



# PawPrints



## *Principal's Quill*



Mannheim  
Elementary School

December 19, 2008

I want to extend a very special thank you to Ms. W and the students in her music classes for their outstanding production of the *Nutcracker*, *A Youth Musical* on December 9. It was a marvelous way to begin our holiday season and certainly showcased the talents of our students from kindergarten through fifth grade.

We are very proud of our 87% student response rate on the DoDEA Customer Satisfaction Survey to date. It is important that sponsors and parents also let their voice be heard about our school and it's programs. Our sponsor/parent response is only 14%. Our goal is 100% of our sponsors and parents. While you have until the end of February, I'd like to ask you take a few minutes during winter recess to let us know how well we have been doing in meeting your needs this year and in learning those areas in which you believe we have room for improvement. Please let your voice be heard by going to our school website or to the DoDEA website at [www.dodea.edu](http://www.dodea.edu) and click on the Customer Satisfaction Survey Link. We will give your ideas and comments serious consideration in making decisions about programs at Mannheim Elementary School.

Another way for your voice to be heard is by attending our second School Advisory Council (SAC) meeting, January 21, at 3 PM in our Information Center. At this time I will share items of interest to include our budget, school improvement plan, student achievement data, and information about specials programs. Our SAC will elect it's officers for the year and have an open forum for parents to ask questions or bring ideas to the board.

I'd like to wish our students and their families a safe and joyous holiday season with warmest wishes for a new year filled with happiness!

Sharon Overstreet  
Principal

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Thank you to all the parents, students, faculty, staff and community members who came out December 9th to support the PTA Meeting and Nutcracker performance. We were able to accept the proposed annual budget and have a wonderful time celebrating the effort and dedication the students and staff put into the performance. Congratulations to all who participated!!

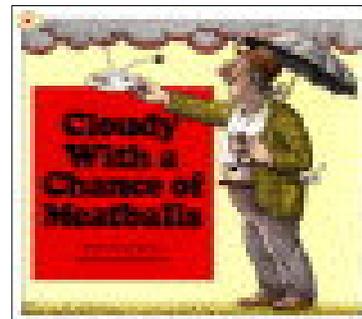
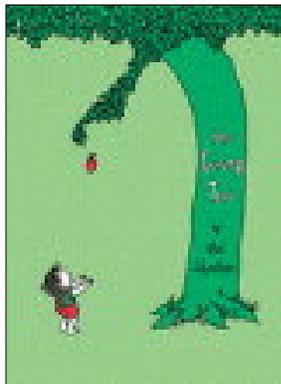
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Twenty-seven 3rd, 4th and 5th graders are studying hard for the upcoming MES PTA Spelling Bee to be held on January 29, 2009. These students were selected from the preliminary grade level spelling bees held in November.

The students continue to excel during practices after school. Please plan to come support them January 29th at 5:30 in the MPR/Gym.

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The MES PTA will be donating a book to each student during this holiday season to help promote their love and thirst for reading. Start looking for your child's special present soon. Happy Holidays!

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# Important Information



## Withdrawing Students

Please make sure that if you are withdrawing a student you give the office at least 2 weeks notice prior to your withdrawal date. We need this time to adequately prepare packets and clear your child from MES.

Thank you in advance for your support!

MES Registrar

## Student Extra-Curricular Club Changes

Keyboarding/Piano Class is FULL and no longer has student slots available.

Storytime & Song Class is FULL and no longer has student slots available.

Chorus (3rd-5th Graders) has 4 student slots available.

**\*\*Meets Wednesdays from 2:40-3:30pm\*\***

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# Guide to Supervise Your Child

## USAREUR Child Supervision Guidance (2009)

**\*\* Children with a history of Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD), Developmental Delay, behavioral problems, impulsivity, psychiatric problems or other impairments should not be given the degree of self-management/responsibility allowed in this policy.**

### HOME ALONE?

**Birth - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade - NEVER**

Grades 6 & 7 - Up to 6 hours (in 24 hour period) with ready access to adult supervision (**NEVER** overnight)

Grades 8, 9, and 10 - yes (**NEVER** overnight)

Grades 11 & 12 - yes (may be alone for up to 48 hours, but an adult neighbor or adult friend must check on them at least every 12 hour)

### BABYSITTING?

**Birth - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade - NEVER**

Grade 6 - may baby-sit siblings only, for up to 3 hours with ready access to adult supervision

Grade 7 - up to 6 hours with ready access to adult supervision (**NEVER** overnight)

Grade 8, 9, & 10 - Up to 12 hours with ready access to adult supervision (**NEVER** overnight)

Grades 11 & 12 - yes

### UNATTENDED IN VEHICLE?

**Birth - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade - NEVER**

Grades 4 & 5 - yes, for up to 10 minutes (keys removed and handbrake applied)

Grades 6 & 7 - yes

Grades 8, 9, & 10 - yes

Grades 11 & 12 - yes

### UNATTENDED OUTSIDE?

**Birth - 4 years - NEVER**

K - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade - If in a playground or yard, (**MUST** be in sight or hearing distance from a parent or supervising adult at all times)

Grades 4-5 - If in a playground or yard with ready access (**in person**) to adult supervision at all times

Grades 6 & 7 - Up to 6 hours with ready access to adult supervision

Grades 8 & up - Yes

K & below may not walk to and from school or other supervised activities alone

1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade - May walk to and from school and supervised active

**Questions? Call Social Work Service: 371-2084 or ACS: 370-6975**

**\*\*For a complete Child Supervision Guidance policy, please contact Social Work Service or ACS.**

# Nurse's Office



## MANNHEIM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

### Sick Student Policy

*From the Desk of School Nurse*

A student with a fever of 100 degrees or above should stay home or will be sent home.

A student may return to school after they have been free of a fever for 24 hours, without taking medication.

A student with diarrhea, nausea, and/or vomiting should stay home or will be sent home.

A student who has been free of diarrhea, nausea, and/or vomiting for 24 hours without medication may return to school.

A student diagnosed with Strep Throat must have had antibiotic treatment for 24 hours before returning to school.

A student with conjunctivitis (pink eye) with or without drainage should stay home. The student may return to school after being seen and providing a note from the doctor stating the student may return to school. The student should be on medication for 24 hours before returning to school.

A student with unknown rashes, ringworm, weeping impetigo will be sent home. These should be evaluated/treated by a doctor and the infected area must be covered to return to school. (Doctor's note is needed)

Students with head lice will be sent home and may return to school after being treated and all nits have been removed.

A student must feel well enough to participate in ALL school activities including recess while at school.

Student will remain in the Nurse's Office until they are picked up when they have a condition that is considered contagious and easily passed from child to child.

Student with a non-contagious disease may remain in the classroom or the Nurse's Office until they are picked up by their parent/s or guardians (i.e. tiredness, no specific symptoms).

Thank you for your partnership in keeping children healthy and for maintaining a safe and healthy environment in our school.

## *School Psychologist's Corner*

### TEN TIPS FOR PARENTS FOR A POSITIVE REUNION

**Source: Thomas Hardaway, M.D.**

**Children may not act as expected or desired.** Upon the return of the deployed parent, children may behave in paradoxical fashion. At the first moments of reunion, they may jump forward and embrace their parent, or, on the other hand, may stand back and even be reticent at first. Very young children may not remember their parent well, and may even treat that parent as a stranger. It is important for both parents not to take this as a bad sign or to take it personally. Different children may need help warming back up, and it will only prolong that warming-up period if parents become indignant or angry about their behavior. Some "wooing" by the returning parent and coaching and encouragement by the other parent will help things to become positive and warm again.

For more information about Deployment and Reunions check the school's webpage at: <http://www.mannes.eu.dodea.edu>. Click on the Deployment and Reunion information link on the right side of the front page.

Come One, Come All  
To The  
**Winter Fest Family Event**



Sponsored by MES School-Home-Community Partnership Committee

**When:** Thursday, January 22, 2009, 4-6pm

**Where:** MES main hallway

**What:** Games, contests and lots of prizes to take home!

Hot dogs, chips, sodas & dessert will be sold for dinner.

**\*\*Candy donations needed. Please send individually wrapped candies in to your child (no hard candies please).**

PTA will be selling spiritwear, memberships and yearbooks.

**Children must be accompanied by an adult at ALL times, so bring the family and come ready to have lots of FUN!**



# Calendar of Events

## December events

22 December-2 January 2009 (Winter Recess)

## January Events

5 January—Classes Resume

22 January—Winter Fest (4-6pm, Main Hallway)

29 January—School Spelling Bee (5pm, Gym)

For those of you who like to pencil in **NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS** dates on your calendar, please note the following as of today:

22 December-2 January 2009 (Winter Recess)

19 January (Federal Holiday)

23 January (Teacher Workday)

30 January (Parent-Teacher Conferences)

13 February (SIP Inservice Day)

16 February (Federal Holiday)

3 April (Teacher Workday)

6-10 April (Spring Recess)

17 April (Parent-Teacher Conferences)

25 May (Federal Holiday)



School Lunch website



<http://odin.aafes.com/nutrition/08/index.html>

## IMPORTANT MES PHONE NUMBERS and EMAILS

MES Main Office: DSN: 380-4705/4369

Civilian: 0621-730-4705/4369

FAX: 0621-723-905

Health Office: DSN: 380-4311/Civ.0621-730-4311

Registration: DSN: 380-9382/Civ. 0621-730-9382

Attendance: [esmannattend@eu.dodea.edu](mailto:esmannattend@eu.dodea.edu)