR BBQ CHICKEN FLATBREAD 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>

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

KEEP FUNDRAISING



WE HAVE RAISED \$1,731.00!!!

LET'S KEEP GOING!!

HERE IS THE LINK TO REGISTER.

[HTTPS://WWW.SHOPFUND.COM/SIGN-IN?RETURNURL=%2FJOIN-A-FUNDRAISER](https://www.shopfund.com/sign-in?returnurl=%2Fjoin-a-fundraiser)

GROUP CODE IS: 8FKVM

Email contactmmsa@gmail.com with any questions.

MMSA Fall 2025 Cherrydale Fundraiser

"Light Up the Season"

Giftwrap, candy, candles, and more...



Setup your student's online store by registering.



Share the link with friends, family, and social media.



Everything ships direct, nothing to pickup or distribute.



Help raise funds for teacher and staff grants!



contactmmsa@gmail.com

Mansfield Middle School Association

ORDERS DUE BY:

11/5/2025

REGISTER,
SHARE, &
SHOP @

[SHOPFUND.COM](https://shopfund.com)



With your help, the MMSA is hoping to raise \$3,000 for staff grants as well as various student enrichment programs & events throughout the year. These are the "extras" that enhance your child's education and we hope to continue these initiatives this year. We are asking every student to REGISTER & SHARE with **5 or more supporters** to reach our group goal! Thank you for your support!

HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

1. REGISTER today at [ShopFund.com/reg](https://shopfund.com/reg)
2. SHARE with 5 or more supporters with the online tools.



3. Orders over \$99 qualify for FREE SHIPPING!

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FAMILY & FRIENDS CAN SUPPORT NATIONWIDE AT **ShopFund.com**

PLUS, REGISTER TO GAIN ACCESS TO THESE FUNDRAISER FEATURES:



Register
AND SHARE TO WIN FROM
\$100,000 IN PRIZES



Track Progress
TRACK SUPPORTERS &
LEADERBOARD STANDING



Share
YOUR FUNDRAISER WITH
FAMILY & FRIENDS NATIONWIDE



Shop
FROM 800+ ITEMS AND
PAY ONLINE

TEEN CENTER OPEN HOUSE

MANSFIELD YOUTH SERVICES



Parents/guardians, bring your EOS or MMS teen and come check out the Teen Center!! A safe and supervised space that your teen can go to after school!!! Also, get the chance to meet Maddie, our NEW Youth Services Prevention Specialist, who is in the Teen Center Monday-Thursday!!!



Enter our giveaway for the chance to win a BIKE or APPLE AIRPODS!!!

We will be serving light refreshments

Wednesday, **November 5, 2025**
from **4pm to 6pm** in the **Teen Center**
at the Mansfield Community Center
10 S Eagleville Rd, Storrs, CT 06268



COME JOIN US AT THE

DARLENE MURPHY
Craft Fair

Mansfield Elementary School
134 Warrenville Road
Mansfield Center, CT 06250

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM





Hi MMS Families,

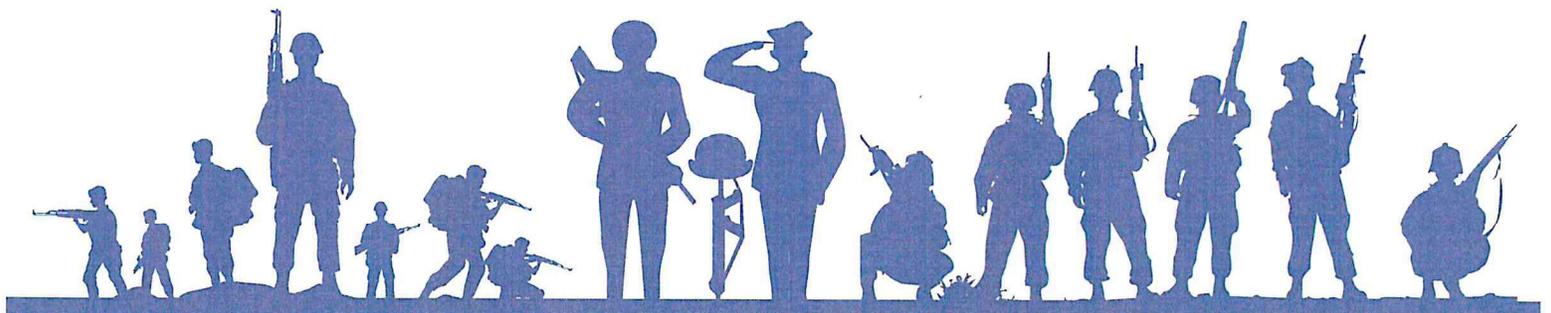
**The library is collecting photos of veterans for our
Veteran's Day display.**



**Do you have a Veteran in your family? If you do, please submit
a photo to Mrs. Ristau at ristaus@mansfieldct.org or turn in
the actual photo to the library. We will return photos when
the display comes down. It would be great if you could include
the veteran's name, branch of military, and their relationship
to the student or staff member.**



**Thank you,
Mrs. Ristau**





We Want You!!

On Tuesday, November 11th, Mansfield Middle School will be reflecting, remembering, and honoring those who have served in the United States Armed Forces. We honor them for exemplifying the true character of the American spirit – personal courage, love of country, and devotion of duty. We thank them for sacrificing their personal aspirations and safety to attain and protect the freedoms of this great Nation. Students tend to better understand and absorb the significance of Veterans' Day when they can attach a human face to it.

To help our students develop a greater appreciation for America's veterans, we are inviting veterans to participate in a celebration that honors their service to our country. If you have a veteran in your family who is willing and able to attend an assembly on Tuesday, November 11th in our Mansfield Middle School auditorium. Please complete and return the lower portion of this form or complete the online form by clicking the link [HERE](#).

The planned events are as follows:

Lite breakfast provided 8:15 a.m. to 8:45 a.m.

Followed by an assembly which will conclude by 9:45 a.m.

-----Please complete the online registration linked above or return the bottom portion of this form to the MMS Office by 10-31-2025 -----

Student's Name: _____

HR Teacher/Grade: _____

Veteran's Name: _____

Military Rank: _____

Relation to the MMS Student: _____

My veterans' service (circle one):

Army

Navy

Marines

Air Force

Coast Guard

National Guard

Parent's or guardian's signature: _____

Please check the above information carefully as we will be announcing names and branch of service at the assembly.

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!