



Mansfield Elementary School Take Home Notices Week Ending December 19, 2025

Dear Families,

As we approach the winter break, which will begin with our shortened day on Tuesday, December 23, we want to extend our heartfelt thanks for your continued support and involvement throughout the fall. Our students have made remarkable strides, and it's been wonderful to witness their growth and achievements. We hope you enjoy a restful and joyful break with your loved ones. We can't wait to welcome everyone back in the new year with renewed energy and excitement for the opportunities ahead!

Warmly,
Kate and Becky

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December 19, 2025

Dear Mansfield Elementary School Families, Staff, and Students,

As we approach winter break, we want to take a moment to thank you for the care, partnership, and joy you bring to our Mansfield Elementary School community each and every day. MES truly is an amazing place, and that is because of the collective contributions of our students, families, and staff working together to support learning, belonging, and growth.

As a reminder, we have a full day of school on Monday, December 22, and a half day on Tuesday, December 23. Winter break will follow, and we will welcome students back to school on Monday, January 5.

We hope the days ahead provide time for rest, connection, and moments of joy. As we look toward the late winter and spring, we look forward to more learning, growth, and the everyday magic that happens when our community comes together.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our school and for all you do to make MES such a special place for children to learn and thrive. We are so grateful to partner with you.

To our students: we hope you enjoy this time to play, wonder, read, rest, and just be kids. We can't wait to welcome you back in January, ready for new learning, joyful moments, and more magic at MES!

Wishing you and your loved ones a relaxing and joyful winter break.

Warmly,
Kate and Becky

MES AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS EARLY SPRING 2026

We are excited to announce our Early Spring 2026 After School Club offerings for MES students! Clubs provide a fun and enriching way for students to explore their interests, build new skills, and connect with classmates after school.

Most early spring clubs will run from the **week of February 2, 2026, through the week of March 23, 2026, from 3:55 PM to 5:00 PM**. Exact dates will be shared with families once club rosters are finalized and before the first day of clubs.

When signing up for a club, please ensure students are able to participate in all meetings for the entire duration. We are not able to accommodate early dismissals from clubs.

To register, please complete the MES After School Club Sign Up & Permission Slip at the following link: <https://bit.ly/MESClubSignUpsEarlySpring26>



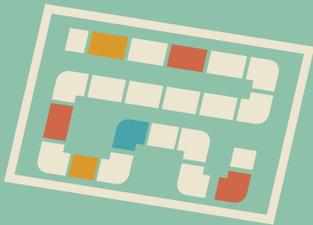
Early Spring Club Sign Up Deadline: Wednesday, January 14, 2026, at 4:00 PM (Eastern Time).

Please note: Completing the form does not guarantee your student a spot in an after school club. The form is intended to indicate interest and provide the necessary sign-up information. If interest in a club exceeds the number of available spots, students will be selected through a lottery system, and families will be notified once club placements are finalized.

Students may sign up for more than one club and may participate in multiple clubs if they meet on different days, provided there are available spots. If a lottery system is needed due to high interest and a student is selected for two or more clubs that meet on the same day, the student will be placed in the club that ranked higher on their preference list (for example, their first-choice over their second-choice).

We look forward to a great season of creativity, learning, and fun at MES!

If you have any questions, please reach out to the MES After School Program Coordinator at mes-clubs@mansfieldct.org



Monday: Grades 3-4

BOARD GAME CLUB

Prepare for thrilling adventures where you'll get to strategize, laugh until your sides hurt, and prove that you are the reigning champion of games like Checkers, Candy Land, and maybe even a quick, high-stakes round of Jenga. You'll make new friends, learn how to be an awesome teammate (and a graceful winner!), and use your super brainpower to conquer challenges, all while having an unbelievably fun time every single week!

THE FIELD-TO-TRAY EXPLORERS

A hands-on cooking and gardening club where students learn how food grows, prepare healthy snacks, and practice safe kitchen skills. Students will explore nutrition, science concepts, sustainability, and foods from different cultures while building teamwork, creativity, and practical life skills.



Monday: Grades 3-4



**Monday: Grades K-4
Tuesday: Grades K-4**

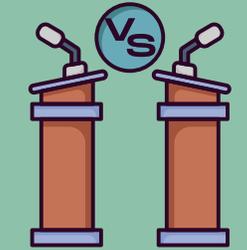
INVENTION CONVENTION WORKSHOP CLUB

Calling all MES Inventors! Do you have an idea for an invention? Would you like some help creating your invention or working on your log or display board? Mrs. Irvine and Ms. Mather would love to help you make your ideas become a real invention!

MES AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS EARLY SPRING 2026

DEBATE CLUB

Is cereal a soup? Should school start later? If you love fun debates like these, join Debate Club! You will learn how to research topics, take notes, and debate both sides of an issue in a respectful way. Build confidence, practice speaking in front of others, and share your opinions like a pro!



Tuesday: Grade 4



Tuesday: Grades 2-3

LITTLE TIGERS, BIG HEARTS

A club focused on cultivating a sense of connection & belonging, encouraging compassion & improving the emotional well-being of its members through random acts of kindness.

COMIC CLUB

This club will utilize comics to grow as a writer. There will be 4 components: reading comics, studying the textual structure of comics, creating original comics, and utilizing peer editing.



Thursday: Grade 4



Thursday: Grade 4

FELT SEWING CLUB

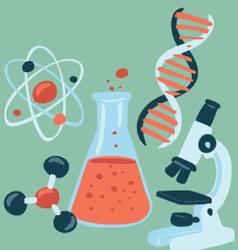
If you are a 4th grader who knows how to sew, or wants to learn, join us for Felt Sewing! We'll go over basic skills, create quick easy projects, and get you inspired to design your own felt creations.

RECYCLED ART CLUB

Would you like to learn how to make baskets with previously used chip bags? How about making beads with paper or journals with recycled paper bags? This club will explore and create the art of making usable items with materials that we use everyday.



Thursday: Grades 3-4



Thursday: Grade 4

SCIENCE EXPERIMENT CLUB

Ready to explore the amazing world of science? Join our 4th Grade Science Experiment Club where we'll mix, measure, and observe awesome things! Come make new discoveries and have fun with hands-on projects every week!

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WINTER BREAK MES OFFICE HOURS

Wednesday, December 24th - Closed

Thursday, December 25th - Closed

Friday, December 26th - Closed

Monday, December 29th - Open 12:00-4:00

Tuesday, December 30th - Open 7:30-4:00

Wednesday, December 31st - Closed

Thursday, January 1st - Closed

Friday, January 2nd - Closed



WINTER FUN FROM



FIND A CLEAR AREA TO SEE THE STARS OR MOON



LEARN TO PAINT AND OTHER FAMILY FUN AT THE COMMUNITY CTR

SPEND TIME TOGETHER THIS WINTER PLAYING INSIDE & OUTSIDE! WE INVITE FAMILIES TO TRY TO COMPLETE 3 OR MORE OF THESE ACTIVITIES.

UNDERLINED ITEMS HAVE MORE INFORMATION.

STUDENTS WHO RETURN THIS PAGE BY FEBRUARY 20TH WILL BE RECOGNIZED IN MORNING ANNOUNCEMENTS.

YOU CAN EMAIL PHOTOS OF YOUR FAMILY PARTICIPATING TO IRVINESB@MANSFIELDCT.ORG. HAVE FUN!

FIND MORE MES PLAY & EXPLORE WITH [THIS LINK](#) OR SCAN THIS CODE.



STUDENT FIRST & LAST NAME _____ **GRADE** _____

OFFICE: RETURN TO SUSAN IRVINE

LEARN ABOUT A WINTER HOLIDAY AND TRY A NEW FOOD, SONG, TRADITION

BUILD A SNOW CREATURE!

LEARN A NEW CARD GAME



TRY A SNOW ANGEL

START A CHAPTER BOOK TO READ EACH NIGHT



MAKE A FEEDER TO OBSERVE BIRDS



HEAD TO THE LIBRARY TO HEAR STORIES, WATCH MOVIES, DO CRAFTS!



WALK OR DRIVE TO SEE COLORFUL LIGHTS IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

CREATE A NEW POPCORN TOPPING



Are you in need of winter wear?

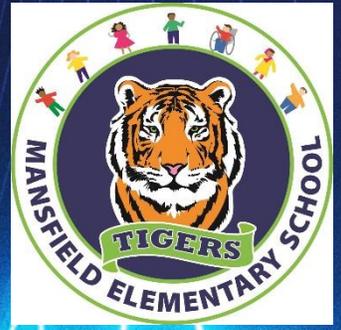
If you are struggling to afford winter wear for your child, please reach out to our CAREs team for support. We are able to supply items such as coats, snow pants, snow boots, gloves, and hats.

Please send an email to Alissa Mahoney at mahoneyam@mansfieldct.org and include your child/children's name, items needed, and size information.





MANSFIELD ELEMENTARY PTO



SAT. JAN. 10 | 7:30PM



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TICKETS \$24.51 * after fees

TO ORDER TICKETS ONLINE USE THE URL OR
SCAN THE QR CODE



[https://www.gofevo.com/event/Mansfield
ElementaryHWP26](https://www.gofevo.com/event/MansfieldElementaryHWP26)

IT IS TEDDY BEAR TOSS NIGHT! BRING A NEW TEDDY
BEAR AND THROW ONTO THE ICE AFTER THE FIRST GOAL!

A PORTION OF EACH TICKET WILL
GO BACK TO THE PTO!

SEATS HELD RELEASED: MON. DEC. 29TH BY 5PM

**This offer is NOT available at The Hartford Ticket Office At PeoplesBank Arena or on date of game **

**FOR MORE INFORMATION & TICKET RELATED
QUESTIONS CONTACT: EMILY POTZ**

FUNDRAISING@MANSFIELDTIGERSPTO.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

When is sick too sick for school?

→ School is better with you, even if you're a little under the weather!

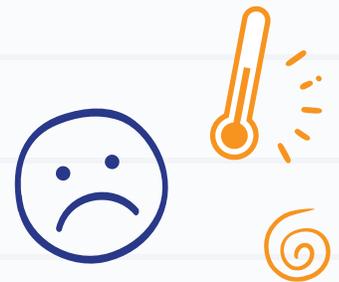


Send me to school if:

- I have a runny nose or just a little cough, but no other symptoms.
- I haven't taken any fever reducing medicine for 24 hours, and I haven't had a fever during that time.
- I haven't thrown up or had any diarrhea for 24 hours.

Keep me at home if:

- I have a temperature higher than 100 degrees even after taking medicine; keep me home until I am fever-free for 24 hours without medicine.
- I'm throwing up or have diarrhea.
- My eyes are pink and crusty.



Call the doctor if:

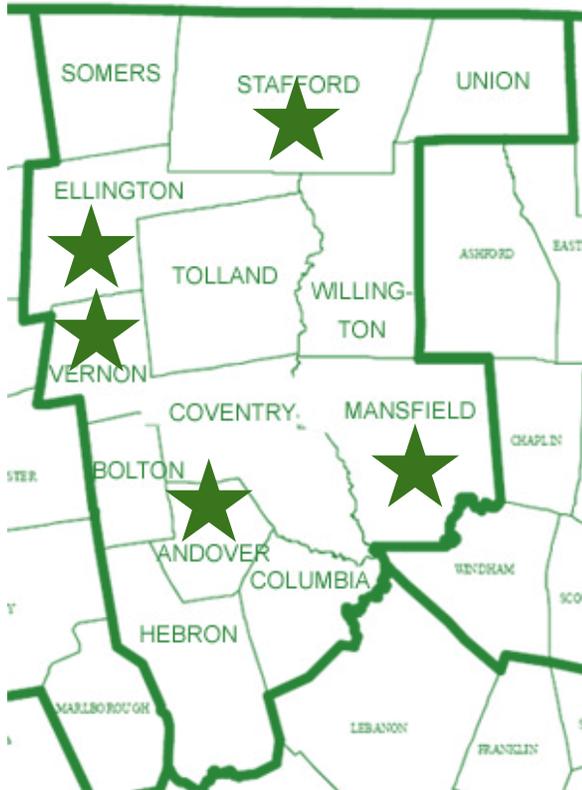
- I have a temperature higher than 100 degrees for more than two days.
- I've been throwing up or have diarrhea for more than two days.
- I've had the sniffles for more than a week, and I'm not getting better.
- I still have asthma symptoms after using my asthma medicine (and call 911 if I'm having trouble breathing after using an inhaler).

REMINDER!

If you think your child may have COVID-19, please test them prior to sending them to school.

Kindergarten - 3rd Grade FLL Explore Robotics Teams

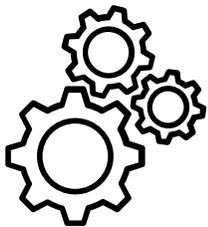
Give your child a hands on experience with technology and robotics!



**Choose the program location and day that works best for you! All programs are one day a week.
Runs January - March**

Mondays: Tolland County Ag Center, Vernon
Tuesday: Andover Town Hall, Andover
Tuesday: Hall Memorial Library, Ellington
Wednesday: Mansfield Public Library, Mansfield
Thursday: Stafford Public Library, Stafford
Thursday: Hall Memorial Library, Ellington
Thursday: Rockville Public Library, Vernon

There is no residency or school requirement to participate!



Scan the QR Code for more information or visit tcrobotics.org/fll-explore



TOLLAND COUNTY ROBOTICS FOUNDATION

Questions? Contact ymacary@tcrobotics.org

Mansfield Elementary



PEOPLESBANK ARENA | HARTFORD

SUN. JAN. 18TH | 12 PM
TICKETS \$44.10 *after fees

**COME SEE YOUR FAVORITE DISNEY CHARACTERS
COME TO LIFE AT PEOPLESBANK ARENA!**

**TO ORDER PLEASE SCAN
THE QR CODE OR USE
THE URL**

**[https://www.gofevo.com/event/
MansfieldElementaryDOI2026](https://www.gofevo.com/event/MansfieldElementaryDOI2026)**



**** This offer is NOT available at The Hartford Ticket Office at PeoplesBank Arena or on date of show ****

FINAL DATE TO ORDER: WED DEC. 31ST

**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO ORDER CONTACT
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2026

MES PTO

SNOW BALL DANCE

PHOTO BOOTH | HOT COCOA & SNACKS | LIVE DJ

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24TH @MES

Snow date: Saturday, January 31st

1:30 - 3:00 PM PRE-K - 1ST

3:30 - 5:00 PM 2ND - 4TH

*Families may attend either or both waves.
These times are only suggestions.*

More than
just a dance-
it's an
afternoon of
fun, laughter
and MES
community
spirit!



In the spirit of giving, we encourage attendees to bring a non-perishable food item to support the Covenant Soup Kitchen.



RSVP

RSVP is required

Scan to RSVP by January 20

Questions? Email: events@mansfieldtigerspto.org





MARK YOUR CALENDARS WITH THE MES PTO



Snow Ball Dance

Sat. Jan. 24
RSVP Open!



Disney on Ice

Encanto

Sun. Jan. 18th • 12pm



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

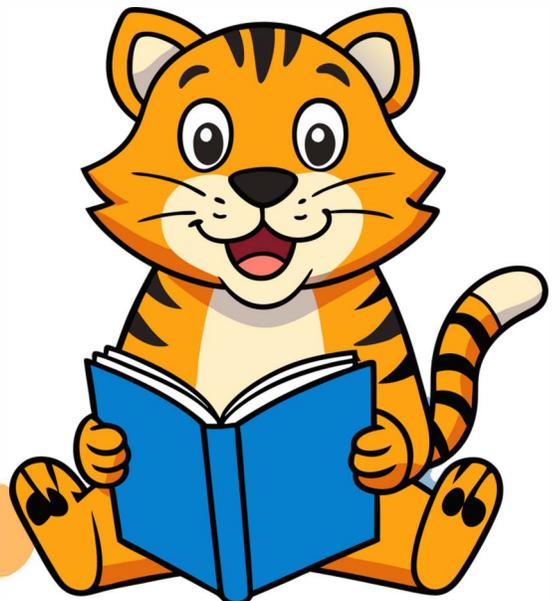


Español



中文

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



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