



# Manning Elementary School

LEARNING TOGETHER, SUCCEEDING TOGETHER...

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**This newsletter is brought to you  
by the sixth grade class, who  
would like to send a special  
THANK YOU  
to our Parents and  
Community Members  
for all of their support!**



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# Orange Shirt Day

By Kyland



Orange Shirt Day was on September 30th. The entire Manning Elementary staff and students wore orange shirts to promote awareness in Canada for residential schools in

Canada. We wear orange shirts to show that everyone is important and should be heard.

Orange Shirt Day started at Williams Lake, BC in 2013. We participate in Orange Shirt Day every year because we care. Orange Shirt Day was originated by a girl going to a residential school. The teachers there said she could not wear it so they took it from her. That is why we wore orange shirts on Orange Shirt Day.



To learn more about Orange Shirt Day visit [www.orangeshirtday.org](http://www.orangeshirtday.org)

Thank you to our parents for helping us learn about Orange Shirt Day!





# Terry Fox Run

By Charlotte

Every year in September, students and staff at Manning Elementary School walk around town for the Terry Fox walk. Every year millions of people from roughly 25 countries participate in the Terry Fox run! Our school raised \$1295!



When asked why we had the Terry Fox Run, Ryder Van Heeren in grade 3, said, "Because Terry Fox had cancer in his leg so he had to get it amputated. He ran really far to save money up for cures for cancer." This year was the 40th anniversary of the Marathon of Hope! The Marathon of Hope was when Terry Fox tried to run across Canada to raise money for cancer research. Terry said "I'm going to do my very best to make it. I'm not going to give up. But I might not make it... if I don't, the Marathon of Hope better continue."



Every year we run to make Terry's dream come true. For more information, visit <https://terryfox.org>

THANK YOU to the parents and community members who supported this important cause!



# At-Home Learning

By Chloe

The opening of the school is challenging for many parents and for many students like me. My parents were worried about the spread of COVID-19 especially because we are twins and possibly could be both sick at the same time. So then my Mom was happy to know that there is an option to do at-home learning and can be in school while at home.

I am one of the six students in my class who do online school but I still like it because I get to do the work anywhere I like and get help from my parents and siblings. Every morning I wake up and log on to google meet to say good morning to the teachers then I start school. At online school so far we are learning about rounding, leaf classification and democracy. My favourite subject is science because we learn about leaves and the parts of a leaf.

We are missing activities like Terry Fox, Orange shirt day, picture day and other activities but hopefully when COVID ends we will be back to school again.

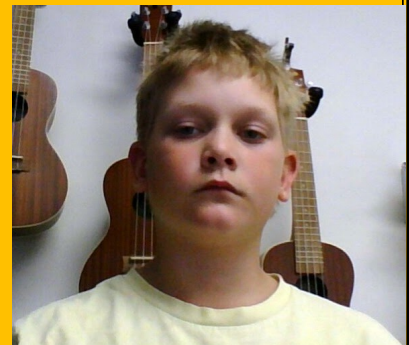
We learn things in online school everyday!!!



# World Teacher Day

By Charlie

On October 5, World Teachers Day celebrated its 26th anniversary. The teachers got chips and salsa to show our appreciation. On October 5 every year teacher day is held to show how much everyone appreciates them. It is held all around the world. Teacher day started in India. In India, Teachers Day is celebrated annually on September 5 to mark the birthday of the country's former President, who was born on September 5, 1888.







# Virtual Buddies

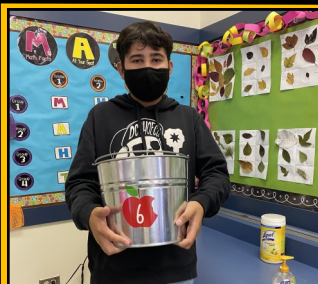
By Kenna

On September 15th, 2020 the grade six class and grade one class had their first meeting. Virtual buddies is really different than in-person buddies.

Grade one has troubles unmuteing and adjusting their cameras. Sometimes they are accidentally flipped up to the roof or ground.

Grade one has troubles with their chromebooks because it is their first year using chromebooks. Excitedly the grade ones were so happy to see their grade six buddies faces! Hadley, a grade one students, said "It was exciting and I wonder when we get to do it again?"

Grade six was super excited to have buddies because they haven't seen them since last year. Happily the grade six class got to see their buddies' smiles and hear their laughs. Grade one students can't wait for the next time we have a google meet. Grade one students were all smiles when they saw their buddies' faces on their chromebook screen!



# Apple a Day

By Jasim

Eating an apple a day can make you healthier due to it having fibers, vitamins, and minerals which will help remove toxins from your body. When you digest a apple it will slow your digestive system. This happens due to one type of fiber called soluble fibers, which can regulate blood sugars. This is really healthy and has great effects.

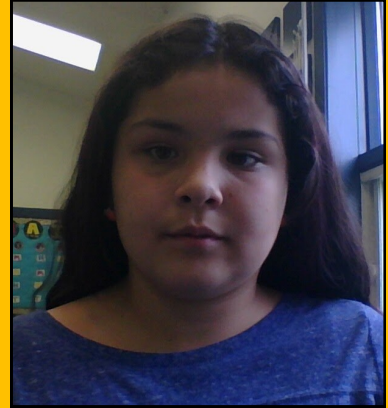
The crab apple is the only apple native to North America. Apples come in all shades of reds, greens, and yellows. Apple blossom is the state flower of Michigan. Two pounds of apples make one 9-inch pie.  
THANK YOU to our Apple-a-Day Sponsors!



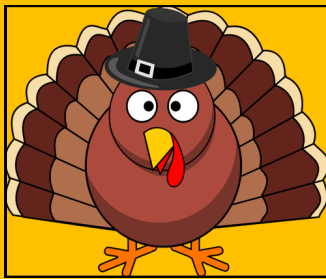
# Thanksgiving

By Savanna

In United States, Canada, Brazil, Grenade, Saint Lucia and Liberia, Thanksgiving began as a day of giving thanks and sacrifice for the blessing of the harvest and of the preceding year. We got a four day weekend due to Thanksgiving! The first Thanksgiving was celebrated in 1621 over a three-day harvest festival.



Did you ever wonder why we have thanksgiving? Have you wondered what it would be like not to have Thanksgiving? Have you had to wonder who you would celebrate with or where you would eat?



Thanksgiving Day, annual national holiday in the United States and Canada celebrating the harvest and other blessings of the past year. Americans generally believe that their Thanksgiving is modeled on a 1621 harvest feast shared by the English colonists (Pilgrims) of Plymouth and the Wampanoag people.

# At-Home Learning

By Kali

Hi Parents, Teachers and Students! Today I will be writing about at-home learning. At-home learning is a program that is offered at MES this year to students who want to learn at home because of Covid-19.

Everyday at 8:30 at home learners join a Google Meet. They are able to have classroom instruction with the teachers from MES. Even though they are working from home, they are still able to keep connected to MES and the other students in their grade who are also at-home learners.

Additional support packages are sent home each week so at-home learners have the same materials that students in the classroom do. At-home learners are expected to keep up with assignments and are encouraged to connect with their teachers if they have any questions.





# At-Home Learning

By Mya

At-home learning is for the kids who don't go to school so they don't get sick with Covid19. After awhile it got worse and worse and kids had to stay home from school and do something that is now called at-home learning. This is where some moms, dads or any adult they live with can pick if they want their kids going to school or not. The kids who don't go to school do at-home learning, which is where kids get on their chromebooks every school day and they get to see their friends most days. The kids who do at-home learning don't take the bus and don't have to stand outside in the freezing winter mornings because they do at home learning.

STAY SAFE AND WEAR A MASK!



# Food for Thought

By Addie

On September 23, students at Manning Elementary received their first Food for Thought breakfast of the new school year. The following items have been served: apple slices, granola bars, cereal with milk and juice boxes. Students are lucky to enjoy breakfast on Wednesdays and Fridays. Volunteers work hard to individually package breakfast items for every student in our school. THANK YOU to our parent volunteers!





# Mrs. Greschner awarded for 15 years of working with Peace River School Division

By Ryleigh



On Wednesday September 30, at Manning Elementary school, Superintendent Dr. Paul Bennett and Board Chair Darren Kuester presented Mrs. Michele Greschner with the Long Term Service Award for her 15 years working at Peace River School Division! Go Mrs. Greschner!!!! This award is from last year, as this year is her 16th year!!!

They arrived at the school at noon with carrot cake, and awards. Shortly after they awarded her, Dr. Bennett thanked Mrs. Greschner for her service to the division.

Mrs. Greschner started working at MES in 2004, and she started working here because it was a way to be involved with her children's education, as they were school aged at the time.





# Grade Six Has Completed The First Month of School!

By Abby



On September 8, 2020, the teachers of grade six have opened their doors to the new students of grade six. The teachers of grade six are Mrs. Gardecki and Ms. Matheson. Grade six is the senior class of MES. For your information the grade sixes are now doing the recycling for the whole school!

Some new procedures that the new grade sixes have to follow are sanitizing their hands when entering or leaving a room. They also have to wear masks everywhere except when they are in class, outside or in gym. Social distancing is not a problem for these fantastic grade sixes because when they are in their own cohort or in a group, they wear masks. Recesses are different this year due to Covid and social distancing. The grade sixes first recess is from 9:59-10:14. Weirdly the grade sixes lunch recess is before they have lunch and that is at 11:18-11:50. And finally their last recess is at 1:39-1:54. The most challenging part of Grade 6, according to Kenna, is "Wearing a mask in the hallway."

Check out MES's Facebook page to see what they have hanging in their hallway @[www.facebook.com/ManningElementary](https://www.facebook.com/ManningElementary).



# School Council Notes

Thank you so much to the parents, guardians, and community members who are volunteering their time to become members of the Manning Elementary School Council. You are an essential voice in our school family. We were excited to welcome members both physically and virtually to our meeting on Wednesday, October 14th.

Our 2020-2021 School Council is made up of:

Chair—Lacey Buchinski

Vice Chair—Jessica Lay

Secretary—Trina Kelemen & Nicole Gardecki

Kindergarten Representative—Chris Graw

Grade 1 Representative—Brandi Fedorowicz

Grade 2 Representative—Carlee Bruun

Grade 3 Representative—Lacey Buchinski

Grade 4 Representative—Oneikah Richards & Hailey Stone

Grade 5 Representative—Cheri Paulovich

Grade 6 Representative—Barb Karpiak

At our meeting, members discussed the Food for Thought and Hot Lunch programs, the Apple-a-Day initiative, Covid guidelines and requirements, and the general running of the school, both in terms of staffing and facilities.

All parents are welcome to attend school council meetings. There are five more meetings during this school year: November 18, January 13, March 17, April 14, and May 26. Meetings take place in the school foyer, and attendees are welcome to join in-person or via Google Meet.





**Thank you**  
**for helping to make our school even better!**

**Manning IGA**  
for the donation of freezies

**North Town Esso**  
for the donation of masks

**Chelsie Bieleski & Hailey Stone**  
for the beautiful gift basket for the staff

**Rosary School Staff**  
for the yummy donuts and tea for the staff

**Paul Rowe Jr/Sr High School**  
for the yummy fall-themed cookies

**Tim Hortons High Level**  
for the coffee, tea, and candies for the staff

**Manning IGA**  
for the donation of apples for our Apple-a-Day program

**Our Food for Thought Volunteers!**

## Parental Involvement

We know that children experience higher levels of success when their parents are involved in their school and education. Now, more than ever with the Covid-19 pandemic, parental involvement looks different for every family and is based on many factors.

Although the types of opportunities for involvement may look different - one thing that stays the same is the importance of communication. Staying connected with your child's school experience is important and equally important is that your child see, feel, and know through both action and conversation that you are keeping connected. Whether that means attending parent-teacher conferences, helping with homework, emails with staff, reviewing school correspondence or following the school website and social media - being involved demonstrates to your child that you care.

I would like to take a moment to thank and commend our parents for their extraordinary efforts as in-person classes were cancelled in March. The way our families have rallied together to support learning at home, to provide child-care, and to support one another is absolutely incredible. The COVID-19 pandemic has shown us what we can accomplish when we work together and our families deserve to be commended for their tireless efforts to support students learning at home. The pandemic has certainly caused a variety of stressors to our lives and for our parents who are already juggling many roles and responsibilities - thank you. I recognize and appreciate the time, sacrifice, coordination and effort you have and are all making.

In the next few weeks, schools will be hosting their first School Council meetings of the year. The meetings run once per month and it is a great way to stay connected and have a voice in education. Please check with your local school to learn more about School Council and how School Council will operate this school year.

Your involvement makes a difference and we truly appreciate the important work you do. We believe that PARENTS MATTER and that is why Peace River School Division declared a week to celebrate the important contributions of our parents. Please mark your calendars for November 16-20, 2020 and join in the celebration of parental involvement at your child's school during PRSD's "PARENTS MATTER Appreciation Week."

Wishing you a wonderful school year and thanking you in advance for your involvement and support.



Paul Bennett, PRSD Superintendent



## Spotlight on Health & Safety



### Online Safety

The internet is an integral part of our lives. It provides us with information, entertainment, and various ways to communicate and socialize. It can be used to research school reports, communicate with teachers, peers and play interactive games.

While this creates great opportunities for society, online access comes with risks such as inappropriate content, cyberbullying and online predators.

Both at school and at home, it is essential that we educate ourselves and our children about being safe online. The internet has become a part of our day-to-day lives and to keep our children safe, it is important that we have conversations about online safety and model and encourage safe online practices.

For more information regarding safe online practices, check out the following links:

<http://www.humanservices.alberta.ca/InternetSafety/internetsavvy.html#module1-0>

<http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/is-si/index-eng.htm>

[https://www.cybertip.ca/app/en/internet\\_safety](https://www.cybertip.ca/app/en/internet_safety)

<https://canadasafetycouncil.org/child-safety/online-safety-rules-kids>

Joint Worksite Health & Safety Committee

## Inclement Weather

We love school, but the safety of our students is our number one priority. If severe weather arises, we may need to cancel school buses. Note that schools will remain open, even if all buses are cancelled.



To learn more view Administrative Procedure 133 at [prsd.ab.ca](http://prsd.ab.ca)

### CANCELLATION COMMUNICATION

If the school bus is cancelled, school bus drivers will attempt to contact parents and notifications will be announced on the radio and posted on PRSD's School Bus Planner webpage before 7:00 am when possible



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**-40** School buses **WILL NOT** operate when the morning temperature at 6:00 am is - 40 C without the wind chill or lower OR -48 C with the wind chill or lower

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### SEVERE STORMS

Buses may not run during severe storm, drifting snow or wind chill conditions



### FOGGY CONDITIONS

The bus may not be able to stop on the highway or busy side roads in severe fog conditions

### EARLY DISMISSAL

Sometimes a storm can start during the school day and buses may be called to take students home early OR school buses may be cancelled.

## COVID-19 INFORMATION

# NON-TRICKY TIPS FOR A SPOOKY SAFE HALLOWEEN

**DON'T trick-or-treat, hand out treats, or go to a party if you are feeling ill (even if symptoms are mild) or in isolation/quarantine.**



### Trick-or-treating

- Choose costumes that allow your child to wear a non-medical mask. They can wear a mask underneath a Halloween mask as long as they can see and breathe comfortably. Make sure it's comfortable so your child won't need to adjust it.
- Go only with family or cohort members and keep a healthy distance from others.
- Stay in your community to limit the number of people you come into contact with.
- Carry hand sanitizer and use it after touching touch-points like doorbells or railings.
- If you can, knock instead of pushing doorbells, or keep 2 metres from the door or porch and call "trick or treat". Make sure the person calling is wearing a mask.
- Wait until you're home and have washed your hands before handling candy.

### Handing out candy

- Print posters from [Alberta.ca](https://alberta.ca/covid19) to hang in your window or place on your door to let trick-or-treaters know if you're handing out treats this year or not.
- Wear a mask and use tongs or a grabber.
- Keep a healthy distance from trick-or-treaters. If possible, hand out candy from the driveway, open garage, or lawn instead of your front door.
- Ask trick-or-treaters to knock instead of ringing the doorbell.
- If you are indoors (school, apartment building, or mall) use a table or desk to keep a safe distance from trick-or-treaters (e.g. school classroom, apartment building, mall)

- Avoid handling treats
  - Use prepackaged candy (no homemade treats)
  - Hand treats out directly from the package they came in
  - Don't leave self-serve bowls of bulk candy
  - Make candy bundles/bags and space them out on a table or blanket for trick-or-treaters to take
- Get creative! Build a candy slide down your front steps or railing! Build a (safe) candy catapult! There are many fun ways to hand out treats while maintaining physical distance.

### Attending a party (adults and kids)

- Spend time with people you know. The smaller the group the better.
- If possible, host your party outside. It's easier to keep a healthy distance between guests and there's better air circulation. (See guidance for ["Outdoor Events"](#))
- If the party is indoors, keep it small and maintain 2 metres away from people in other families and cohorts. (See guidance for ["Indoor Events"](#))
- Don't share drinks, snacks, cigarettes, vapes or cannabis – and no bobbing for apples!
- Choose games and activities that don't involve sharing items, and allow for distancing.
  - Set up art and craft stations so that each guest has their own materials (no sharing).
  - Instead of face painting, hand out temporary tattoos or stickers that guests can put on themselves.
  - Make sure any shared items are sanitized between uses.
  - Wash or sanitize your hands often. Have hand sanitizer easily accessible.