



HALLSVILLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER APRIL, 2017

Happy Spring, Everyone! There are so many things happening in the next two months, it is difficult to live in the moment! Here are some important items that we want to share with you. Please check our website/web calendar often to find out the latest!

- **Traffic/Safety Concerns**-Student safety is our main concern. **Please do not park or stop on Jewett Street to pick up your children--not even for a few seconds.** This is a bus lane and a no parking zone. We have several buses and vans that come throughout the dismissal period. Parking on the opposite side of the Jewett Street also creates a very unsafe situation when you or your children cross in front of the school. Please walk to pick up your children, or park down the side streets and walk to the school. There has been an increase in unsafe driving practices, and the **Manchester Police Dept. and Manchester Fire Dept.** will be supporting us. **In addition to child safety, emergency vehicles must be able to get through the area.** We understand that parking down the street is inconvenient, but it is critical for everyone's safety. We will be happy to talk with anyone about this. Thank you for your diligence in this effort.
- **Kindergarten Registration/Information Day-TOMORROW:**
Thursday, April 6, 8:30-11:00 & 12:30-2:30. Enter through the back door and you will be greeted. Please visit our website for information to bring with you (if you missed what we sent home already!)
- **PTG updates**
 - **Granite State Chocolate-expected delivery of orders 4/13.**
 - **T-shirt order forms are coming out next week. There will be a 10 day ordering window.**
 - **Break week--watch for information about a Cowabunga's event!**
 - **Volunteers are needed for the Teacher Appreciation Luncheon on May 4th. Please email hallsvilleptg@gmail.com if you can help out.**
- **Fifth Grade Parents**-Just a reminder that we need a baby picture of your child. If possible, please send it electronically to Kym Prive at kymprive3@gmail.com.
- **Smarter Balanced Testing**-Grade 4 is complete; Grade 5 will be done this week, and Grade 3 is next week. If your child missed a session, make-ups are being held whenever proctors and students are available. I want to personally thank you all for your support during this time.
- **Pennies for Patients**-Thank you to all of our families for the terrific support of this campaign! We are still doing our final count, but I am confident that we raised over \$1,200, possibly more, for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. A special thank you to several of our fifth graders who have done a tremendous job counting our funds each week. The two classes who have raised the most money (TBD) will win pizza parties in early June!

- **Get Moving Manchester**-We are in week 3 of this wellness program for children. We keep logs at school. Week 1 was exercise 60 minutes a day (recess counted!) Week 2 was participating in less than two hours of any type of screen time. This week's goal is to drink three glasses of milk a day, drink water, minimal fruit drinks, and no sugary drinks. Next week's goal is to eat five fruits and vegetables a day. Of course, these are healthy habits for life, not just one particular week. But it does build awareness and can help you have conversations at home, too. Several students won Spare Time passes last week. We will be having a drawing soon for Palace Theatre tickets.
- **Basketball Clinics**-The girls and boys clinics are well under way. Drop off is at 5:30 and pick-up is 7:00 sharp. A huge thank you to Larry Casale and Mike Tessier for volunteering their time to this student activity.
- **Field Trips**-Many of our classes will be enjoying spring field trips. Please watch for the permission forms in the red folders or white envelopes, and return them as soon as possible with the requested fee. The PTG pays a portion of each field trip, generally the bus fee. We ask for the least amount that we can from each student. **Every child must have a signed permission form on hand before they step on the bus.** A phone call to the office is not enough. Students who do not have written permission will remain at Hallsville and join another class for the day. Some trips require parent chaperones; teachers will let parents know if they need volunteers and what the requirements are for the day. School lunches must be ordered well in advance for that day. Children may also bring their own lunches. Please refer to the details on the permission forms.
 - April 12th - Fifth and First Grade: Fisher Cats Game
 - April 20th - Fifth Grade to the Tea Party Museum-Boston
- **Superintendent's Forum on Redistricting**-thank you to those who came out last night and participated in the discussion. Please watch www.mansd.org website for updates on Board meetings and SAU information.
- **2017-18 Calendar**-please visit www.mansd.org for the recently released school calendar.
- **MFD Fire Muster**-15 students from the fifth grade have been chosen to participate on this year's team. MFD's Mike Meehan, one of our parents, will practice and lead our team again this year! Thank you, Mike! If your child was selected, he/she will be bringing home a permission form within a week or so.
- **MANCHESTER WATER WORKS Fair** - Our fourth graders will all be participating in the fair this year. Information was already sent home to parents. The fair will be open for everyone to visit on Thursday, April 20th from 9:30-11:30 in the Fourth Grade classrooms.
- **APRIL BREAK WEEK** - April 24-28. Classes resume May 1.
- **SUPERINTENDENT'S CAFE** - Wednesday, May 3rd, 7:30-8:30 @ Hallsville. Watch for additional information.

Upcoming in May:

- May 1st, Bear Brook SCA field trip for Grade 5
- May 2nd, Bear Brook SCA field trip for Grade 4
- May 9th, Cops-N-Kids program
- May 24th, Grade 3 field trip: play
- Date TBD - Father/Daughter Dance
- May 25th, Memorial Day/Leadership Assembly (afternoon)