

# THE MANNING MESSAGE

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PARENT EDITION - MAY 2019



## WELCOME MESSAGE

As we prepare to close out the 2018–2019 school year, we would like to thank our families for the support given to Manning Elementary School. We appreciate your active participation at our school events and your unwavering support of our education initiatives. This has been a great year for our Mustangs! Thank you for being an integral part of our Mustang family.

## STEP UP DAY EVENTS

On Tuesday, May 7th, students in grades K–4 will participate in Step Up activities during the school day. During this time, Mustangs will have an opportunity "Step Up" to the next grade level, interact with teachers, and explore academic content.

Families are invited to participate in Step Up Night, also scheduled for Tuesday, May 7th. We have changed the format to allow time for information and engagement. This is not a floating event and will begin at 5:30 pm. We look forward to seeing you!

Kindergarten Transition Night will be held on Thursday, May 9th at 5:30 pm. This event is for students who will be enrolling in Kindergarten at Manning during the 2019–2020 school year.

Our staff has worked diligently to plan an authentic learning experience for students and families alike. We look forward to seeing you at our transition events.

## FIELD DAY

On Friday, May 10th, Manning Elementary will celebrate Field Day. All events will begin at 8:30 am with students transitioning through events throughout the day. This will be an exciting day for our students. Please be sure that they wear comfortable clothes that can get dirty and wet!

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## COLOR RUN

THE COLOR RUN HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED!!! Due to inclement weather, our Color Run Fundraiser had to be postponed. It has been rescheduled for Saturday, May 18th. This exciting event will begin at the front of the school at 9:00 am. Come out for some fun with a splash of color! Early registration has closed, but participations can still register on-site for \$30. All registrations for the April 13th date will be honored.

## END OF GRADE TESTING

Our students in grades 3-5 will participate in End of Grade testing from May 17-29. Please ensure that all students attend school every day during the testing window. Students should be on campus no later than 8:10 am. Remind students to read the directions and all questions carefully before selecting an answer, to use the strategies their teachers have taught them, and to always do their best. The students and teachers have been working really hard this year. We know they will do an outstanding job!

## MEMORIAL DAY

Memorial Day is a federal holiday that serves as a day of remembrance for soldiers who gave the ultimate sacrifice in service to our country. Originally called "Decoration Day", it was first observed on May 30, 1868 to honor the sacrifices of Civil War soldiers. It was called " Decoration Day" to mark the early tradition of decorating the soldiers' graves with flowers, wreaths, and flags. In 1971, Congress passed the Uniform Monday Holiday Act and established that Memorial Day would be observed on the last Monday in May.

In remembrance of our fallen soldiers, RRGSD will be closed for students and staff on Monday, May 27th.



## SCHOOL-HOME CONNECTION

### PREVENTING SUMMER SLIDE

Summer vacation brings a certain amount of relief and anxiety. Everyone is excited about the break, but the absence of classes can create the possibility that students will forget what they learned. Some learning loss is to be expected, but there are reasonable concerns about how summer vacation may weaken students' reading and math skills.

Manning Elementary will host the RTA Summer Reading Camp for students in grades 1-3 on Monday - Thursday from 8:15 - 12:30. This camp will run June 10-27 and July 8-18. Participants will be formally invited after their end of year assessments that are currently in progress. For more information, please contact Jen Ott at (252) 519-7400.

Other ways to support summer learning is through online resources. The websites listed below are free and can be used to supplement the content that the students have learned throughout the year.

### **English/Language Arts:**

[www.uniteforliteracy.com](http://www.uniteforliteracy.com)  
[www.storylineonline.com](http://www.storylineonline.com)  
[www.wonderopolis.com](http://www.wonderopolis.com)  
[www.getepic.com](http://www.getepic.com)  
[www.starfall.com](http://www.starfall.com)  
[www.abcya.com](http://www.abcya.com)

### **Math:**

[www.splashmath.com](http://www.splashmath.com)  
[www.coolmath.com](http://www.coolmath.com)  
[www.mathabc.com](http://www.mathabc.com)  
[www.mathplayground.com](http://www.mathplayground.com)  
[www.abcya.com](http://www.abcya.com)  
[www.mulitplication.com](http://www.mulitplication.com)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

05/07 - Step Up Night  
05/08 - EC Field Day  
05/09 - Kindergarten Transition Night  
05/10 - Field Day  
05/17-29 - End of Grade Testing Window  
05/23 - 3rd and 4th Grade Awards Assemblies  
05/27 - Memorial Day Holiday - SCHOOL CLOSED  
05/30 - 5th Grade Dance

05/31 - 5th Grade Promotional Exercises & Awards Program  
05/31 - Last Day of School for Students



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