

MANCHESTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



December 5, 2019



Dear Families,

We have compiled learning materials and reviewed procedures with students to prepare for our Blizzard Bag/Remote Learning Day. This pilot is a new idea for all of us and you are an integral part of its **success!** Thank you for supporting the efforts we've gone through to create worthwhile learning **experiences** for students. We will be providing bag lunches for students to take home upon request. **This will count as a school day!**

We hope you can support us by ...

1. Being positive about the pilot and giving it a true go
2. Ensuring your child completes the work in the Blizzard Bag
3. Supporting your child's learning experience by reminding them how to navigate questions
4. Reminding students to bring in their completed work the next school day after a Remote School Day

Teachers put a good deal of time and work into this process and have created engaging work students can do as independently as possible. We understand that students may still have questions or need help and we appreciate whatever role you or other friends and family can play in this learning process. While we know not all students have internet access at home, our teachers will be available by email from 9 am-3 pm for students and parents to contact and ask questions.

You can find the links to all staff email on each of our school's websites <http://www.maranacook.org>. (Look for STAFF & the people icon!)

You can find an overview of Remote Learning Days as well as Frequently Asked Questions on our website at <https://www.maranacook.org/o/rsu-38/page/blizzard-bags-remote-learning-days>.

We anticipate there will still be time for kids to sleep in, play in the snow, have fun, and enjoy the magic of a snow day while spending some time learning and growing away from school. Thank you for joining us in this pilot experience!

Sincerely,

Abbie Hartford, Principal

IMPORTANT DATES:

Dec. 6 - Grades 4 & 5 to Penobscot Theater to see "Matilda"

Dec. 12 - PTCO meeting 6:30 pm Library

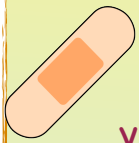
Dec. 13 - Kindergarten to MCHS 11:20 - 2:00

Dec. 17 - Grades K & 1 to Kents Hill Holiday Show 9:15 - 11:20

Dec. 18 - Gr 1 Holiday Workshop 8:30 - 10:00 am

Dec. 23- Jan 3rd Winter Vacation!!

Nurse Notes



If your child has a fever or is vomiting, or has any flu-like symptoms please keep them home for at least 24 hours after the symptoms subside, and until your child is free of any fever reduction medicine.



Manchester Elementary PTCO Presents

The Polar Express — Movie Night



Date of Departure: Friday, December 6th

*Boarding time: 6 p.m.
Doors open at 5:45 p.m.*

Departure Point: Manchester Elementary School Gym

Pajamas and a favorite blanket are encouraged!

Snack & Water will be provided!

*****All children MUST be accompanied by an adult
Please do NOT drop children off unattended.*****

MES - Winter Wear

The cold weather has arrived! Please dress your child for outside play daily! This includes winter boots, snow pants, winter coats, hats and mittens! It is also requested that you provide sneakers for inside use during the winter months. If you do not have these items for your child, please contact the MES Office.

MES PTCO MEETING

Will be held Thursday, December 12th in the MES library, please join us as we prepare for the 2020 activities! See Agenda attached to newsletter.

MES Parents

NOTE FROM SCHOOL NURSE, ERIN FOTH

Thank you all so much your generosity with snacks and party planning for snake day. It was a huge success...each year we are able to learn how to make things even more successful. That being said I did want to review the snack rules so the process will be more streamlined for upcoming events.

Our goal is for all students to be able to fully participate in all the fun. For the safety of our students with food allergies here are the following treat guidelines:

- * NO homemade treats allowed.
- * All sweet treats must be store bought, have a form completed two weeks in advance and be submitted to the school nurse for approval. An ingredient list should be attached to the form.
- * If the event is a classroom party with multiple people bringing in treats - please coordinate with the homeroom parent and have them submit one master treat list.
- * Other guidelines are one sweet treat per class per week.
- * Suggested beverages are little bottles of water.
- * Some ideas for snacks - string cheese, pirate booty, fruit leather, goldfish, popcorn, jello, veggies and dip.

Thank you for your help and cooperation with creating great memories for our students while keeping them safe and healthy.

