



Mansfield Elementary School Take Home Notices

Week Ending January 23, 2026

Dear Families,

We are celebrating the many wonderful learning experiences happening in our school each day! We encourage you to ask your child about our PAWS expectations and how we recognize positive actions in our community. There's so much to look forward to in the second half of January. Tomorrow is our PTO Snow Ball, and we encourage everyone to attend! It is sure to be an amazing event. More information is available in our Friday notices. We hope to see you on the dance floor!

Warmly,
Kate & Becky

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Calling all creative inventors!



Would you like to participate in the Mansfield Elementary School Invention Convention?

You may be wondering:

“Am I an inventor?” If you have a new way to fix a problem or improve a product, then you are an inventor!

“Am I allowed to participate?” Any PreK-4 student at Mansfield Elementary School can participate! You can even work with a partner if you would like. You will need to find some time at home to work on it.



- All inventions will be displayed during school, and they will be available for viewing during March student-led conversations and celebrations.
- A team of MES judges will decide which inventions will go on to the Connecticut Invention Convention.
- All participants must have a model of their invention, a display showing how it works, & a log with pictures showing the invention process.
- INVENTIONS DUE BY 9 AM ON MONDAY, MARCH 9TH, 2026

If you are interested, see Ms. Mather or Mrs. Irvine, return this note back to school, or have your family email them at irvinesb@mansfieldct.org or mathermj@mansfieldct.org.

Find more information on our [Invention page](#) on the MES website (take home notices for 01/09/2026)



I would like to participate in the MES Invention Convention!
Return to Ms. Mather or Mrs. Irvine by Feb 12

Inventor's Name: _____

Guardian Email: _____

Inventor's Grade: _____ Teacher: _____



_____ I would like more information about participating in the MES Invention Convention.

_____ I need workshop time at school to work on my invention.

Save the Dates!

Music Department Concerts

2025-2026

- January 22, 2026 - 5:30 PM = Gr. 3&4 Strings only
- February 11, 2026 = Gr. 2 Concert*
*due to space constraints, we will divide this concert into two performances as follows -
 - 5:30 PM = Harbec & Irvine
 - 6:30 PM = Cackowski, Hodge, & Sroka
- April 8, 2026 - 5:30 PM = Gr. 3 Concert
- May 21, 2026 - 5:30 PM = Gr. 4 Concert

We're looking forward to seeing our MES students and families at the performances!

Christa Berezowskyj, strings

Ethan Lippert, band & gr. 4 general music

Julie Frascarelli, general music PK-3, choir



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



START A CHAPTER BOOK TO READ EACH NIGHT



MAKE A FEEDER TO OBSERVE BIRDS



TRY A SNOW ANGEL



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.

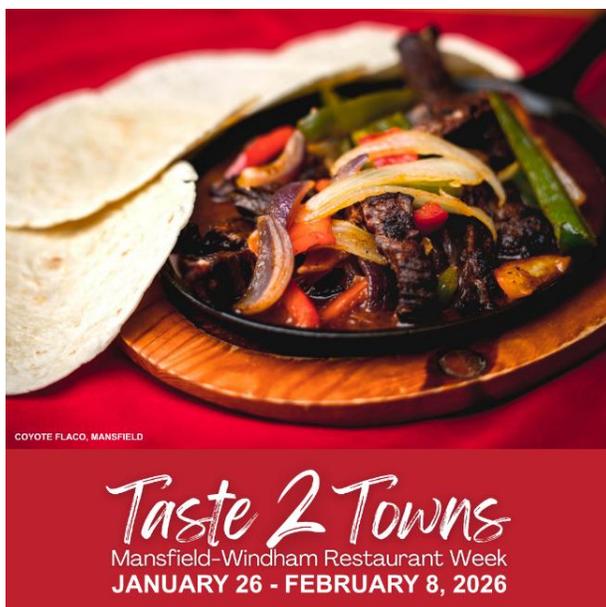


Taste 2 Towns

Mansfield-Windham Restaurant Week

Popular Taste 2 Towns Returns for Fifth Year with 29 Participating Restaurants January 26 to February 8!

Special "Kids Night Out" January 30 at Mansfield Community Center Offers Free Childcare so Adults Can Enjoy a Taste 2 Towns Dinner Out!



From chef-driven full-service establishments to beloved counter-service favorites, 29 restaurants in Windham and Mansfield are showing off their best bites for Restaurant Week. The two weeks of delicious known as Taste 2 Towns returns Monday, January 26 to Sunday, February 8, 2026.

Find all the participating restaurant menus and deals at Taste2Towns.com

Thanks to a collaboration between the Mansfield Downtown Partnership and the Mansfield Community Center (MCC), families can register their children for FREE for Kid's Night Out on Friday, January 30. Ages 5 to 12.

This provides adults a chance to dine out and be part of Taste 2 Towns Restaurant Week while their children have fun at MCC!

[Register with MCC by Monday, January 26](#)

(Activity #390095-A)

Pizza, Playtime, Active Games & More!

KID'S NIGHT OUT

Parents! We encourage you to grab dinner at one of the many restaurants part of Taste 2 Towns!

This event is sponsored by **Taste 2 Towns**
Mansfield-Windham Restaurant Week

PAJAMA PARTY FUN!
8PM PICK-UP

Friday, January 30, 2026, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.
at the Mansfield Community Center

FREE!
Limited Spaces! Registration Closes Monday, 1/26
Register Today! Activity # 390095-A

AGES 5 TO 12 NO PARENTS ALLOWED!

ENJOY A NIGHT OUT YOURSELF!

MANSFIELD DOWNTOWN PARTNERSHIP
Business and Community

MANSFIELD COMMUNITY CENTER 10 S. EAGLEVILLE ROAD, STORRS, CT 06268
860.429.305 WWW.MANSFIELDCC.COM

**FAMILY
FUN DAY!**



STEM EXPO & ACTIVITIES

**FREE & OPEN TO
THE PUBLIC**

**FEBRUARY
15, 2026**

1:00-3:00 PM

**UConn
VOLLEYBALL
CENTER**

**HOT COCOA
& SNACKS**

R.S.V.P.!



**FACE PAINTING, BOUNCE HOUSE, INFLATABLE
SUBMARINE, AND HANDS-ON STEM ACTIVITIES**



UConn

**THE
UNIVERSITY
OF RHODE ISLAND**

BUILDSUBMARINES.COM

**GENERAL DYNAMICS
Electric Boat**

contact Chelsea.Baum@uconn.edu for more info

2025-26

MES YEARBOOKS

**ORDERS DUE BY APRIL 25TH
DELIVERY TO STUDENTS LAST WEEK OF SCHOOL**

**SCAN THE QR CODE TO ORDER YOUR 2025-26
MES YEARBOOK!**

4TH GRADERS DON'T NEED TO ORDER!



No tip or extra fees needed. With these settings on, Givebutter covers everything and 100% of your donation supports the MES PTO.



[HTTPS://GIVEBUTTER.COM/MESYEARBOOK](https://givebutter.com/mesyearbook)

MES PTO Presents:

MUNSON FUNDRAISER

Starts Friday, January 16, 2026
Ends Friday, February 20, 2026 at 11:59pm

Support Mansfield Elementary School by selling
Munson's chocolate and Easter Candy!

Option 1: Sign UP to Sell

Sign up to start selling
Munson's chocolates online.
Class/team with the most
sales/donations wins
EXTRA RECESS!

Sign UP to Sell

<https://givebutter.com/MES-Munsons/join>

Scan to Order/Donate



Scan to Order & Donate

<https://givebutter.com/MES-Munsons>



A Note About Givebutter Fees



No need to tip or cover processing fees!



Sign UP to Sell

<https://givebutter.com/MES-Munsons/join>

- Click **Edit**, uncheck "I want to cover fees"
- Click the down arrow select "Other", and enter \$0

Givebutter covers all fees
and 100% of your donation
goes to the PTO

Any questions, please email
fundraising@mansfieldtigerspto.org

MES WITH UCONN WOMEN'S BASKETBALL & HUSKIES SENIOR NIGHT!



UCONN WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
VS. PROVIDENCE
SUN. FEB. 22ND | 12:00 PM
GAMPEL PAVILION

 **A Quick Note About Givebutter Fees**
*It is **NOT** necessary for you to **tip** or cover processing fees.*



Deadline to Purchase Tickets: Feb 15, 2026
<https://givebutter.com/UConnWBB>

MES PTO FLYERS

AVAILABLE IN:



English

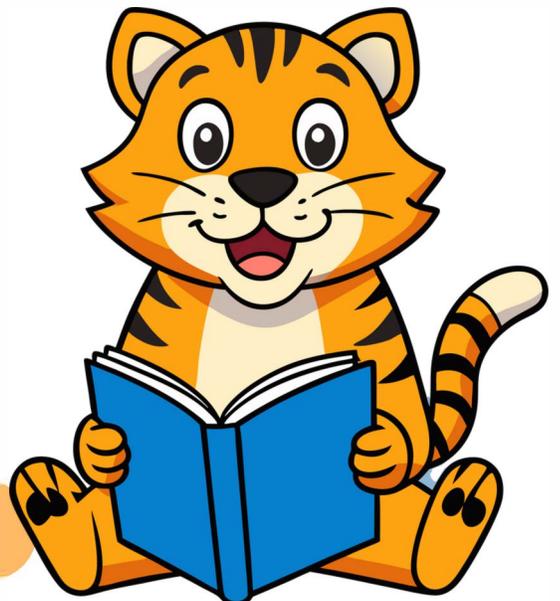


Español



中文

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



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