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Manchester Elementary Weekly News

Family Edition

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Dear Families,

The past week was filled with both reasons to be grateful and reasons for reflection. I feel it is important to take a moment to do both.



First, in light of Memorial Day yesterday, I would like to take a moment to reflect on the sacrifices made by the brave men and women who have lost their lives protecting our country. We are forever indebted to these heroes for their bravery and their fearless commitment to the American ideals of democracy, freedom, liberty, equality, justice, and opportunity. We hold them in our hearts, with gratitude, forever.



In light of the tragedy in Texas, we must pause to process the depth of the Uvalde community's grief and the grief of our entire country, while simultaneously considering how we can ensure the safety of our own students.

As you know, we have a caring, dedicated staff whose first priority is student safety. Please be assured that Manchester Elementary is committed to the safety of every student, and regularly reviews our Safety Plan to ensure all contingencies are considered. We will continue to practice safety measures and we continuously seek to improve procedures. If you have questions,

concerns, or input, please feel free to contact Kristin Larson Balliet or attend our future School Site Council meetings, where our Safety Plan will be discussed in detail.

As your family processes this recent tragedy, we would recommend keeping the conversation about the details to a minimum, while allowing your child's questions to guide you. This [Guide for Talking to Kids about Tragedy](#) (linked in the digital version of this newsletter) from Children's Hospital in Los Angeles, may help.

Finally, we thank you for putting your trust in us. Sending us your child each day is a vote of confidence that we take very seriously. We look forward to continuing to work together with our community to ensure our students are safe at school. ❤️



- **TK/Kindergarten Orientation is Tuesday, May 31st, 3:00-4:00.**
 - **Please remind neighbors and friends who have a TK or Kindergarten eligible student.**
 - In 2022-23, TK students are eligible if they turn 5 between Sept. 2 and Feb. 2.
 - Students are eligible for Kindergarten if they will be five years old or older before September 1st.
- **Author's Tea is also Tuesday, May 31st, during school**
 - Special thanks to our teaching staff who have worked so hard to make this a wonderful event.
 - Extra special thanks to Miss Laura, who has assembled all the books. Whew! That was quite a job and it was worth it!
- **Open House is THIS Wednesday, June 1st, 5:00-6:30 p.m.**
 - Your child will show you around their classroom and we will be grilling hot dogs and hamburgers out on the playground. Enjoy our barbecue and bring a potluck item to share if you can!
 - We will have a Folklorico Dance performance outside at 6:00 p.m. Our Manchester student, Alejandro, and Manchester alumnus, Estrella will perform along with their dance company.
 - This night is going to be great. See you there!
- **Classroom Aide Appreciation Day will be Thursday, June 2nd.**
 - Thank you for sending in treats to celebrate our teachers a couple weeks ago! Miss Jennifer, Miss Michelle, Miss Goja, Miss Laura, and Mr. Rick are amazing and do so much for our students every day too. Please feel free to send in a potluck dish or treat if you would like to help us honor them on Thursday.
- **On June 3rd, students will enjoy Full-School Water Activities!**
 - Please send them in clothes that you don't mind getting a little messy or wet!
- **3rd-8th grade students will be on the radio June 2nd & 4th!**
 - These students wrote poems and were recorded while reading them. Blake More will share the readings as a "Read-a-thon Fundraiser," on Thursday, June 2nd, from 7:00-8:00 p.m. on her radio show, "Be More NOW," on KZYX (kzyx.org or 91.7 or 90.7 locally) and Saturday, June 4th, 7:00-7:30 p.m. on "Cartwheels on

the Sky," on KGUA fm Gualala (kgua.org or 88.3 locally). Proceeds from the fundraiser will fund Student Led Projects (SLED). To donate to this fundraiser, drop off or mail a contribution to the school.

- **Manchester's [StudentRecruitment Flier](#) is posted all around town.**
 - Please encourage families you know to join us at Manchester in 2022-2023 if they are looking for an awesome school with small class sizes, fantastic staff, and a wonderful family atmosphere.
- **8th Grade Graduation is Wednesday, May 8th at 12:30 p.m.**
 - We are so excited for Aaron, who will be graduating 8th grade.
 - This year, graduation will be held on campus so all students can attend.
 - The whole Manchester Elementary community is invited to join us to congratulate our graduate. We are so proud of him.

This Week's Happenings...

Tuesday, May 31st	11:00-11:30 Author's Tea 3:00 Kinder / TK Orientation
Wednesday, June 1st	5:00-6:30 Open House
Thursday, June 2nd	Classroom Aide Appreciation - Please send treats!
Friday, June 3rd	Full School water activities

Coming Next Week...

Tuesday, June 7th	(Time TBD) Awards Assembly
Wednesday, June 8th	12:30 Graduation
Thursday, June 9th	Field Day
Friday, June 10th	LAST DAY (12:30 dismissal)