Dear Manzo Families,

Welcome Back! I hope that everyone had a holiday season filled with happiness and good times. Looking forward to the 2nd semester filled with many wonderful and exciting things happening!

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 or call 225-6400. You may also pick one up at any TUSD school.

STUDENT SAFETY
We need your help keeping our children safe at school. Please be sure not to send your child to school in the morning before there is supervision on the playground. Supervision on the playground does not start until 8:00 AM. Please remind your child to remain on the playground once they have arrived.

TAX CREDIT DONATIONS
I’d like to extend a huge Thank You on behalf of all our students, staff and community to all those who generously selected Manzo Elementary for their Tax Credit donation this year.

COLD WEATHER
We are still experiencing cold weather. Many of your student’s jackets and sweaters were left behind during the Holiday break. 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.

WELCOME BACK!
Mr. LaTurco—Principal
Parents,

Our students are our biggest investment. 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.” Help ensure a bright future for your children by spending a minimum of 20 minutes per day reading with them.

Reading Matters!

THE IMPACT OF READING 20 MINUTES PER DAY!

- A child who reads 20 MINUTES per day is exposed to 1.8 MILLION words per year and scores in 90th PERCENTILE on standardized tests.
- A child who reads 5 MINUTES per day is exposed to 282,000 words per year and scores in 50th PERCENTILE on standardized tests.
- A child who reads 1 MINUTE per day is exposed to 8,000 words per year and scores in 10th PERCENTILE on standardized tests.

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 web site 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.