

Kids Corner

MANCOS EARLY LEARNING CENTER * NOVEMBER 2021

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, 11/11 - Early Release (ELC only-pick up by 12:30pm) PTC 1:00-6:00pm

Friday, 11/12 - ELC PTC - 8:00-12:00pm

Saturday, 11/13, 10:00-5:00pm, Vaccination Clinic, Bus Loop

No School - Thanksgiving Break 11/22-11/26

MELC PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCE + EARLY RELEASE THURSDAY 11/11

Parent Teacher Conferences are this coming Thursday and Friday. Please make sure you have signed up with your child's teacher and you'll also need to pick your child up by 12:30pm this Thursday.

PETS

We have launched into our inquiry on pets. We think it will be fun to explore pets. As we dive in, we will learn concepts and skills in literacy, math, science, social studies, the arts, and technology. We will develop thinking skills as we observe, investigate, ask questions, solve problems, make predictions, and test our ideas. In all of this, we focus on the social and emotional development of the children.

Here's how you can help at home. If you are out and about in the community, you can notice the different pets you see. Ask your child to describe the different characteristics of the animals they see. We've been working on classifying different types of animals. Some animals should remain wild. Some animals can be pets and also exist in the wild.

If you have a pet at home, invite your child to help care for them. Talk about the needs of the pet.

We are always working on social and emotional development. Ask your child to describe how they are feeling. Can they identify how other people are feeling by observing their face? Be

open about your own feelings. Model how you calm yourself down when you are feeling frustrated, or ask your child if they have any ideas that help them calm down.

We also are working on using words to explain what we are needing. You can remind your children at home that it will be easier for you to help them with their needs if they use their words.

As we move into colder weather, please make sure that your child has appropriate clothing to keep them warm. We go outside everyday. Water bottles are very important as we do not have access to the drinking fountains.

We look forward to our upcoming parent teacher conferences. It is such a joy to spend time with your child. Thank you for sharing them with us.



NURSES NOTES

In our world of COVID-19, I think we all tend to forget there is so much more happening all around us. November is both diabetes and epilepsy awareness month. November is the month communities work together to bring awareness to these diseases.

- For diabetes, this year's focus is on prediabetes and prevention - small steps, big difference.
- Would you know how to help someone having a seizure? The Mancos Elementary staff have had an inservice in seizure first aid and are prepared if a seizure occurs in our schools.



Please visit our Mancos School District [website](#) for information regarding our COVID-19 vaccination clinic happening November 13th.

As we enter November, we also are entering the cold and flu season. Everyone is aware that the symptoms are similar to Covid. How does a parent know what their child has? How does the school nurse know what the student has? Mostly, we do not. Testing is the only true way to determine that and many people do not want to test. Many parents will keep their children home when they have a stuffy nose or a stomach ache, many will send their children to

school. These ill children in school will be sent to the nurse's office. How does she know what the student has? She doesn't!!! Some of these children will return to class, some will be sent home. This will result in a potential Covid case remaining in the classroom.

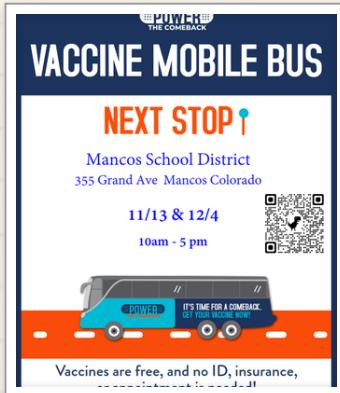
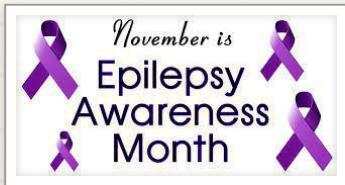
So what can we do??? We can all work together to do our very best. That is all each of us should ask of one another.

In the world of Covid and schools, what does that mean? Does that mean keeping a sick child home? Does that mean the nurse should send home every child with a runny nose? No matter what choices each of us makes, let's just know that each of us is doing our very best to do the right thing. We may not all agree, but together we can do this. We can keep our schools open. That is the one goal each and every one of us truly wishes for. If we all do our small part, we can make it happen.

This year we are asking parents to err on the side of keeping your child home if they have COVID symptoms:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

Please watch for exciting news in the next two weeks about a vaccination clinic for students 5-11 years old, new air filtration systems in all classrooms, and remember all students can be tested every Monday at school at no cost. We CAN DO THIS.



P EBT cards were sent out this week. Many are asking what these cards are and why you might have received one in your child's name. As I mentioned before, when you apply for free and reduced meals, you may be eligible to receive PEBT benefits. If you have received this card, your household qualified for extra benefits that were intended to supplement families for meals on days that school is not in session during the pandemic. This includes weekends. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

If you have any questions please contact me at 970-533-7745 or jfogel@mancosre6.edu

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