

# Little Jay Journal

OCTOBER 1, 2021

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- \* October 1st, Friday Program, Mancos Public Library
- \* October 13th, 4:15-5:15pm, Preschool Parent Committee Meeting, Preschool
- \* October 18th, 6:00-7:00pm, Board of Education Work Session, Board Room
- \* October 18th, 7:00-9:00pm, Board of Education Meeting, Board Room
- \* October 26th, 4:15-4:45pm, PTA meeting at Boyle Park (weather permitting)
- \* October 28th, 6:30pm, 3-5 grade, Middle School, and High School Halloween Concert, Mancos Performing Arts Center



## PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

It is so wonderful to see all the moisture coming down from our skies. Our weather is certainly changing. Please make sure students are prepared at school for a change in weather that can happen at a moments notice. If families are in need of support in providing additional clothing for cold and wet weather, please let us know, as we are more than happy to help with this.

In the Mancos School District, it is very important that administration understands our staff and students' experiences and perceptions. With that, next week we are administering a survey to all staff, and 3- 12th grade students to best understand the experiences and perceptions of our school district. This year, we are, again, partnering with Panorama Education to survey PK-12 staff, and 3-12th grade students, about their experiences and perceptions of school.

Participation in the survey is completely confidential, meaning no one at school will ever see the individual responses, as Panorama Education will be managing the process to ensure security. The results of these surveys will help administrators better understand staff and students' experiences and perceptions of our school district. Survey data will be used by administrators to identify strengths and areas for growth.

We look forward to receiving the results so we can continue to provide a quality education to our students, and to ensure that we are providing a quality work place to all of our staff.

Have a wonderful Little Jay day!  
Cathy Epps PK-5 Principal

## OCTOBER COUNT

Colorado schools receive funding from the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) based on a per-pupil count of enrollment. Due to reporting mandates, if your child is absent between Wednesday, 9/22 through Monday, 10/11 we will need written documentation verifying your student(s) absence.

Please send a note with your student upon their return or an email can be sent to Mrs. Miller [amiller@mancosre6.edu](mailto:amiller@mancosre6.edu).

Thursday, September 30, is the official attendance count day. Please make every effort to ensure that your student is in attendance that day. Your cooperation is appreciated in helping us with this requirement.

# HALLOWEEN CONCERT

Mancos Elementary 3rd, 4th and 5th graders will perform with the Mancos Middle and High School Band in a Halloween concert on October 28th, at 6:30pm in the Mancos Performing Arts Center. Students have been working hard on this music, so please try to have them available to participate in this concert of fun, spooky, and classic Halloween music! Please keep your eye out for more communications about concert dress and arrival time. Contact Mr. Saletta if you have any questions, comments, or concerns. Thanks!



Andrew Saletta

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## NURSE SHARON'S NOTE

October is soon upon us! For some, that means apple picking and apple pies. Apples are not only delicious, but they give us quite a bit of our daily nutritional needs. That also includes healthy carbohydrates that help kids get the energy they need to complete the school day. Here are some benefits to eating apples:

- Apples have fiber which help with digestive health
- They have a pretty high water content which help them stay lower calorie and can help with weight management if eaten regularly
- Apples have calcium and magnesium which contributes to healthy bones
- They also have antioxidants that help get rid of toxic free radicals out of your body that can contribute to various illnesses

Having apples as part of your diet can help improve health when eaten routinely. Experiment with different ways to eat them or top them with different things like peanut butter (if not allergic), eat with cheese slices, or even in a pie (with minimal sugar added)!

The Mancos School District had our first weekly serial COVID-19 testing on Monday, Sept. 27th. Forty three people, staff and students, tested. Results were all negative and provided such a relief. Anyone may still sign up to be tested - staff and students, vaccinated, unvaccinated, symptomatic, asymptomatic. Routine serial testing keeps schools open. A

positive test means that person goes home Monday morning and has not exposed others at the school, allowing classes to remain open. Those who test weekly, will not have to quarantine if they are exposed to a positive case. Also, a vaccinated person does not need to quarantine if exposed to a positive person.

Great news! Thank you to students, families and staff as this is week 4 that the Mancos School District has had NO COVID-19 positive cases.

Sincerely,

Sharon Martinez,RN  
Mancos District School Nurse

## CAFETERIA CORNER

We are hoping that all of you are having a great start to the new school year. We are working hard to keep your children well fed and as safe as possible. Please remember that breakfast and lunch is free to all student's this year and that we are working hard to make sure that those two meals are as healthy and delicious as possible. Students have fresh fruit and vegetable options to choose from daily which most of them are enjoying. We are trying to limit the processed prepackage foods that we had to use last year due to COVID. Please keep in mind that menus are subject to change at any time without notification due to manufacturing shortages. We are trying to keep as close to the menu as possible but if there is a change in the menu please understand that most times it is out of our control.

**Please, if you have not already done so, fill out the free and reduced meal application. Many people are unaware that this data that we collect is confidential and also helps us to qualify for additional funding for our district. Schools that have free and reduced percentage of 50 % or higher qualify for additional grants that help our district and our community access funds for programs that benefit our students and their families. In addition, this year due to the pandemic, qualifying families are eligible for additional funds that are available through their PEBT cards. For more information, contact Janet Fogel at [jfogel@mancosre6edu](mailto:jfogel@mancosre6edu) or 970-533-7745.**

Have a great restful weekend,

Janet Fogel  
Food Services Director



## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES!

We are looking for talented individuals to join the Blue Jay Family in various positions.

More information can be found here -

<https://www.mancosre6.edu/about-us/employment-opportunities>

## PTA NEEDS YOUR HELP!

We are looking for volunteers to help run two concession booths. It's a lot of fun and helps PTA raise money to support our school, staff and students.



[Concessions - PTA Sign-Up](#)



## WATCH D.O.G.S

We invite dads, step dads, uncles, grandfathers or other father figures to volunteer at least one day this school year. You will be a positive role model on our students and involved in all grade levels.

To schedule your day, please contact [Alice](#) or call 970-533-7744.



# Fridays @ The Library!

SCIENCE, STORIES & CRAFTS!  
AM - SCIENCE & STORIES  
PM - CRAFTS & BUILDING

[www.mancoslibrary.org/events/](http://www.mancoslibrary.org/events/)

9:30 - 10:30: Science  
10:30 - 11:30: Reading  
11:30 - 12:30: Lunch Provided  
12:30 - 2:00: Create & Build



Gather in the Outdoor  
Classroom!



Register by Wednesday  
[ebohm@mancoslibrary.org](mailto:ebohm@mancoslibrary.org)



Please wear a mask



**MANCOS ELEMENTARY WEBSITE**

**MANCOS EARLY LEARNING CENTER WEBSITE**

**CHECK US OUT ON FACEBOOK (PK-5)**

