

Hello parents/guardians and students of Manhattan Elementary School,

The month of September was a great month with lots of learning and fun activities. A big thank you to all the PTO volunteers for making the Annual Tiger Fun Run a huge success. We are so thankful for Linsey Kallestad's leadership and tireless energy.

HALLWAY AND LUNCHROOM BEHAVIOR

The K-5 building has been working on hallway passing and lunchroom behaviors. Students are expected to walk on the right side of the hallway and use a 0 voice level - which is no talking. They are really doing well! Students in class are not interrupted as others walk by their classroom. It's a beautiful sight. The lunchroom continues to be a challenge. There is a balance between eating and visiting quietly and not eating and yelling at one another. We strive to encourage appropriate lunchroom behavior with a voice level 1-2 and more eating than talking. It is a work in progress. However, when I, or any adult, gives the clapping signal, all students are quick to stop and listen. I am very proud of this show of respect for adults in our building. It's also a beautiful sight!

TOYS AND CARDS AT SCHOOL

Starting Monday, October 2, please have your child/ren leave their toys and cards at home. There are a few reasons for this. First, toys and cards can be a distraction in the classroom, tempting students to divert their attention away from their work to play with them. This can disrupt the learning process for both the student and their classmates. Second, toys and cards can be lost or broken at school. If a student brings a toy to school, it is their responsibility to keep track of it. However, accidents happen, and toys can easily get lost or broken in the classroom or on the playground. This can be upsetting for the student and can lead to conflict with other students. Finally, some toys can be dangerous. For example, small toys can be a choking hazard. I understand that toys can be a fun and important part of a child's life. However, I encourage you to keep toys and trading cards at home and allow your child to enjoy them outside of school hours.

THANK YOU STUDENTS, PARENTS/GUARDIANS AND STAFF

My sincere gratitude for all of your hard work and dedication during the first five weeks of school. I am so proud of what we have accomplished together in such a short amount of time. To our students, thank you for your enthusiasm and eagerness to learn. You have come to school each day ready to challenge yourselves and grow. Your progress is impressive and I know that you will continue to achieve great things this year. To our parents/guardians, thank you for your support and partnership. Educating a child is a team effort, and I am grateful for your involvement in your child's education. Thank you for volunteering your time, helping with homework and communicating with teachers. To our staff, thank you for your commitment to our students and our school. You work tirelessly to create a positive and supportive learning environment for all students. I am so excited to see what the rest of the year holds for our educational community as a result of your dedication and professionalism. Together, we can achieve anything.