Dear Manzo Families,
Thank you for coming to your parent/teacher conferences. Conferences were a great success, if you have any questions or concerns please call.

NEW TEACHERS AND STAFF:
Manzo Families, please help us welcome our newest family members. Ms. Romero is our new kinder teacher. She has been teaching for 34 years and has three daughters, ages 25, 22, and 15. Mr. Stoner is our new 5th grade teacher. He is an Air Force Veteran and has been teaching for 13 years. He is married and has four boys, ages 15, 14, 14, and 13. Ms. Ortez Figueroa is our new Library Assistant. She has been in the district for 13 years and has one daughter age 13 and two sons ages 12 and 11.

FALL BREAK:
Our Fall Break is finally here, October 7 – October 11th. Students return to school on Monday, October 14th. We wish you a safe and restful break. Upon return from the break please assure that your students have their names on their backpacks, lunch boxes and jackets, we want to make sure your kids get their items back when they lose them.

BOO BASH:
Wednesday, October 30th. We will be celebrating a Halloween Boo Bash at Peter Piper Pizza on Silverbell, from 5:00 - 8:00 pm. Please bring the entire family in their costumes. This is an opportunity for Manzo Families to support our school as 15% of the proceeds go to Manzo.

ATTENDANCE:
Please talk with your child about why it’s important to attend school regularly.
- Avoid scheduling family trips or doctor appointments during school hours.
- Make sure your child stays healthy by eating nutritious food and getting enough sleep and exercise.
- Don’t accept excuses for why your child “must” miss or be late.
- Discuss with your child what happens at school when they miss.
- Support school rules and consequences for being tardy.
- Explain to your child why education is important. Give specific examples of how education helps people succeed.
- Lead by example. If children see parents taking off work for no real reason, they may expect to be able to do the same thing.
- Open Enrollment requires good attendance by all students.

Research shows that attendance is the single most important factor in school success.

Steven La Turco, Principal
HEALTH CORNER

**Germs**
Please ask your students to wash their hands thoroughly, with soap, to stop the spread of germs. In addition, students should not be sharing their water bottles or other beverages. Flu season is here and we want to make sure that we all remain healthy and hydrated.

**Hydration**
The weather is still hot and the health office is seeing a high number of students due to tummy aches and headaches. To prevent this from occurring we ask that you please send your student with a reusable water bottle. According to research, students ages 5 to 12 should be drinking between 5 to 8 glasses of water each day.

LIBRARY CORNER

Dear Manzo Families,

I am so excited to meet and work with each of you this school year. I wanted to take a minute and introduce myself. My name is Glenda Ortez, I have been in the District for more than twelve years. I love to work with students, staffs, and community. I’m a student at Park University and looking forward to complete my degree. I don’t know what to do when I grow up yet but I’m hoping to stay in the District. I am also a mother of three beautiful children. Amy (13), Alan (12), and Alvin (11)…. all in middle school.

My mission as a Library Assistant is to provide access to all educational information in order to support the teaching, learning, research and student’s growth.

My primary goal is to enrich students’ lives and support my school to help our students to become lifelong learners and more responsible citizens.

Wish you all a wonderful school year.

Glenda Ortez Figueroa
Library Assistant

Reading

Manzo Elementary underway with our 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.” As part of the reading initiative, all Manzo students will be required to read 20 minutes per day during the school week and keep a reading log.