

Manvel Public School

Inspiring 21st Century Learners to Influence 22nd Century Successes



August 2022

Dear Manvel Public School Families,

We would like to welcome you and our students to the 2022-2023 school year! Hopefully you and your children have used some of their time away to relax, recharge and get ready to embrace the upcoming school year.

Instead of mailing our back to school paper packets to families this year, we are going “paperless” and all school forms may be found on our school website at www.manvel.k12.nd.us under the “Forms” tab. If you need a paper copy of any of the forms, please stop by the office before school starts.

We are in need of substitute teachers for both certified staff and paraprofessionals. If you have at least 48 semester college credits, you are eligible to be a substitute teacher in an MPS classroom. To learn more about how to become a certified substitute teacher in North Dakota, click the link here: [Substitute License Requirements in ND](#). Paraprofessional substitute teachers don’t need a specific number of college credits, but need to fill out paperwork at the school office and submit to a fingerprint background check. We would love to have parents or community members as substitutes in our building.

Success in school is greatly influenced by what occurs out of school. Total success is a community endeavor and MPS staff appreciate the support you provide for your children at home and at school in order to help them meet their educational goals. Each year brings forth new opportunities. We are delighted to have everyone back and are looking forward to connecting with each of them for what looks to be a GREAT school year ahead!

POPSICLES WITH THE PRINCIPAL

Come and join Mrs. Hiltner and other MPS staff on **Thursday, August 11th, 2022** from **11:00 a.m. to noon** on the playground at MPS for a popsicle and fun! Meet your friends (and make new ones) as we reconnect with each other from summer vacation.

OPEN HOUSE

This year’s **Back to School BASH Open House** will be held on **Monday, August 22nd**, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Hot Dogs will be served by PTO and a variety of fun activities will be available as families visit their classrooms and meet their new teachers. It is a fun night for all ~ please plan to attend!

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

The first day of school is **Thursday, August 25th**. The first bell rings at **8:15 a.m.**

STUDENT DATA SHEET

ALL MPS families need to fill out the Student Data Sheet before the start of the 22-23 school year. You can find the [Student Data Form here](#) or under the “Forms” tab on our school website at www.manvel.k12.nd.us

Due to new state regulations, this form needs to be filled out by ALL families (one per child). *If any information changes during the school year, please notify the school office so our data remains current and accurate.*

MY SCHOOL BUCKS

We again have [My School Bucks](#) this year at MPS. This program provides a quick and easy way to make payments toward school fees such as ASP, sports/transportation, field trips, Mustang apparel, and more! Please see the school website under the “Forms” tab to learn more about My School Bucks.

BREAKFAST & LUNCH PROGRAM

The free and reduced lunch form is available to fill out (and is confidential). **MPS receives federal dollars and money for our Title Programs based on qualifications of this form, so we ask that as many families as possible fill out the form this year.**

Students may choose to eat breakfast from 8:00 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. (or when their bus arrives) each school day.

This year, breakfast will cost \$1.50 for students at MPS and \$2.00 for adults. Lunch will cost \$2.70 for students and \$3.55 for adults (pending approval of the free and reduced lunch program). Parents are welcome to join their child for breakfast or lunch. Please call ahead so we have a proper count for preparing the food.

SCHOOL BUS ROUTES

School bus routes will remain essentially the same as last year. **If you do not need a bus pick up in the morning, call the school office, and we will contact the bus by radio (especially on the first day of school).** Also, in order to accommodate adjustments to your child's after school plans, please call the school **no later than 1 p.m.** so that we can communicate those changes to the teacher and the bus driver in a timely manner. The town bus route will continue this year and will provide transportation assistance for students in cooperative athletics with Valley Middle School and Central High School. Please make sure your middle school child is informed about the bus plan.

MORNING HIGH SCHOOL BUSING

Most high school students are required to be at Central High School to start classes at 8 a.m. Students wishing to take a bus to Central will need to be at Manvel School **by 7:10 a.m.** to board for the high school run. After school, the Manvel bus will pick the students up at the front doors of Central at 2:55 p.m. and will return to MPS at 3:20 p.m.

SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST/SCHOOL FEES

The school supply list is on our school website at www.manvel.k12.nd.us

The school does not have a registration fee. At various times during the year, there may be charges for individual supplies and activities.

KINDERGARTEN/PRESCHOOL

Kindergarten is all day, Monday through Friday. Eligible students need to have had their 5th birthday on or before July 31, 2022.

Preschool's morning session will be from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m., and the afternoon session will be from 12:20 to 3:20 p.m., Monday through Friday. To participate in the preschool program, students need to have had their 4th birthday on or before July 31, 2022. Transportation for preschool children to and from daycares within the city of Manvel will be provided. For more information, please call the school office.

****Important: Kindergarten, preschool and new students must have a copy of their birth certificate and a completed immunization record on file. Please submit them on or before the first day of school.***

MORNING MUSTANGS PROGRAM

The Morning Mustang Program opens each weekday at 7:30 a.m. for students whose parents need to go to work early. This program offers students STEM activities, games and critical thinking skills, along with some physical activity before the bell rings for the day. Students who attend Morning Mustangs may also eat breakfast.

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Manvel School will continue to offer an ***After School Program***. It will run from 3:30 to 5:45 p.m., Monday through Friday. Students will have the opportunity to receive homework assistance, have structured free time, and participate in many fun and exciting learning projects planned and coordinated by Ms. Kendal Braaten. Snacks will be provided. The fee is \$6 per student per day, but will also be adjusted based on qualification of free and reduced lunch. If you would like your child(ren) to participate, please call the office and register them in the program. **Although drop-ins are always welcome, registration of regular attendance is necessary for staff scheduling.**

MEDICAL FORMS

All over the counter (OTC) and prescription medications will need to be provided by the parent/guardian of each student. Manvel Public School no longer supplies OTC medications including Tylenol, Ibuprofen, Tums, Neosporin, cough drops, Vaseline, hydrocortisone cream, or contact solution. Please fill out the Medication Consent form (one per family) found on the school website under the "forms" tab, and return it to the school along with any OTC medications for your child(ren). **All prescription medications must be brought to school by a parent/guardian.**

MUSTANG CLOTHES

Every Monday at Manvel School is designated as "Mustang Monday." Mustang gear or anything with our school colors (black and orange) can be worn to show our school pride! In the Fall, we will have an on-line store to purchase Mustang clothing and winter gear.

PTO (Parent Teacher Organization/Volunteerism)

PTO is a great way to enjoy children and make a positive difference in their lives through volunteering. As a parent you have many talents you can share with our children and school. Volunteers are needed for various school and after school activities. If you are interested in volunteering please contact us. This year, we welcome Cassie Frazier as our new PTO President.

SPORTS 2022-2023

All students at MPS participating in sports this year must complete a physical with your primary care doctor for the 2022-2023 school year.

Students in 7th and 8th grade are eligible to participate in sports with Valley Middle School in Grand Forks. Cooperative sports are offered through Grand Forks for activities that are not available in Manvel. Girls softball, boys football and boys soccer will be offered in the fall. Transportation to 7th & 8th grade practices will be provided by Manvel School. Contact Valley Middle School for more information or questions at 746-2360.

PARENTS RIGHT TO KNOW

Through federal education law, parents have the right to request information on the professional qualifications of the teachers and paraprofessionals at our school. If you are interested in learning this information, please contact the school administration office at (701) 696-2212. Upon this request, you will receive a detailed explanation of the licensing, education, and experience of each of our teachers. You will also receive information regarding the names and qualifications of the paraprofessionals at our school.

STUDENT HANDBOOK

A copy of the 2022-2023 student handbook is available to view on our website under the "Parent" tab at <https://www.manvel.k12.nd.us/>

STUDENT YEARBOOKS

Yearbooks for the 2021-2022 school year will be distributed this fall. You may still purchase a yearbook through MySchoolBucks, or at the school office for \$25.00. Copies of yearbooks for previous school years are still available to purchase. Please contact the office to inquire about any specific yearbook that you may be interested in buying.

REMIND APP

If you are not already subscribed to our school-wide REMIND APP, please see the directions found on our school website under the "Forms" tab. The administration at MPS will use the REMIND APP to text important information about special events, school concerts, or weather related announcements. *Communication with our parents is key to a successful school year!*

We are excited to begin the new school year! Our theme this year is Be Safe - Be Respectful - Be Responsible. Our staff is committed to making this school year full of learning and fun, while ensuring that all students at MPS are healthy while providing them with the best education possible. We will always continue to work to create an environment where we can empower all students, every day! Don't hesitate to reach out to us about any questions or concerns. Thanks for partnering with us to create a quality school that we can all be proud of at MPS!