



# Mansfield Elementary School Take Home Notices Week Ending January 30, 2026

Dear Families,

As we continue to reinforce our school-wide expectations, we encourage you to ask your child about our PAWS expectations and how we recognize positive actions in our community. We continue to see so many wonderful things happening in our school each day! Don't forget to check this week's notices for important updates. Thank you for being an essential part of our school community!

Warmly,  
Kate & Becky

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# MES First Friday Memo - February 2026



Dear MES Families,

January truly flew by, and February has a way of moving even faster! As we turned the calendar to a new year, we took time as a school community to revisit our PAWS expectations. Our PBIS framework (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports) is a key part of who we are at MES and helps ensure a kind, safe, and joyful learning environment for all students.

PAWS reminds us to:

- P – Practice Kindness
- A – Act Responsibly
- W – Work and Play Safely
- S – Show Respect

When we work together to model, name, and reinforce these expectations, we strengthen our community and support students in doing their very best each day.

January also brought some wonderful moments of MES magic. We enjoyed our first concert of the year with our 3rd and 4th grade Strings musicians. Kudos to our talented students and our incredible music teachers for showcasing the musical magic of MES.

❄️ The snow also allowed students in grades 3 and 4 to get outside for cross-country skiing, with hopes for a few more treks after our most recent snowfall.

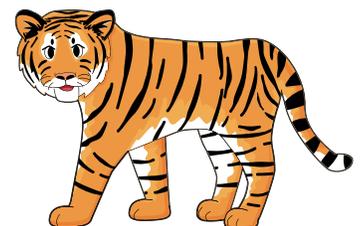
And we cannot say thank you enough to our AMAZING PTO for hosting the Snow Ball. It was a joyful evening for our community. Please see our formal thank-you note following this message.

Important February Dates:

- February 12 – Board of Education Budget Presentation
- February 13 – No School (Professional Learning Day for Staff)
- February 16–17 – No School (Mid-Winter Break)

Thank you, as always, for your partnership and support. We are grateful to share this special school community with you and look forward to all that February will bring.

Warmly,  
Kate McCoy  
Principal, Mansfield Elementary School



Dear MES PTO Board and Volunteers,

Thank you for an unforgettable Snow Ball weekend!

With more than 600 people in attendance, our community came together to dance, laugh, and feel joy. The Snow Ball was everything that makes MES magic. The room was filled with smiles, music, fantastic fashion, and a sense of belonging that stayed long after the night ended.

We are incredibly grateful to the amazing PTO Board, volunteers, and their children who gave so much of their time on Friday night and all day Saturday. Your commitment and care made this event truly special. Because of you, more than 300 children experienced something we talk about often at MES, the making of core memories. The kind built through laughter, dancing, and feeling surrounded by joy. Last weekend, you gave our students moments they will carry with them for a long time.

Becky and I love this event because it allows us to see a different side of our students and to enjoy meaningful time with their families. Those moments are powerful, and they are a gift to all of us.

Thank you for all you do for our students and for continuing to bring joy to our school community.

With gratitude,  
Kate McCoy  
Becky Granitini  
Principal and Assistant Principal  
Mansfield Elementary School



To dance is to be out of yourself. Larger, more beautiful, more powerful."  
-Agnes de Mille



\*VEGETARIAN ITEM

# FEBRUARY 2026 LUNCH MENU

## MANSFIELD ELEMENTARY

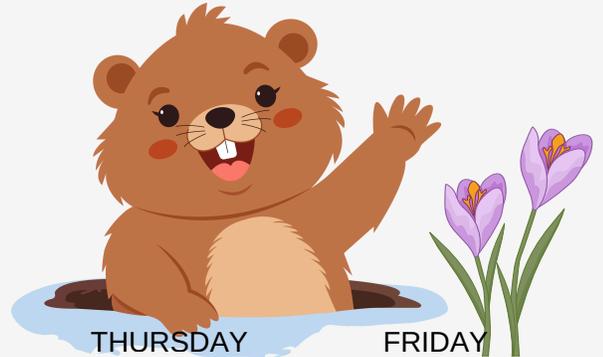
NO SAD LUNCHESES! PLEASE ENCOURAGE KIDS TO ASK IF THEY NEED SOMETHING. WE ARE HAPPY TO HELP!

YOU CAN ADD FUNDS TO YOUR STUDENT'S ACCOUNT ONLINE (FEES APPLY) AT [LINQCONNECT.COM](http://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



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2 ALL BEEF OR VEGGIE BURGER* ON A BUN WITH ROASTED LOCALLY GROWN BUTTERNUT SQUASH	3 JUST CHEESE QUESADILLA* WITH SALSA AND MEXICAN-STYLE ZUCCHINI AND CORN	4 OUR OWN MACARONI AND CHEESE* WITH ROASTED BROCCOLI	5 PEPPERONI OR CHEESE* PIZZA SLICE SERVED WITH HUMMUS AND VEGGIES TO DIP	6 MIDDLE EASTERN INSPIRED CHICKEN SHAWARMA WITH BROWN RICE AND GARLIC ROASTED POTATOES
9 CHEESY EGGS* WITH A WARM ROLL AND OUR HOME FRIES	10 TURKEY WHITE BEAN CHILI OR JUST BEAN CHILI* AND WHOLE WHEAT CHEDDAR DROP BISCUITS	11 JAPANESE INSPIRED TERIYAKI STYLE CHICKEN OR TOFU* WITH BROWN RICE AND STIR-FRY VEGETABLES	12 PERSONAL CHEESE* PIZZA SERVED WITH KALE CAESAR SALAD	13 SCHOOL CLOSED
16 SCHOOL CLOSED	17 SCHOOL CLOSED	18 PASTA* & MARINARA WITH BEEF MEATBALLS, GARLIC BREAD STICK AND RANCH SALAD	19 PERSONAL CHEESE* PIZZA SERVED WITH CARROT STICKS AND RANCH TO DIP	20 CHICKEN CREOLE STEW WITH BROWN RICE AND GARLIC GREEN BEANS
23 CRISPY CHICKEN OR PLANT BASED* TENDERS WITH CINNAMON SWEET POTATOES AND HOMEMADE CORNBREAD	24 DEEPLY ROOTED PLANT BASED CHILI* WITH CORN TORTILLA CHIPS AND SEASONED BLACK BEANS	25 OUR OWN MACARONI AND CHEESE* WITH ROASTED ZUCCHINI	26 PEPPERONI OR CHEESE* PIZZA SLICE SERVED WITH STRAWBERRY SPINACH SALAD	27 CT MAPLE FRENCH TOAST BAKE* WITH OUR OWN SEASONED HOME FRIES



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



## MANSFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

134 Warrenton Rd.  
Mansfield Center, CT 06250

KATE H. McCOY, PRINCIPAL  
BECKY GRANATINI, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Dear 3rd and 4th Grade MES Families,

During the winter months, when there is snow on the ground, third- and fourth-grade students will participate in a cross-country skiing unit as part of their physical education program. Students will learn basic cross-country skiing skills and explore the health and fitness benefits of this lifelong physical activity.

Weather permitting, we will begin this unit as soon as conditions allow. A ski day will either be a third grade ski day or a fourth grade ski day. All students in that grade level will ski on their day. Students will receive advance notice when we plan to switch to the ski schedule.

To ensure a safe and enjoyable experience, students should come to school **prepared to ski when their class is scheduled for skiing in physical education or there is snow on the ground**. Appropriate winter clothing is essential. We recommend:

- Snow pants
- Warm jacket
- Hat
- Gloves or mittens

We understand that not all families may have winter gear available. Extra sets of winter clothing will be available at school for students to borrow if needed. Additionally, during the winter months, it is a good idea for students to keep an extra pair of pants and socks in their locker in case they need to change into dry clothing.

Thank you for your support in helping make this a fun and active winter experience for our students.

- **Our first ski dates are Thursday 01/22 for third grade and Friday 1/23 for fourth grade!**

If you have any questions about this activity, please contact us at 860-423-1611 x 2042, or email us at [tamosaitisj@mansfieldct.org](mailto:tamosaitisj@mansfieldct.org) or [goral@mansfieldct.org](mailto:goral@mansfieldct.org).

Sincerely,  
The MES PE team  
Joshua Tamosaitis  
Lauren Gorra

# 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>



# 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](mailto:irvinesb@mansfieldct.org) or [mathermj@mansfieldct.org](mailto:mathermj@mansfieldct.org).

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



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**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*





# 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.

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**Please send an email to Alissa Mahoney at [mahoneyam@mansfieldct.org](mailto:mahoneyam@mansfieldct.org) and include your child/children's name, items needed, and size information.**

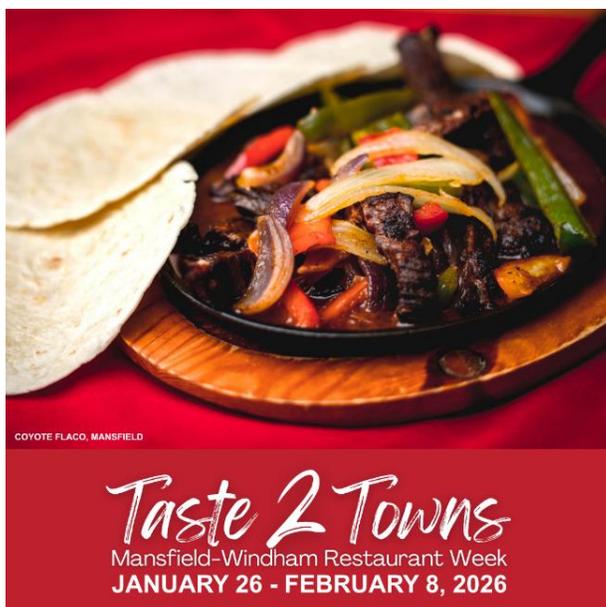


# Taste 2 Towns

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](http://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  
860.429.3005 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](mailto: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](mailto:fundraising@mansfieldtigerspto.org)

# MES PTO FLYERS

AVAILABLE IN:



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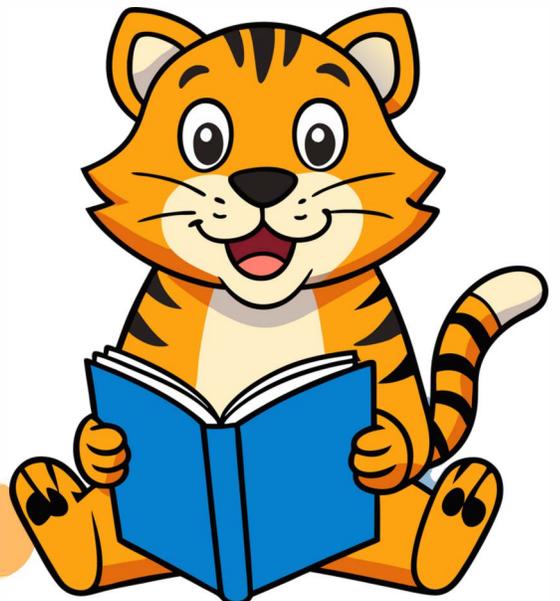


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Visit the PTO website to find Mandarin and Spanish versions of all our PTO flyers



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