# THE MANNING MESSAGE

#### OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF MANNING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

#### PARENT EDITION - OCTOBER 2018



# WELCOME MESSAGE

The trees around our campus are beginning to loosen their hold on the leaves they've held so tight throughout the summer months. Their colors are changing and being released to create a blanket of color on our grounds. Fall has arrived!

#### POSSIP

We will continue using the Possip platform this year to solicit feedback from our families. Possip provides a means for our families to provide immediate and ongoing feedback about issues impacting our school community. Participants will receive an email or text from Possip every Friday and your responses will be shared with the school in a weekly report. To join, text 797979 or email possip@possipit.com with your name, email, school, and child's grade.

#### **MAKE-UP DAY**

October 22 will be a regular school day for students. This is a change to the calendar to make up one of the days missed due to Hurricane Florence.

### **UNITY DAY**

On Thursday, October 24, 2018, Manning Elementary School will turn orange in support for the fight against bullying. Unity Day, sponsored by the National Bullying Prevention Center, is the signature event of National Bullying Prevention Month. IN THIS ISSUE...

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# LOST & FOUND

Our Lost and Found bin is growing! Our bin is located in the main office. Often, missing items often do not show up on the first day they are lost. Therefore, students are advised to check for lost items a day or two later.

To help us identify and return missing items, we are asking that you label your child's belongings (backpacks, lunch boxes, jackets, sweatshirts, etc.)

Any items not claimed by the end of each month will be donated to a local charity.

# **MUSTANGS GIVE BACK**

The 5th grade students are hosting the First Annual Manning Giving Graph. Each year, Manning will select an organization in need as the recipient of our donated items. This year, we will be collecting items for the Food Bank of Central and Eastern, NC to help those effected by Hurricane Florence. The collection will run from Monday, October 8th – Friday, October 19th. The grade level with the most donated items over the 10-day collection period will receive a prize.

### WELCOME JAX!



There's a new mascot in town and his name is Jax! Jax recently joined the RRGSD family and is making his way around to all of our schools and events. He already has his own Facebook (@rrgsdjax) and Instagram (rrgsd\_jax) accounts and would love new friends. We are so excited to have Jax representing RRGSD around our community.



Our Box Tops for Education collection drive has begun. The current classroom competition ends on October 19th. Please check your labels to be sure they have not expired. Expired boxtops are not eligible. All proceeds benefit Manning Elementary School through PTA.

# SCHOOL-HOME CONNECTION



Reading is important because it develops the mind. The mind is a muscle. It needs exercise. Understanding the written word is one way the mind grows in its ability. Teaching young children to read helps them develop their language skills, ability to listen and communicate with others, and develop their imagination.

Parents can help their children read by:

- reading to/with them
- having them tell you a story
- teaching phonics (letter names and sounds)
- listening to them read to you
- asking questions (retell the story)
- modeling a positive reading experience
- making reading a part of your daily life

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

PTA Board Meeting – 2nd Monday of each month at 5:30 pm unless otherwise noted.

- 10/08 19 Food Drive
- 10/10 Fall Pictures (K-2)
- 10/11 Fall Pictures (3-5)
- 10/12 Walk to School Day (UPDATED)
- 10/15 19 Fire Safety Week
- 10/19 Box Top Competition Ends
- 10/22 Make-up Day
- 10/24 Unity Day



Did you know that RRGSD has a new app?

For up-to-the minute school news, weather-related delays/closings, and scores from your favorite local team, download the RRGSD app for free in the Apple App Store on on Google Play.