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Community Update – September 25, 2026

Mansfield Families & Friends,

As we close out September, we want to thank everyone for a great start to the school year. We thank you for your trust, support, and patience as we settle into routines, expectations, and our new pathways.

Mr. Kershner and Dr. Cullari will continue to send out the Mansfield Messenger and Hydock Happenings with building updates and reminders. These community updates will be utilized to communicate district wide updates and reminders.

Personal Devices

We want to thank everyone for having conversations with your children about our 'off-and-away' policy to meet the state mandate on personal internet enabled devices in school. The students are meeting this expectation across both schools! So again, Thank You!

Board of Education - Open Seat

We have an immediate open seat on the Board of Education. If you or someone you know ever considered joining our Board of Education, see this link to learn about the application process and requirements.

<https://sites.google.com/mansfieldschool.com/board-of-education/home/new-boe-member-application>

Spirit Days & Mansfield Pride

Friendly reminder of our District Spirit Days! Every Friday (with the exception of the dates identified on the link) is District Spirit Day! Wear your Cougar Gear, Mansfield attire, or our school colors!

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ubI7agyVVHxD3yHFHHdv7Sd_QyGYsa0PV12da4itU/edit?tab=t.0

Student of The Month

We are expanding our Board of Education Student of The Month recognition from 1 student per building to 1 student per grade level! We are excited to highlight the hard work, kindness, growth, and dedication from students at each grade level during our meetings.

Website Upgrade

We are going through an upgrade process with our website. We are planning for a more user-friendly experience and ease of access to information. We apologize in advance if certain webpages are down during this process. If you are seeking any information that is not populating, please let us know and we will get it to you. Thank you for your patience during this upgrade.

Transportation

We are aware that some buses continue to experience afternoon delays, specifically at MTES. We are in constant communication with the company and are hopeful for improvement in the near future. We thank you for your patience and understanding.

Survey

Our guidance team is putting together a parent workshop event. Please take a moment to take this brief survey to help us better understand what topic would be most beneficial to our families.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1q7C4nQvVBrB5GROeGhJxIEc4yU6mNOkGXbTU-IAVWxc/edit?tab=t.0>

Week of Respect

The Week of Respect will be observed from October 5-9, 2026. This year, our district-wide theme is; "Show Respect: It Starts With You". Our goal is to promote social-emotional learning, prevent bullying, and build a safe, respectful school climate where every student feels like a valued member of our community. See parent letter:

<https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1790343203/mansfieldschoolcom/lh8v6xo3w63qmx0id6fl/WeekOfRespectParentLetter26.pdf>

Upcoming CHAS Events & Information

Feed the Monsters candy collection will begin on September 28, with donations accepted through October 16 at both John Hydock Elementary School and Mansfield Township Elementary School. Informational flyer can be found here:

<https://my.peachjar.com/district/31761/flyer/3109407>

Pre-K & Kindergarten Fall Fun Night will be held on Friday, October 9 from 5:00–7:00 PM at Sandy Creek Farms. Event flyer can be found here:

<https://my.peachjar.com/district/31761/flyer/3109399>

Registration is available here:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScmug8lqYrWDvskHE3ncF5-tXx_LaQ1bUDLnI4zsT-IINTV3Q/viewform

JHES All for Books Coin Challenge: October 12–16. Students can bring in coins throughout the week. All money raised will go toward purchasing books for JHES, and the winning grade will receive extra recess. See flyer here:

<https://my.peachjar.com/district/31761/flyer/3111764>

Scholastic Book Fair Family Blastoff: Friday, October 16, 4:00–8:00 PM

Families can shop the Book Fair together, and all purchases made during Family Blastoff will receive one free No Homework Pass. See Flyer here:

<https://my.peachjar.com/district/31761/flyer/3111770>

Trunk-or-Treat will be held on Saturday, October 17 from 6:30–8:00 PM at Mansfield Township Elementary School. Event flyer can be found here:

<https://my.peachjar.com/district/31761/flyer/3109408>

Registration is available here:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeuzDlp40vE1Rqalemug7cbLje20l4Glub9JxqihnTtiRyCA/viewform>

5th Grade Halloween Party will be held on Friday, October 30 from 7:00–8:30 PM. This year's theme is Enter the Haunted Forest, and the evening will include games, treats, spooky surprises, a best costume prize, and plenty of Halloween fun. We're also looking for parent volunteers to help with setup, activity/game stations, the Haunted Forest, food and refreshments, and cleanup. Event flyer can be found here:

<https://my.peachjar.com/district/31761/flyer/3109823>

Volunteer Sign-Up:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/15Gzz63uQJvx8Gfm3gzZUn1ITiTY2fFgFQ13xZcZ9uvQ/edit?usp=sharing>

We're also collecting snacks and treats for the party. Donations can be dropped off at the MTES front desk anytime on October 30. Snack Donation Sign-Up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0948A9A82FAAFD0-66047416-snack>

We are looking forward to a spooky October! Best of luck to all of our students who participate in fall sports and other outside activities. Enjoy the cool air, corn mazes, and pumpkin picking!

If you need anything at all, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Best


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