Dear Manzo Families,

Hard to believe December is already here and we are now starting to feel the cool weather. WOW!!!! Our 2nd quarter is coming to an end in just a couple of weeks and our Winter Break is quickly approaching. Happy Holidays to everyone!

**TAX CREDIT DONATIONS**

It is time to start thinking about making your 2018 tax credit donation to Manzo. By donating to Manzo, you are taking control of how some of your taxes are being spent by the state. The State of Arizona allows a dollar-for-dollar tax credit for contributions made to schools. There is still time for you to make your tax donation for the 2018 calendar year. You do not have to contribute the whole amount of $200 (single taxpayer) or $400 (joint taxpayers) at once. You can spread your contributions over time as long as your final donation is made no later than December 31, 2018. We use your tax donations to pay for extra-curricular activities, such as field trips and equipment/materials that enhance our programs at Manzo. Since the money you can donate is money you would have to pay the state anyway, why not spend it the way you want? If you are one of the lucky ones who would be receiving a refund your refund is increased by the amount you contribute. It’s a Win - Win for everyone!! You may donate online at [www.tusd1.org/taxcredit.html](http://www.tusd1.org/taxcredit.html) or send donations to the school.

**OPEN ENROLLMENT**

School Community Services will be accepting magnet and school choice applications for the School Year 2019-20. The deadline for the first lottery is Jan. 11, 2019. If your child is moving to a new level (ie. Elementary school to Middle school/Middle School to High School) or you would like to consider a different educational experience, please check out the Catalog of Schools found on the School Community Department website. For applications or more information visit TUSD website at [www.tusd1.org](http://www.tusd1.org) or call 225-6400. You may also pick one up at any TUSD school.

**COLD WEATHER**

As the weather is getting colder we will have many students wearing jackets and sweaters. Many of these are misplaced and find themselves in our Lost and Found bin located by the exit doors to our playground next to the cafeteria. Parents please take some time to look through the bin for any misplaced jackets and sweaters or other items such as water bottles or lunch boxes. If you put your child’s name in their jackets, sweaters, lunch boxes it is much easier to get the items back to the students. All unclaimed items in the lost and found are donated to charities or thrown out. Please check the lost and found cabinet regularly for misplaced items.

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**

Mr. LaTurco—Principal
Reading

Manzo Elementary will begin a new initiative to encourage all students to read at home. According to an article in Brand Spotlight, "Starting in kindergarten, if a student reads 20 minutes a day at home, they will hear 1.8 million words per year. They will have read for 851 hours by 6th grade and on standardized tests, they will likely score better than 90% of their peers."

Beginning second semester (January 7), all Manzo students will receive a Reading Folder with a Reading Log in it. All students will be required to return their Reading Folder and signed Reading Log every Friday. Students should read an average of 20 minutes a night and complete a simple summary of their reading each week. Parents must sign the Reading Log each week to indicate that their child/children have read each night.

We will have positive incentives for all students meeting this reading expectation through fun rewards from the library reading program. In addition, students will work toward a Reading Challenge that will culminate at the end of spring semester with a fun reward activity.

21st Century Community Learning Center

The 21st after school program will end for the first semester on Friday, December 15. Parents are invited to join us for our Fall Semester Showcase on Friday, December 15 from 4:00-5:00 pm on the Manzo Patio. The 21st CCLC morning and after school programs will begin again on Monday, January 7.

Counselor Corner

Student Council is kicking off our first annual Toy Donation Drive today! For the month of December, we will be accepting donations of new and gently used toys and clothing to gift to families in need. Your donations will go towards helping a local family in need as well as dozens of individuals at the Salvation Army. Join us in celebrating the reason for the season :) Donations accepted until December 20th.

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Success Maker

Parents!

Please make sure that your student remains active on Success Maker. This will help with their reading/math fluency and comprehension. Your students can go to https://tusd4237.smhost.net and log on from home (or any computer) using their matric number.

Christmas at Nana's

Come join us on Sunday, December 16th, 2018 from 12:30pm-4:30pm at 1422 W Saint Claire Tucson, AZ 85745
Bring your kids to see Santa and receive a gift, there will be food and music for all!!!
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