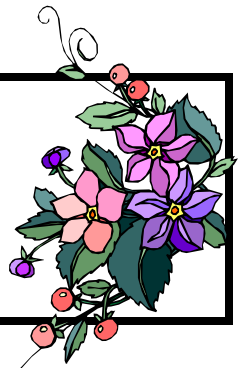




MANHEIM NEWSLETTER



2012 May Newsletter

Manheim Elementary School
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Manheim Elementary Mission Statement: *The mission of Manheim Elementary School is to provide a safe and nurturing learning environment where all individuals are recognized and encouraged to meet their full potential. With a spirit of cooperation, we the faculty, staff, parents, and community dedicate ourselves to the development of a strong physical, emotional, and intellectual foundation for lifelong learning and responsible citizenship.*

From Dr. Kelly, Principal/Elementary Supervisor

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Spring has finally arrived! As the weather continues to improve, please encourage your child to keep school and learning as his/her number one priority. We still have over four weeks of important learning activities taking place in our classrooms each day. Thank you in advance for your parental guidance and support throughout the month of May and early June.

Some wonderful events will be taking place at Manheim in May. Mark your calendar for the PTO Family Carnival on Friday, May 18 from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Please remember this is a night for the **entire family** to enjoy together. We look forward to seeing you all there!

Please consider signing your child up for the Guthrie Memorial Library's (Hanover's Public Library) Summer Reading Program. What better way to encourage continued reading while participating in exciting events at the library. The library staff members look forward to seeing all our Manheim students visit the library throughout the summer! Let's see if Manheim can have the most minutes read of all the area schools!

It has been a wonderful year at Manheim! The time has truly flown by from Fall to Spring. I want to sincerely thank every person who has impacted our students' lives in some way. Teachers, support staff, parents, community members, the PTO, and our students work together to make Manheim an incredible school. THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

Respectfully,

Mary Kay Kelly, Ed.D.
Principal/Elementary Supervisor





WELCOME TO MANHEIM

We welcome to Manheim: Alyssa Smith will be a new student in Mrs. Klinedinst's grade 1 class.

Welcome, Alyssa Smith!



GRANDPARENTS' DAY - MAY 11th

We welcome all Manheim grandparents for a visit on Friday, May 11th. Grandparents play a large role in the lives of our students. Grandparents have provided additional warmth, care, and concern—three important nutrients that help growing children thrive. We at Manheim Elementary School extend a special invitation to the grandparents to visit their grandchild's classroom on Friday, May 11, 2012.

Grandparents of students in AM Kindergarten, Grades 1, and 2 are welcome to visit from 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. on May 11, 2012.

Grandparents of students in our PM Kindergarten, Grades 3, 4, and 5 may visit from 12:45 p.m.-2:15 p.m. on May 11, 2012.



***** Pre-registration is required***
If you did not already sign up grandparents for this day, (form was due back 4/30) please call your child's teacher as soon as possible. Please remember that no photographs should be taken while visiting.**

Grandparents should register in the lobby and report to the Cafeteria for some light refreshments before visiting classrooms.

MANHEIM MUSICFEST!

On Monday, May 7th the musicians at Manheim Elementary will be performing here at Manheim at 7:00 p.m. for the 2012 Manheim MusicFest! This will include grades 4 and 5 band/orchestra and grade 5 chorus members. Mark your calendars and please plan to join us for a delightful evening of children's music.



ART FAIR & ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Don't forget to mark your calendars to attend Manheim's Art Fair and Ice Cream Social on Tuesday, May 1st at 6:30 p.m. The evening will include a General PTA Meeting and will showcase our students' wonderful art creations from throughout the year.

GYM-O-REE TIME IS HERE



The 34th Annual Gym-O-Ree will be held on May 18th. It will begin at 9:00 a.m. at the South Western stadium on Bowman Road and ends at 12:00 p.m. The rain date is May 21st.

Please remember to turn in your permission slips by May 11 and to wear your Manheim T-shirts. Have your child bring a plastic water bottle to stay hydrated in the heat. Remember to apply sun screen when getting dressed at home and send along a hat if needed. Good luck to all our 4th and 5th grade students!



DID YOU KNOW? ALL LIBRARY MATERIALS ARE DUE BACK TO SCHOOL BY MAY 25TH.

Please have your child return his/her library books to school on time.



NO SCHOOL FOR KINDERGARTEN

Our current Kindergarteners **WILL NOT HAVE school**

on **Tuesday, May 29, 2012**. South Western School District will be conducting Kindergarten Visitation Day on this date for future kindergartners who registered for the 2011-12 school year.

In addition, the last two days of school, **June 6th and June 7th**, your child's kindergarten session will be modified according to the following schedule:

AM Class -- 7:45 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.
PM Class -- 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Please note this special time schedule is due to the district's early dismissal.

SUMMER 2012 Swimming Lessons



Week 1: Monday – Friday, June 18th – June 22th

Week 2: Monday – Friday, June 25rd – June 29th

Daily Schedule:

11:10 – 12:00pm Red Cross Levels I, II, III

12:10 – 1:00pm Red Cross Levels III, IV, V, VI

50 minutes /day for one week -- 25 students per class (space available in all time periods.)

Swimmers must be 6 years old before or on June 16th.

Registration:

May 21 – May 31 from 8:00am – 4:00pm in the EHMS office.

June 4th from 7:00pm to 8:00pm in the EHMS pool lobby.

Please direct any questions to Michelle Good at 717-229-2930 (leave a message) or email at michelle_good@sbsd.k12.pa.us

Late registration may be made the week before classes begin in the EHMS office if space is available.

SCHOOL BOARD VACANCY

Our Superintendent, Dr. Barbara Rupp, has posted a vacancy for our South Western School Board. Interested persons should contact Dr. Barbara Rupp either by phone, 717-632-2500 or by email; barb_rupp@sbsd.k12.pa.us **Deadline is by June 1st.**

News from the Health Room

By Janet A. Harlacher RN - School Nurse

Free

Skin Screening



"Spot Check"

Let us check skin spots that concern you.

Wednesday, May 16, 2012
6-8 pm

Location: Thomas Hart Family Practice Center
York Hospital

Registration Required:
Call 851-3500

Sponsors: Thomas Hart Family Practice Center
and
The York Cancer Center



EXCUSE CARDS

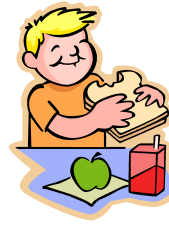
Please note: When your child returns to school after an absence, an excuse card must be completed and returned to school within 5 days. **A parent**

signature is always required on the excuse card along with the reason for the absence(s) and dates of the absences.

The best policy to practice – Turn in an excuse card or note immediately upon your child’s return to school. This will save you from being on the list to receive a reminder call from Dr. Kelly. Thank you!

Blank excuse cards are available in the school office and classroom.

ST. DAVID’S SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM



Beginning the week of June 19th, a packed bag of groceries to supplement 5

days of lunches per week will be available for Manheim (and West Manheim) area school children (Grades K-12) who are qualified or have qualified for free or reduced lunches at school. This program is also extended to families who have a need due to job or life circumstances. This program will run for 10 weeks. The privacy and confidentiality of families participating in the program will be strictly guarded.

Every Tuesday a bag of lunch items for 5 lunches will be available for each qualifying child. It will contain fruits, milk/juice, sandwich materials or other lunch items and snacks to assist with healthy summer lunches at your home. Please see the handout that was sent home with all students recently or contact the Manheim Office for more information.



PROPER DRESS REMINDER

As we start having beautiful summer-like days, it is important to remind your child of proper dress while at school. All clothing should be appropriate for our school setting, for example: appropriate length shorts, Capri pants, short sleeve or sleeveless shirts, or sneakers. Please avoid belly shirts, spaghetti straps, short shorts, or other clothing that may interfere with learning in the classrooms.

Be advised that if your child chooses to wear sandals or flip flops to school, they can be hazardous while on the playground. This type of footwear is strongly discouraged in the school setting to help avoid injury to our students. **Also, please make sure your child is wearing sneakers on Day A/B for Physical Education class.** Don't forget to check the daily forecast, as well. Jackets may be needed due to chilly mornings. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Dr. Kelly.



EXTRA CLASS PICTURES

Did you buy your child’s class picture this year? If not we have a few extra class pictures for sale in the school office. The cost is \$12.00. Thank you.

May Kitchen Tidbit

Parents, if your student is in the free meal program and is receiving a negative balance memo/letter, that negative balance needs to be paid. This negative amount is the cost of breakfast(s) and/or lunch(es) a student had prior to being accepted into the meal program or a la carte items that were purchased. Thus, parents are obligated to pay that negative amount.

As in previous years a notice will be sent home sometime after Memorial Day as to how much money your student will need in their cafeteria account until the end of the school year.

SCHOOL COUNSELOR ZONE

Mrs. Barbara A. Piatt, Certified School Counselor
Manheim Elementary School

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May, 2012



Owning and using a computer and other devices are privileges that not everyone is lucky enough to have. Here are some tips on how to use these tools safely and appropriately:

Always have good manners and be polite when talking to someone else online.

Ask your parents to spend time with you while online so that you can show them some of the neat websites you have found.

Only use the internet when your parents tell you it's alright, and only for as long as you are supposed to.



Don't give out personal information like your address, telephone number, or school name to anyone unless you have permission from your parents.



Never meet with a cyberfriend or key pal unless your parents go with you.

Don't break copyright rules by taking words, pictures, or sound from someone else's website without their permission – that's called PLAGIARISM.

Don't answer any email messages you get if they are strange, mean, or upsetting to you, and tell your parents or teachers right away.

Don't send pictures of yourself or your family to anyone unless you have permission from your parents.

Stop right away if you see or read something on a website that upsets you and tell your parents or teachers about it.

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SOUTH WESTERN ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

SUMMER RECREATION COMMISSION

Brian M. Cromer – Program Coordinator

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April 25, 2012

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I am pleased to announce the South Western Recreation Commission will once again provide supervised playground activities at Baresville, Park Hills, Manheim, and West Manheim Elementary playgrounds this summer from June 18, 2012 - August 2, 2012.

The playground will be staffed with qualified supervisors who are education majors at local colleges and universities. The staff will be offering different activities each day. The program is offered to children who live in Penn, West Manheim, and Manheim Townships and who are currently in grades kindergarten through fifth.

Baresville, Park Hills, Manheim, and West Manheim Elementary playgrounds will be supervised Monday through Thursday each week from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. except for the week of July 4th. Due to the July 4th holiday, the playgrounds will be open on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 1:00-4:00 p.m., on July 2nd-6th and will be closed on Wednesday, July 4th.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to hearing from you.



Sincerely,

Brian M. Cromer,
Program Director





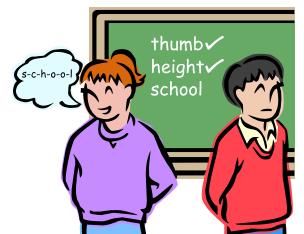
MAY DATES TO REMEMBER

- May 1 PTO Manheim Art Fair/Ice Cream Social 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
- May 3 Manheim Spelling Bee
- May 4 Gr. 4 - Activity by Susan Byrnes Center
 *The Cricket In Times Square Picnic Lunch* 
- May 7 Manheim MUSIC FEST, 7:00 p.m.
- May 11 Grandparents' Day, **9:00-10:30 a.m.** - Gr. 1, 2, & AM-Kindergarten
 Grandparents' Day, **12:45 – 2:15 p.m.** - Gr. 3, 4, 5 & PM-Kindergarten
- May 17 Extra Kindergarten Registration Day at MA ~ If you have not registered your child for Kindergarten for the 2012-13 school year, please call the school office ASAP.
- May 18 Gym-O-Ree – 9:00 a.m. at SW High School field, Grades 4 &5
 Stone Soup Performance, Gr. 1 & 2, 1:45 p.m.
 MA PTO Carnival, 6:30 p.m.
- May 21 Gym-O-Ree Rain date, 9:00 a.m.
- May 22 Project Harmony Day – wear Project Harmony shirt or black & white
- May 23 Gr. 5 trip to Dutch Apple Dinner Theater
- May 24 Gr. 2 trip to Hanover Neas House, Fire Company & Hanover Hall, depart. 8:30 a.m.
- May 25 Manheim Spirit Day – wear Manheim t-shirt or purple & gold
- May 28 School is Closed, Happy Memorial Day!
- May 29 NO SCHOOL for current Kindergarten students only



JUNE DATES TO REMEMBER

- June 1 Bicycle Rodeo, Grades 1 & 2, 8:30-10:30 a.m.
- June 5 5th Grade Farewell celebration, 6:30 p.m.
- June 6 Early Dismissal day, 12:30 p.m.
- June 7 Early Dismissal, last day of school



***Kindergarten Schedule for Early Dismissal days:**
AM-K: 7:45 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. **PM-K:** 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.