



# MES PTO MEETING RECAP

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## President's Address: Lauren Valentin

- Launched [PTO Instagram!](#)
- PTO now has a Google Workspace account
- Rock snake has moved outside
  - Geneva working on sign for it
- Trunk or Treat booth was a success
  - Julia did a great job
- Winter swag sale ongoing
  - Orders stop on Nov 29<sup>th</sup>
  - Orders ready by Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>
- Craft Fair
  - Over \$1100 in proceeds goes to the Cares team to help families
- Yearbook Photos
  - Please send them in! [yearbook@mansfieldtigerspto.org](mailto:yearbook@mansfieldtigerspto.org)

## Principal's Update: Kate McCoy

- Harvest Heritage festival was a success
- Pre-K
  - 3 full-day classes
  - Flexible groupings
  - Share lunch time with Kindergarten
  - Nap/Rest time
  - Number of students with IEPs
    - Exploring itinerant services
    - 16-17 children per class
- Fall Play Challenge, please spread the word!
- December Play Challenge will be coming in December
- After school clubs
  - Clubs began on 10/20 and run for about 7 sessions (except week of Thanksgiving)
  - Spring clubs will restart in February
- School of Distinction
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row to earn this! (2023 Math High Growth)
  - 2024-2025
    - High Performance and High Growth (all students)



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- English Language Arts (High Needs Students)
- Important reminders
  - Daily pickup changes due by **2:00pm**
    - Exceptions/emergencies after this time are only allowable 1-2 times before it will require admin approval
  - Student day starts at 8:55am
    - Cars must be in the line **prior** to that

## Superintendent's Report: Candace Morell

- Signage on Warrentville Rd (a state road, so a bit more complicated)
  - Met with Mansfield traffic authority to get better signage, paint on road
- Crosswalk inquiry
  - Instead, they plan to complete a sidewalk to the walkway near the ballfields
- Water system report
  - The water system treatment is on schedule, still not ready to drink
  - System continues to treat pipes, on track for utilization in spring
- Free/reduced lunch
  - Families can apply or reapply for free/reduced meals at any time throughout the school year

## Budget: Michelle Trevino-Talbot

- Current balance: \$6,575
- Upcoming expenses: ~\$2700
  - Largest expense is Snow Ball

## Fundraisers: Emily Potz & Justina Ingerson

- Harvest and Heritage Festival
  - Profit: \$283 (first event with a profit)
- Lyman Pie Fundraiser
  - \$3,142 raised!
  - Still looking for volunteers to hand out pies 3-6pm
- Downtown Storrs Winter Welcome - Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>
  - Looking for volunteers for that as well
- Snow Ball - Jan. 24<sup>th</sup>
  - Inclement weather date of the following weekend



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- 2 waves like last year: younger grades first, older grades latter. Not strictly enforced.
- Monday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> – Papa Gino’s Fundraiser
  - Portion of proceeds will be donated
  - Can call to order (with code) or order in person
- Disney on Ice – Frozen/Encanto
- Monster Jam
  - Split sections, some upper and some lower
- UConn Sports Events
  - Women’s Basketball
  - Women’s Hockey

## Vice President’s Address: Amanda:

- Penny Wars
  - Very successful!
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> grade won and got to pie staff members
  - Geneva made a trophy that can be used for 7 more years
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> grade also got an extra recess
  - The whole school got a PJ day on that Friday
- Winter Welcome
  - Plan to incorporate all students with the decorated tree
- Student Raffles were fun (from Harvest & Heritage Fest)

## Open Floor:

- Q: AI art on Bike Mansfield trailer
  - A: Not owned by school, but will follow up with them
- Q: Status on bids to reduce sound in great hall
  - A: At next meeting they’ll have final design. Most likely will be done during summer.
- Q: Sun shades on playground
  - A: Nearly done with sun shade, natural play area will be constructed after winter
- Q: Can the bus app be used to adjust bus dates
  - A: No, but you can let the office know about the schedule
- Q: Why are the bus schedules online (privacy reasons)?
  - A: It’s just standard practice
- Q: Do the buses have stop sign cameras on them?



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- A: No, not yet. Working with M&J to get this incorporated.

## Coming Up:

- November 29<sup>th</sup> - Winter swag sale ends
- December 8<sup>th</sup> - Papa Gino's Fundraiser
- January 24<sup>th</sup> - Snow Ball



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## Next Meeting:



Monday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026 @ 6:30 PM



MES Great Hall



Free pizza & childcare – bring a friend!



Everyone is welcome – your voice matters!



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Facebook

[Mansfield Elementary School PTO](#)

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2874156259541372>

*Private group* – answers to membership questions are **required**:

- To ensure that only parents, guardians, and staff from our school community are granted access
- Minimize the risk of unauthorized individuals joining the group
- Maintain a safe and respectful environment for sharing school-related news, events, and photos



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