



Mansfield Elementary School Take Home Notices Week Ending February 27, 2026

Dear Families,

We hope you and your family had a wonderful mini-break together. We were excited to welcome students back on Wednesday! This is a very busy time of year, and our students are growing by leaps and bounds. From March 11 to March 13, our students will lead Student-Led Conferences and Celebrations of Learning (SLCCs) for families and caregivers to join us in celebrating all of their new learning!

Warmly,
Kate and Becky

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MES First Friday Memo - March 2026



Dear MES Families,

February certainly surprised us! SO MUCH SNOW!

With the unexpected days off, many of us are feeling a bit out of sorts. When schedules are disrupted, we lean into the routines that ground us. Staff will be revisiting our PAWS expectations with students and offering space and grace as we all settle back into the rhythm of school.

We also marked the 100th day of school this past month. It is always a meaningful milestone, a chance to pause and reflect on just how much our students have grown. The progress we see each day, academically and socially, is remarkable.

March is a longer and busier month. While we know winter may still have a surprise or two in store, I am hoping for more lambs than lions ahead.

This month centers on celebrating our students through our Student-Led Conversations and Celebrations (SLCCs). These conferences are a special opportunity for students to share their learning, reflect on their growth, and celebrate their accomplishments with you.

SLCC Schedule:

- Wednesday, March 11: 3:20–7:00 pm
- Thursday, March 12: 1:20–3:55 pm
- Friday, March 13: 1:20–3:15 pm

If you have any questions, please connect directly with your child's teacher. SLCCs are designed to spotlight student voice and reflection. If you would like to discuss progress or concerns outside of the student-led format, we are always happy to schedule a phone call or in-person meeting.

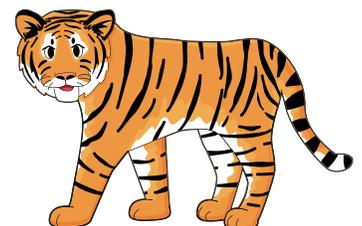
We look forward to seeing you there. When you visit, be sure to check out offerings from our Essential Arts team. Trestle Tree will require a sign-up, and other Essential Arts classrooms will be open to visit.

Here's to a strong and steady March ahead.

Warmly,

Kate McCoy

Principal, Mansfield Elementary School





Kindergarten Registration is Now Open for the 2026-27 School Year!

For Mansfield residents
who will be age 5
on or before
September 1, 2026



Begin your registration process online at
mansfieldct.gov/mps

Call the MES office with any questions at 860.423.1611

We look forward to welcoming your child to our school community!



Knowing Students
Supporting the Whole Child
Ensuring Deep Learning

*VEGETARIAN ITEM

MARCH 2026 LUNCH MENU

MANSFIELD ELEMENTARY

HELLO SPRING

YOU CAN ADD FUNDS TO YOUR STUDENT'S ACCOUNT ONLINE (FEES APPLY) AT LINCCONNECT.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



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

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
|---|---|--|---|---|
| 2 GRILLED CHEESE* WITH OUR OWN TOMATO SOUP | 3 CHICKEN FAJITA STEW WITH BROWN RICE AND GARLICKY GREEN BEANS | 4 OUR OWN RAMEN NOODLE BOWL* WITH CHICKEN OR STEAMED EDAMAME* AND BROCCOLI | 5 CHEESE FILLED BREAD STICKS* WITH OUR HUMMUS AND VEGGIES TO DIP | 6 CHICKEN POT PIE WITH BISCUIT TOPPING AND ROASTED POTATOES |
| 9 CRISPY CHICKEN OR PLANT-BASED* TENDERS WITH CINNAMON SWEET POTATOES AND BUTTERED NOODLES | 10 BEEF OR JUST BEAN* CHILI WITH CORN TORTILLA CHIPS AND CONFETTI CORN SALAD | 11 EARLY DISMISSAL BALSAMIC & BASIL CHICKEN IN MARINARA WITH FUSILLI PASTA AND GARLICKY GREEN BEANS | 12 EARLY DISMISSAL CHEESE PIZZA BITES* WITH LOCAL LETTUCE & RANCH SALAD | 13 EARLY DISMISSAL ALL BEEF HOT DOGS ON A ROLL WITH NEW ENGLAND STYLE BAKED BEANS* |
| 16 ALL BEEF OR VEGGIE BURGER* ON A BUN WITH ROASTED SWEET POTATOES | 17 JUST CHEESE QUESADILLA* WITH SALSA AND MEXICAN- STYLE ZUCCHINI AND CORN | 18 OUR OWN MACARONI AND CHEESE* WITH ROASTED BROCCOLI | 19 PEPPERONI OR CHEESE* PIZZA SLICE SERVED WITH HUMMUS AND VEGGIES TO DIP | 20 MIDDLE EASTERN INSPIRED CHICKEN SHAWARMA WITH BROWN RICE AND GARLIC ROASTED POTATOES |
| 23 CHEESY EGGS* WITH A WARM ROLL AND OUR HOME FRIES | 24 WHITE BEAN & CHICKEN CHILI WITH WHOLE WHEAT CHEDDAR DROP BISCUITS | 25 JAPANANESE INSPIRED TERIYAKI- STYLE CHICKEN OR TOFU* WITH BROWN RICE AND STIR-FRY VEGETABLES | 26 PEPPERONI OR CHEESE* PIZZA SLICE SERVED WITH POWER KALE CAESAR SALAD | 27 BBQ CHICKEN DRUMSTICK OR TOFU* WITH HOMEMADE CORNBREAD AND CARROTS WITH RANCH DIP |
| 30 ALL BEEF OR VEGGIE BURGER* ON A BUN WITH ROASTED POTATOES | 31 SEASONED, SHREDDED CHICKEN OR JUST CHEESE* WITH LETTUCE IN A HARD TACO SHELL SERVED WITH SALSA & MILD SPICY BEANS | APRIL 1 PASTA* & MARINARA SAUCE WITH BEEF MEATBALLS AND RANCH SALAD | APRIL 2 CHEESE* OR PEPPERONI PERSONAL PIZZA WITH CARROTS AND RANCH TO DIP | APRIL 3 CHICKEN CREOLE STEW WITH BROWN RICE AND GARLICKY GREEN BEANS |



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DAILY ALTERNATES: PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY OR TURKEY & CHEESE SANDWICHES





Mansfield Elementary School



★ STUDENT-LED CONVERSATIONS AND CELEBRATIONS

March 11 - 13, 2026

Please refer to the instructions sent via SchoolMessenger on February 20th regarding signing up for a time slot using Canyon Creek.

When selecting a time, please choose one when your student is available to attend, as they will be leading the session!

MES AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS LATE SPRING 2026

We are excited to announce our Late 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 March 30, 2026, through the week of May 18, 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/MESClubSignUpsLateSpring26>



Late Spring Club Sign Up Deadline: Wednesday, March 11, 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.

Anticipated notification of late spring club placements will take place the week of March 16.

Students may sign up for more than one club and may participate in multiple clubs if they meet on different days, provided the club is not at capacity. 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

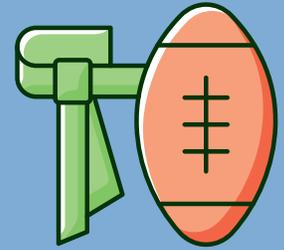
| Monday | Tuesday | Thursday |
|---|----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Flag Football Grade 4 | Garden Club Grade 2 | Comic Club Grade 4 |
| Running Club Grades 2-4 | Hiking Club Grades 3-4 | Kickball Club Grade 4 |
| The Field-to-Tray Explorers Grades 3-4 | Singing Club Grades 3-4 | Library Club Grade 4 |
| | Tiger Artists Grade 1 | Recycled Art Club Grades 3-4 |
| | Tiger Strong Grades 3-4 | |

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MES AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS LATE SPRING 2026

FLAG FOOTBALL

Come join the fun at our awesome Flag Football Club! No experience is needed—whether you're a first-timer or a seasoned player, we focus on teamwork, learning skills, and having a blast every week. Get ready for some great catches and good times!



Monday: Grade 4



Monday: Grades 2-4

RUNNING CLUB

Do you love to run, laugh, and play? Join the MES Running Club—the perfect place to get moving and make new friends! Every week, we'll learn cool running games, practice our speed, and cheer each other on. Ready to lace up your shoes and run with us? Let's go!

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



Tuesday: Grade 2

GARDEN CLUB

The Learning Garden Club will offer you the opportunity to learn to become a gardener! Come learn about plants and what plants need. Work beside your peers in our MES Learning Garden. Families will have the chance to help too, by volunteering to help take care of our gardens over the summer.

HIKING CLUB

The MES Hiking Club is a fun and active group for students who love nature, adventure, and spending time outdoors. Our goal is to help students build confidence, teamwork, and an appreciation for the natural world while exploring local trails in a safe and supportive environment!



Tuesday: Grades 3-4



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SINGING CLUB

Do you love to sing? Join us for after school singing club! This club offers a supportive and collaborative environment for students to explore singing in a group, and develop performance skills. Singing club will include fun vocal warm ups and games as well as opportunities to learn songs centered around messages of positivity and friendship.

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MES AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS LATE SPRING 2026

TIGER ARTISTS

Calling all creative first graders. Join Tiger Artists to explore your imagination through fun and engaging art projects. Students will share ideas, collaborate with friends, and bring their artistic creations to life in a supportive space.



Tuesday: Grade 1



Tuesday: Grades 3-4

TIGER STRONG

Tiger Strong is open to 3rd and 4th grade students at MES. Children will learn and practice social emotional skills through joyful movement and play with their peers. We explore themes like positive self-talk, healthy habits, respect, boundaries, gratitude, communication and teamwork!

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

KICKBALL CLUB

Kickball is back! Join us for our second season of kickball club. Whether you are a beginner or have played kickball before, this is the club for you! Join if you want to run, kick, and have tons of fun.

LIBRARY CLUB

If you love libraries and you want to help our in our school library, this club is for you! Join us in making displays and signs, putting books away, creating book trailers (or maybe writing your own book), or just reading.



Thursday: Grade 4



Thursday: Grades 3-4

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.

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MANSFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

READ ACROSS AMERICA

SPIRIT WEEK

MARCH 2-6



MON
3/2

READ EVERY "WEAR"!

WEAR CLOTHES WITH WORDS

TUES
3/3

READ TO A STUFFIE

BRING A SNUGGLY FRIEND TO READ WITH

FRI
3/6

SCHOOL SPIRIT DAY

WEAR BLUE & WHITE, OR SCHOOL SWAG!

WED
3/4

COZY UP AND READ

WEAR YOUR COZY CLOTHES

THU
3/5

GUEST READERS DAY

WELCOME MMS READERS!

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO PARTICIPATE!



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.





PJ Run For a Cause

5K Run/Walk & Kids Fun Run

Supporting the Betsy Hamill Campership Program.
Providing the experience of summer camp to families in need.

Saturday, March 28th, 12:30 Start

Mansfield Middle School

(205 Spring Hill Road, Mansfield, CT)

Register by February 28th for lowest price.

First 100 registrants get a FREE T-shirt.

Register Here

Or by scanning the QR code

For more race information:

www.runsignup.com/Race/CT/StorrsMansfield/PJRunForACause5K

Contact Human Services

Phone: 860-429-3315

Email: human.services@mansfieldct.org

<https://www.mansfieldct.gov/2716/Giving-Donations>

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MANSFIELD ELEMENTARY



SUN. MAR. 22ND | 1PM

**TO ORDER TICKETS, SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW
OR USE THE URL!**

LOWER BOWL: \$53.00 *AFTER FEES

UPPER BOWL: \$43.00 *AFTER FEES



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

FINAL DATE TO ORDER: MON. MAR. 9TH BY 5PM

**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO ORDER CONTACT
MANSFIELD PTO**

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Extractions
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Interim Partial Dentures
(Limited)
Root Canals (Limited to Front
Teeth Only)

THINGS TO KNOW

-  Children under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.
-  Take your medications as prescribed. Please bring a list of your medications with you.
-  Wait times for treatment are expected, please bring something with you to help pass the time.



**APRIL
17-18,
2026**



**E. O. SMITH
HIGH
SCHOOL**

1235 Storrs Rd
Storrs, CT 06268



**DOORS
OPEN
7:00 AM**

MORE INFORMATION

-  (860) 863-5940
-  www.cfdo.org



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Tratamiento Fluoruro
Educación Dental
Rayos X
Extracciones
Empastes
Dentadura Parcial Provisional (limitada)
Tratamiento de Conducto (limitada)

COSAS QUE SABER

-  Los niños menores de 18 años deben estar acompañados por un padre o tutor legal.
-  Tome sus medicamentos según lo prescrito. Por favor, traiga una lista de sus medicamentos.
-  Se esperan tiempos de espera para el tratamiento, por favor traiga algo para ayudar a pasar el tiempo.



**ABRIL
17-18,
2026**



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**LAS
PUERTAS
ABRIRÁN
A LAS 7:00
AM**

MÁS INFORMACIÓN



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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

CTMOM 2026 MANSFIELD

The Connecticut Foundation for Dental Outreach (CFDO) facilitates the delivery of charitable dental care to the underserved. Each year, the CFDO organizes the Connecticut Mission of Mercy (CTMOM) Free Dental Clinic. These clinics provide much needed dental care to patients free of charge. Every year, the CTMOM project is held in a different location throughout the state

Let's Do This!

**APRIL
17-18**



WHO VOLUNTEERS WITH US?

- 🦷 Dentists
- 🦷 Hygienists
- 🦷 Certified Dental Assistants
- 🦷 Dental Lab Technicians
- 🦷 Medical Professionals
- 🦷 Community members



For more
information:

🌐 www.CFDO.org

☎ (860) 863-5940

**REGISTER
NOW!**

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.



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MES PTO FLYERS

AVAILABLE IN:



English

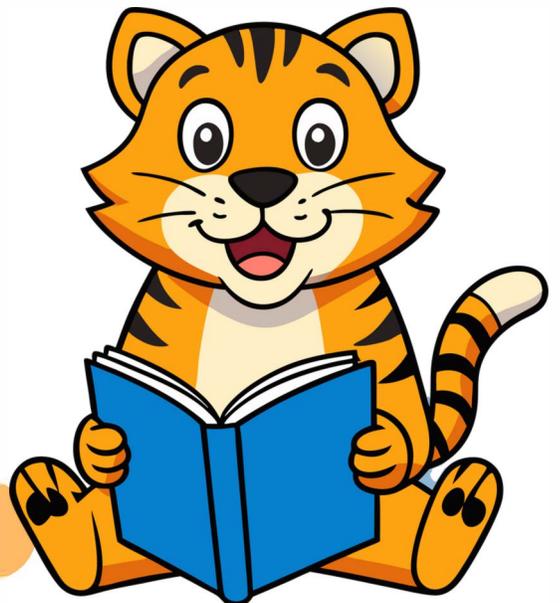


Español



中文

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



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