



Mansfield Elementary School Take Home Notices Week Ending November 14, 2025

Dear Families,

As we approach mid-November, our students continue to amaze us. We're consistently seeing students demonstrating their PAWS expectations throughout our school every day—we are incredibly proud of them! If you haven't yet signed up for a fall conference through Canyon Creek, there's still time. These conferences offer a valuable opportunity to discuss your child's progress and set goals for the rest of the year. We look forward to meeting with you! Thank you for your continued support.

Warm regards,
Kate and Becky

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MES Celebrating Positive Behavior with PBIS!

Dear MES Families,

We are excited to share some of the wonderful things happening at Mansfield Elementary School (MES) as part of our Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) framework. PBIS helps us create a safe, positive, and productive learning environment by focusing on, teaching, and celebrating expected behaviors (often referred to as PAWS behaviors).

A Couple Grade Level Highlights

Our grade levels are all implementing exciting and creative ways to acknowledge and reinforce positive behavior every day. Here are just a couple of examples from October:

Second Grade:

Second grade is hosting a special ROAR Day! All students receive a PAWS card, and as they fill their card with stickers for demonstrating PAWS behavior, they earn the chance to pick their celebration choice! This is a fantastic way to encourage continuous positive effort.

Kindergarten:

Some of our Kindergarten classes have introduced "Lucky Ducks." When a student displays their PAWS behaviors, their Lucky Duck gets to spend the day with them! Our young students love bringing their Lucky Ducks around the room and taking ownership of their positive actions.

The consistent effort and positive behavior displayed by our students are truly commendable. We are so proud of their hard work in learning and living up to the MES PAWS expectations. Thank you for partnering with us to make MES a place where every student can learn and thrive!

First PAWS Celebrations of the 2025-2026 School Year

We recently held our first school-wide PAWS Celebrations of the year, and they were a huge success! We celebrated **P**racticing Kindness, **A**cting Responsibly, **W**orking and Playing Safely, and **S**howing Respect. These celebrations across all grade levels K-4 recognize students who consistently demonstrate positive behavior in the classroom and throughout the school. We will hold many more throughout the year!



If you have any questions about our PBIS framework or PAWS expectations, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

The MES PBIS Team, Amanda Doyle, Jack Irvine,
Annie MacLachlan, Heather Lasky

Greetings from Sophie



Hello, everyone! My name is Sophie, and I'm a therapy dog. That means I'm trained so that I can come and visit people at places like schools, hospitals and libraries. I love my job because I get to see so many friends. I am coming to visit your school on Friday, and I can't wait to meet you. I am deaf, so I won't be able to hear your voices. But my mom can teach you some signs so that you can communicate with me. And I love gentle pets and hugs and kisses — I ALWAYS understand those! I will see you soon! ♥ Sophie



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.





Human Services Family Screener

Name:	Phone number:
Email:	Family size:
Address:	

The primary mission of the Human Services Department is to promote independence, personal enrichment and an enhanced quality of life for Mansfield residents of all ages through a variety of programs and services. The Department of Human Services serves persons of all ages and incomes. All services of the department are available without regard to physical, emotional, sensory or developmental impairment, race, color, sex, sexual orientation, religion or national origin in accordance with Federal and State Equal opportunity Laws.

Please check off any potential areas of need for your family:	Yes	No
Seasonal Assistance Program, Back to School Program, Campership Program		
Food programs, including Food Share		
Housing programs and resources		
Adult mental health or crisis management		
Emergency Financial Assistance (i.e. Fuel, energy, etc.)		
Case Management		
Fee Waiver		
Other (please describe):		

Please sign below to indicate your permission for Mansfield Middle School to share this information with Mansfield Human Services.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Mansfield Public Schools Contact: _____

Date: _____

You can contact the Human Services Department directly at:

Website: <https://www.mansfieldct.gov/Human-Services>

Phone: 860-429-3315

Address: Mansfield Senior Center, 303 Maple Road, Storrs-Mansfield, CT 06268

Hours: Monday-Wednesday: 8:00 a.m. - 5:15 p.m. Thursday: 8:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. Friday: Closed

Taste of Mansfield presents:

A Community Dinner

Prepared by Mansfield Public Schools Food Services

Come Celebrate: Local Farms & Farmers, Local Food Champions, & Community Connections



Free and Open to All

**Wednesday,
November 19**

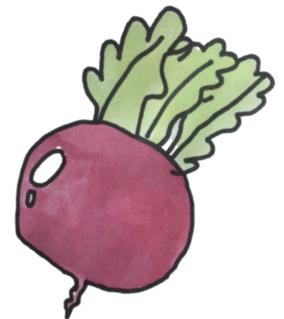
5:30 to 7:00 PM

E.O. Smith High School Cafeteria,
1235 Storrs Rd.

Reservations Required

<https://mansfieldct.jotform.com/253076757395066>

*Seniors 55+ may request a free ride by
12 noon Monday, 11.17.*



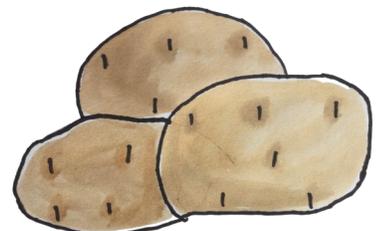
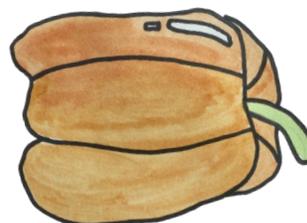
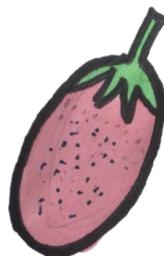
The menu will feature fresh seasonal vegetables and products from local farms — scratch-prepared by Mansfield Food Services “Field to Tray” staff. All are welcome to join us!



-Artwork created by Mansfield Elementary School students

MANSFIELD
CONNECTICUT

Your place to grow





7TH ANNUAL

Thanksgiving Day Family Fun Run



E.O. Smith High School

9:00 am

3 mile run/walk

**Please bring a
donation for the
local food pantry:**

- ~ Non-perishable foods
- ~ Household supplies
- ~ Hygiene Products
- ~ Toiletries

**Questions? Contact McKenzie (mckenziericci12@gmail.com)
or Estrella (estrella19guadalupehernandez@gmail.com).**

(This is not a school-sponsored event)





MES PTO MEETING RECAP

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President's Address: Lauren Valentin

- Launched [PTO Instagram!](#)
- PTO now has a Google Workspace account
- Rock snake has moved outside
 - Geneva working on sign for it
- Trunk or Treat booth was a success
 - Julia did a great job
- Winter swag sale ongoing
 - Orders stop on Nov 29th
 - Orders ready by Dec. 15th
- Craft Fair
 - Over \$1100 in proceeds goes to the Cares team to help families
- Yearbook Photos
 - Please send them in! yearbook@mansfieldtigerspto.org

Principal's Update: Kate McCoy

- Harvest Heritage festival was a success
- Pre-K
 - 3 full-day classes
 - Flexible groupings
 - Share lunch time with Kindergarten
 - Nap/Rest time
 - Number of students with IEPs
 - Exploring itinerant services
 - 16-17 children per class
- Fall Play Challenge, please spread the word!
- December Play Challenge will be coming in December
- After school clubs
 - Clubs began on 10/20 and run for about 7 sessions (except week of Thanksgiving)
 - Spring clubs will restart in February
- School of Distinction
 - 2nd year in a row to earn this! (2023 Math High Growth)
 - 2024-2025
 - High Performance and High Growth (all students)



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- English Language Arts (High Needs Students)
- Important reminders
 - Daily pickup changes due by **2:00pm**
 - Exceptions/emergencies after this time are only allowable 1-2 times before it will require admin approval
 - Student day starts at 8:55am
 - Cars must be in the line **prior** to that

Superintendent's Report: Candace Morell

- Signage on Warrentville Rd (a state road, so a bit more complicated)
 - Met with Mansfield traffic authority to get better signage, paint on road
- Crosswalk inquiry
 - Instead, they plan to complete a sidewalk to the walkway near the ballfields
- Water system report
 - The water system treatment is on schedule, still not ready to drink
 - System continues to treat pipes, on track for utilization in spring
- Free/reduced lunch
 - Families can apply or reapply for free/reduced meals at any time throughout the school year

Budget: Michelle Trevino-Talbot

- Current balance: \$6,575
- Upcoming expenses: ~\$2700
 - Largest expense is Snow Ball

Fundraisers: Emily Potz & Justina Ingerson

- Harvest and Heritage Festival
 - Profit: \$283 (first event with a profit)
- Lyman Pie Fundraiser
 - \$3,142 raised!
 - Still looking for volunteers to hand out pies 3-6pm
- Downtown Storrs Winter Welcome - Dec. 6th
 - Looking for volunteers for that as well
- Snow Ball - Jan. 24th
 - Inclement weather date of the following weekend



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- 2 waves like last year: younger grades first, older grades latter. Not strictly enforced.
- Monday, Dec. 8th – Papa Gino’s Fundraiser
 - Portion of proceeds will be donated
 - Can call to order (with code) or order in person
- Disney on Ice – Frozen/Encanto
- Monster Jam
 - Split sections, some upper and some lower
- UConn Sports Events
 - Women’s Basketball
 - Women’s Hockey

Vice President’s Address: Amanda:

- Penny Wars
 - Very successful!
 - 2nd grade won and got to pie staff members
 - Geneva made a trophy that can be used for 7 more years
 - 2nd grade also got an extra recess
 - The whole school got a PJ day on that Friday
- Winter Welcome
 - Plan to incorporate all students with the decorated tree
- Student Raffles were fun (from Harvest & Heritage Fest)

Open Floor:

- Q: AI art on Bike Mansfield trailer
 - A: Not owned by school, but will follow up with them
- Q: Status on bids to reduce sound in great hall
 - A: At next meeting they’ll have final design. Most likely will be done during summer.
- Q: Sun shades on playground
 - A: Nearly done with sun shade, natural play area will be constructed after winter
- Q: Can the bus app be used to adjust bus dates
 - A: No, but you can let the office know about the schedule
- Q: Why are the bus schedules online (privacy reasons)?
 - A: It’s just standard practice
- Q: Do the buses have stop sign cameras on them?



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- A: No, not yet. Working with M&J to get this incorporated.

Coming Up:

- November 29th - Winter swag sale ends
- December 8th - Papa Gino's Fundraiser
- January 24th - Snow Ball



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Next Meeting:



Monday, January 12th, 2026 @ 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



Instagram

[@mansfieldtigerspto](#)



Website

mansfieldtigerspto.org



Email

{info@MansfieldTigersPTO.org}

Papa Gino's
PIZZERIA

d'angelo
GRILLED SANDWICHES



Mansfield Elementary School PTO

will earn **20%** of all qualifying sales
from orders placed on **December 8th**.

Monday, December 8, 2025

4:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Mansfield • 95 Storrs Road • 860-456-1884



- **Walk-in or phone orders:** Mention this fundraiser when you place your order for the organization to get credit for your order.
- **Online orders:** Enter code **19** at the payment screen and then click redeem.
- **Fundraiser orders** are only valid with regular priced menu items and cannot be paired with coupons or deals. Fundraisers are not valid on third party orders.

**Valid for all Dine-In, Carry Out,
Online & Delivery orders!**



View menu & place online orders @ papaginos.com

**SAVE
THE
DATE**



**JANUARY
24, 2026**





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)



MANSFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

LYMAN PIE PICKUP

NEXT FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14
3-6 PM



**at the Mansfield Public Library
(Buchanan Auditorium).**

- Orders must be picked up by sellers
- Unclaimed pies will be donated.
- Thank you for an amazing Food Drive this week!



 Follow @MansfieldTigersPTO for updates.

 Thank you for supporting MES PTO!

 Check the PTO website for what's next.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS WITH THE MES PTO



Snow Ball Dance

Sat. Jan. 24

RSVP Open Jan 6



Papa Gino's

Dine-Out Night

Mon. Dec. 8. 4-8 PM



Wolf Pack

Hockey Games

Sat. Jan. 10 & Feb. 7



Yearbook Sales Open

After Winter Break



Spring Book Festival

Sat. May 2



MES PTO FLYERS

AVAILABLE IN:



English

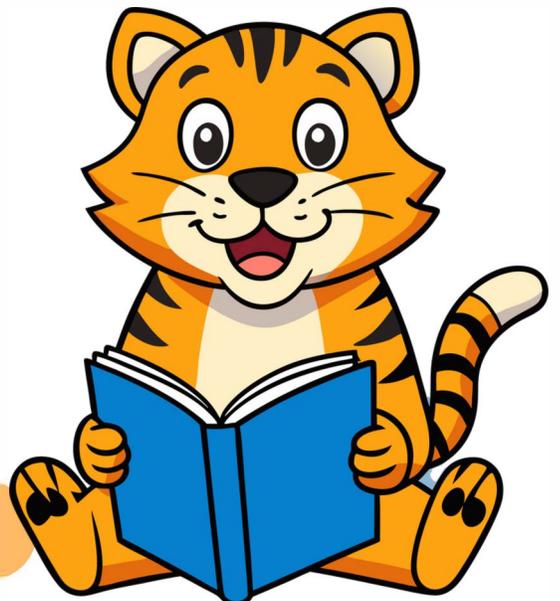


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Visit the PTO website to find Mandarin and Spanish versions of all our PTO flyers



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