

THE MANNING MESSAGE

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF MANNING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

PARENT EDITION - FEBRUARY 2019



WELCOME MESSAGE

During the month of February, we pause to show those that we love, just how much they mean to us. At school, we are encouraging our Mustangs to believe in themselves and their abilities. We are helping them be persistent in their work habits and helping them choose to always do their best. Words of affirmation mean so much to building the students' character and self-worth. Please continue sharing your affirmations with them. Tell them how proud you are of their growth and their effort. Let's continue to pour positivity into their lives.

MAKE-UP DAY INFORMATION

**IMPORTANT
MAKE-UP
DAY
INFORMATION**

Friday, February 15, 2019 is a make-up day for Manning students and staff. This day will make up lost instructional time on Tuesday, January 22, 2019.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

During the month of February, Americans annually recognize the contributions of African-American leaders and inventors to American History. This month, which began as Negro History Week, was created in 1926 by Carter G. Woodson, a noted historian, scholar, educator, and publisher. It became a month-long celebration in 1976. The month of February was selected to coincide with the birthdates of President Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass. All students received a calendar of events highlighting ways they could celebrate this month.

CHINESE NEW YEAR

Chinese New Year begins on Tuesday, February 5, 2019. Also known as the Spring Festival, it is the most important celebration in the Chinese calendar. It marks the start of the lunar new year, which is when there is a start of a new moon. This is the Year of the Pig.

IN THIS ISSUE...

**WELCOME
MESSAGE**

MAKE-UP DAY

**BLACK HISTORY
MONTH**

**CHINESE NEW
YEAR**

**SAFETY &
SECURITY**

**SCHOOL-HOME
CONNECTION**

**INCLEMENT
WEATHER**

BOX TOPS

POSSIP

**UPCOMING
EVENTS**

SAFETY & SECURITY

REMINDERS

Here are some brief reminders around safety and security on campus:

- If you park and walk your child to or from school, please be sure to use only the designated sidewalks and crosswalks for your safety.
- If you use the car line for drop-off or pick-up, please use caution and watch your speed as you exit the line.
- Please remember that we require a photo ID from all parties before entering the building. To speed up the entry process, please have your ID out and ready to show the front office staff.

We appreciate your cooperation as we work to keep our school safe and secure for all students and staff!

SCHOOL-HOME CONNECTION

How do we support the child's curiosity and love of learning after their early years? There is a lot that parents can do to support a healthy attitude about school and value about learning. Some possible strategies include:

- Share your passions. Talk to your child about things that interest you and what you have learned. Explain things in simple terms and describe what happened and why you found it interesting.
- Build on the child's natural instincts. If they are interested in dancing or dinosaurs, find books that support their interest. Provide as much support and encouragement as you can. Tapping into their interests can keep their learning spark alive.
- Know when to back off. Don't micromanage or pressure them to like certain things. Let them experience challenges and figure things out (within reason) by themselves. The child will gain a sense of competence and will ultimately enjoy things and activities that they are better at.
- Ask the Right Questions. When they are asking one of the thousands of questions they typically ask in a day, start turning things around and pose some to them. When you ask about their day, be specific. Everyday talking is essential to learning.
- Avoid Rewards - Sometimes offering a prize for them completing a task undermines the pleasure in the activity. Their focus turns from the learning process to the reward. Without the reward, they no longer want to participate in the activity.
- Don't push them to learn too much too quickly. If your goal is to foster a love of learning, it is better to take an interest in what they're doing instead of how well they're doing it.

(Parents Magazine)

INCLEMENT WEATHER

In the event of inclement weather, families will be notified through the RRGSD website, an AlertNOW telephone message, and push notifications on the RRGSD App. Information will also be shared on the following local television and radio stations.

WCBT 1230 AM WRAL Channel 5
WSMY 1400 AM WLQY 97.9 FM
WNCT Channel 9 WPTM 102.3 FM

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION



We are into our second round of Box Tops collection for this year. Qualifying Box Tops can be found on packages of participating General Mills and their partner brands. All submissions must include the expiration date and alphanumeric code found on the coupon. Please turn in all Box Tops by March 1st.

POSSIP

We are still using the Possip platform 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 or re-enroll, text PossipIT to 797979 or email possip@possipit.com with your name, email, school, and child's grade.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

02/04 - EL ACCESS Testing Begins
02/15 - Make-up Day for Manning Students
02/19 - Candy Man Fundraiser Deadline
02/28 - Reading Showcase (5:30 - 6:30)

Archived copies of the Manning Message can be found on the school's webpage at <http://www.rrgsd.org/o/manning-elementary>. Click on Menu, then select Documents, and Parent Newsletters.