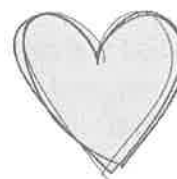


Manassa Elementary



Newsletter



February 2019

Upcoming Events for February

- 11th Parent / Teacher Conference
4:00 – 7:00 PM
- 13th Parent / Teacher Conference
4:00 – 6:30 PM
- 14th Valentine's Parties 3:00 PM
- 20th – Class Pictures



Principal's Notes

Dear Parents,

One of the goals that we have for our students is that they become lifelong learners. Many of the activities that we do at school can easily be reinforced at home. Learning experiences can come from everyday tasks such as, cutting up brownies, finding out where different mailings come from, and even reading any of the different types of written communication you have laying around the house. Investing time engaged in simple activities will reinforce what is being taught at school and help build strong relationships with your children. Learning not only occurs in the classroom, working together we can achieve our goal of Manassa Elementary students being "Life Long Learners." Thanks again for supporting your children and our School.

Denny Fringer
Principal

Nurse's Notes

See Attached Flyer

Class Pictures

February 20th

Counselor's Notes

Kindness

It's free, it can be as big or small as you want it to be, and it can make you and others feel good in more ways than one; and you can get or give it away.

What is it? Kindness!

Children who are considerate of others, get along better with classmates. They also tend to be happier and feel better about themselves.

As parents, we demonstrate how to treat others and show kindness to people. Kind children grow into kind adults, so it is our job to teach young people how to be the best person they can be.

Talk about why: Tell your child that when they help others, it benefits them as well as the person they're choosing to help. It is a great way to get their mind off of their own problems and feel good about making a difference.

Take action: Encourage your child to be kind whenever possible. If there is a new student in her class, ask her how she might feel if she was the new student. Putting herself in someone else's shoes makes it easier to be compassionate.

Then, she can think of ways to make the new girl feel welcome, such as introducing herself or sitting with her.

Celebrate kindness: Take note of your child's kind behavior when you see it. Ask her to notice examples of kindness at school or other places and report it back to you. Also, share examples of kind acts that you noticed during the day as well.

Jamie Thomas

School Counselor

Parent / Teacher Conference
Monday, February 11th,
4:00 – 7:00 and
Wednesday, February 13th,
4:00 – 6:30.



Box Tops for Education

Our school is collecting the "Box Tops for Education" coupons. Once again Manassa Elementary is having a class competition to see what class will bring the most "Box Tops." The final day for this competition will be February 21st. The class with the most "Box Tops" will get an ice cream party. These coupons can be found on many house-hold items. Go to www.btfz.com for a complete listing of participating products. Thanks for supporting your child and our school.



-----Clip and return-----

Sign and return this section to receive a piece of candy and to be entered into the monthly prize drawing.
I have received and read this month's newsletter.

Parent/Guardian's Signature

Student's Name



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K - 12th Grade School-required Immunizations for the 2019-20 School Year

Dear parents and guardians of students in Colorado kindergarten - 12th grade schools:

- Colorado law requires students who attend a public, private or parochial kindergarten - 12th grade school to be vaccinated against many of the diseases vaccines can prevent. Your student must be vaccinated against:
 - diphtheria, tetanus & pertussis (DTaP, DTP, Tdap)
 - polio (IPV)
 - measles, mumps, rubella (MMR)
 - hepatitis B (HepB)
 - varicella (chickenpox)
- Vaccines are recommended for hepatitis A, influenza, meningococcal disease and human papillomavirus, but are not required.
- Colorado rule requires students entering kindergarten to receive their final doses of DTaP, IPV, MMR and varicella. Students entering 6th grade must receive one dose of Tdap vaccine, even if they are under 11 years of age.
- The number, timing and spacing of the required vaccine doses is set by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). You can view current versions of the ACIP vaccine schedules for children 0 - 6 years of age at www.cdc.gov/vaccines/parents/downloads/parent-ver-sch-0-6yrs.pdf and preteens/teens 7 - 18 years of age at www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/downloads/teen/parent-version-schedule-7-18yrs.pdf.
- Please take your student's updated vaccine record to school every time he or she receives a vaccine.
- If your student cannot get vaccines because of medical reasons, you must submit an official *Immunization Medical Exemption Form* to your school, signed by a health care provider licensed to give vaccines. You only need to submit this form once, unless your student's information or school changes. You can get the form at www.colorado.gov/vaccineexemption.
- If you choose not to have your student vaccinated according to the current ACIP schedule for personal belief or religious reasons, you must submit a non-medical exemption to your school. Non-medical exemptions must be submitted every year. Multiple options are available at www.colorado.gov/vaccineexemption.
- Some parents, especially those with students who have weakened immune systems, may want to know which schools have the highest percentage of vaccinated children. Schools must report immunization and exemption numbers (but not student names or birth dates) to the state health department by December 1 every year. Immunization and exemption rates can be found at www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/school-and-child-care-immunization-data.
- You may want to talk to a health care provider licensed to give vaccines or your local public health agency (LPHA) about which vaccines your student needs or if you have questions. You can read about the safety and importance of vaccines at www.ImmunizeForGood.com and www.colorado.gov/cdphe/immunization-education.
- If you need help finding a health care provider, or finding free or low-cost vaccines, contact your LPHA, or call the state health department's Family Health Line at 1-303-692-2229 or 1-800-688-7777. You can find your LPHA at www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/find-your-local-public-health-agency.
- Please share Page 2 of this letter with your student's health care provider as it provides helpful information about vaccines required for school entry, per Colorado law.

Sincerely,



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Department of Public
Health & Environment

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Dear Colorado health care provider:

Colorado School Entry Immunization Law (25-4-901 et seq, C.R.S) and Colorado Board of Health rule (6 CCR 1009-2) requires students who attend a public, private or parochial K - 12 school, licensed child care, preschool or Head Start program to be vaccinated against many of the diseases vaccines can prevent. Students must be vaccinated against:

- diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (DTaP, DTP, Tdap)
- polio (IPV)
- measles, mumps, rubella (MMR)
- hepatitis B (HepB)
- haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib)
- pneumococcal (PCV13)
- varicella (chickenpox)

The number, timing and spacing of the required vaccine doses is set by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). To be considered valid, a dose of vaccine must meet both the minimum age and minimum intervals as defined by ACIP. You can view the current ACIP vaccine schedule for persons 0 - 18 years of age at www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/downloads/child/0-18yrs-child-combined-schedule.pdf. Vaccines are recommended for rotavirus, hepatitis A, influenza, meningococcal disease and human papillomavirus, but are not required.

Colorado schools are required to review immunization records for school entry and can only accept valid doses of vaccine. Your patients may receive notification of noncompliance if a dose of vaccine does not meet the minimum age or minimum interval requirements, per the ACIP schedule. There are three ways a student can meet the compliance requirements established by Colorado law:

- 1) A student is considered fully immunized if he or she has received all doses of school-required vaccines according to the current ACIP schedule. Note: students are required to receive their final doses of DTaP, IPV, MMR and varicella by kindergarten entry and their Tdap by 6th grade entry, even if the student is under 11 years of age.
- 2) A student is in the process of becoming up-to-date on required vaccines and has a written plan from the parent/guardian on file with the school.
- 3) The student's health care provider (medical doctor, doctor of osteopathic medicine, advanced practice nurse or delegated physician assistant) has signed an official *Immunization Medical Exemption Form* because of a condition that precludes the student from receiving vaccine(s), or the student (emancipated or 18 years of age or older) or student's parent/guardian has submitted a signed non-medical exemption (religious or personal belief).

If students do not meet at least one of the compliance criteria, they are not permitted to attend school. If you have questions about the student's school immunization requirement, please communicate with the student's school nurse or school representative.

If you have questions about the ACIP immunization schedule, vaccines marked as invalid in your patient's immunization record, or about Colorado School Entry Immunization Law, please contact us at 303-692-2700 or cdphe.dcdimmunization@state.co.us. If you have questions about the Colorado Immunization Information System (CIIS), please contact us at 303-692-2437 (press 2), 1-888-611-9918 (press 1) or cdphe.ciis@state.co.us.

Other reliable clinical resources include:

- CDC Vaccines & Immunizations - www.cdc.gov/vaccines/default.htm
- CDC's 13th edition (2015) of *Epidemiology & Prevention of Vaccine-Preventable Diseases* - www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/pinkbook/index.html or the 13th edition supplement (2017) - www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/pinkbook/supplement.html.
- The Immunization Action Coalition: Ask the Experts - www.immunize.org/askexperts/
- CDC Experts at the National Immunization Program - nipinfo@cdc.gov or 1-800-CDC-Info (1-800-232-4636)

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