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 2019 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 2019 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, 2019. 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 2020-21. The deadline for the first lottery is Jan. 10, 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

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.”

HEALTH OFFICE NEWS

The cold and flu season is HERE. We want to promote practices that encourage preparedness and healthy classrooms. Please be sure the Health Office has current contact phone numbers. If you are not receiving the Principal’s parent link via your contact information we do not have your correct number on file.

We will monitor students for illness. Please keep children home from school if they have: Temperature of 100-degrees or more, has had vomiting or diarrhea the past 24 hours. Please make arrangements for your child to be picked up from school and to be kept at home while ill and recovering. Consult your doctor about influenza vaccines for your child and family.

We encourage and practice healthy habits:
1. Sneezing into your elbow
2. Covering coughs with a tissue
3. Washing hands

Visit the Pima County Health Department website for comprehensive information on influenza: http://pimahealth.org/disease/swineflu/

KEEPING OUR STUDENTS “SAFE”

For safety’s sake, do not drop-off or pick-up students in the bus bay, parking lot, or school crossing zone. Our school crossing zone is defined by our 15 MPH signs that are placed just before arriving to our school. Please do not park between these signs or use this area as a drop-off or pick-up area. We ask that parents exercise patience and courtesy at all times and follow established procedures. Due to safety reasons, please pick-up your child outside of our playground gates on the north side of the building. While picking up your child, please wait patiently for your child to get to your vehicle. Please Do Not Park in front of private residence’s mailboxes or driveways. This prevents their mail from being delivered. If you park across the street from the school, please walk to the gate to pick up your child.

4th Annual CHRISTMAS AT NANA’S TOY GIVEAWAY
Sunday, Dec. 15, 2019 12:30 - 4:30 pm
1422 W. Saint Clair St.
Pictures with Santa, Toys, Hot Chocolate, Cookies & Other Refreshments!!!
For info. Contact BERNADETTE (520)704-0449 or bernadettealgado@gmail.com
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