



Manistee Area PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear MAPS Families;

Today we are providing an update regarding some questions we have received from our families and students. Please make note of the dates provided and the procedures outlined so that we are able to meet the needs of all families.

Food Service Program

Manistee Area Public Schools Food Services Team working in conjunction with the Michigan Department of Education will continue to provide the Grab & Go nutrition program available to all students of our community ages 18 and under through June 30th. We are currently awaiting details regarding the Summer Feeding Program that is anticipated to follow the current nutrition program beginning in July and will provide an update once the details are finalized.

Any family in the Manistee community with students 18 and younger is welcome to come to the Manistee Middle High School from 11:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m., Monday through Friday to pick up bagged breakfast and bagged lunch meals free of charge. Friday food service will also provide meals to feed students through the weekend. **The team will be providing 4 meals on Friday, May 22nd to provide meals for Memorial Day, as they will not be serving on Monday, May 25th.**

Personal Item Pick Up

We have made arrangements with each of the school buildings for the collection of personal items left behind by our students. Janitorial and administrative staff will be collecting personal belongings from lockers and classrooms, bagging and marking those items and making them available to families during times scheduled below. If you are unable to pick up your items during these times, please reach out to your student's teacher so that we are able to make alternative arrangements.

Jefferson Elementary

The pick-up lane will be staged in the parking lot. Please remain in your car and a staff member will approach you for the name(s) of your student(s). Please note: The school grounds will remain closed to all other activity including the playground.

June 2nd through June 4th grade levels will be allowed to pick-up on their designated day with two shifts each day from 9:00 am until noon and noon until 3:00.

June 2: 2nd Grade (Brown & Bradford - am) (Tomaszewski & DeJong - pm)

June 3: 1st Grade (Erdman & Wilson – am) (Forward & Johnson - pm)

June 4: Kindergarten (Lundberg & Veine – am) (Slawinski & Adams - pm)
3pm-6pm evening hours for all grades w/ custodian (June 4th only)

June 5: Any/all grades 9am-1pm

Kennedy Elementary

Families will pull up to the main entrance of Kennedy along 6th Street. Please remain in your vehicle and staff will approach you to learn the name(s) of your student(s). The items will be retrieved by staff members and brought to your vehicle. Pickup times on each of the days below are: 9:00 am until noon & 3:00 pm until 6:00 pm

June 2 - 5th grade & siblings in 3rd or 4th gr

June 3 - 4th grade & siblings in 3rd or 5th gr

June 4 - 3rd grade & siblings in 4th or 5th gr

June 5 - 9:00 am until 1:00 pm for all grades

Manistee Middle High School

Pull up to main entrance along drop-off drive to designated area. Remain in your vehicle and a staff member will approach your vehicle to learn the name(s) and/or locker number(s) of your student(s). The items will be brought to your vehicle. If your student shared a locker you made need to sort on a table provided.

Pickup times on each of the days below are: 9:00 am until 11:00 am & 3:00 pm until 6:00 pm. ***PLEASE do not come between 11:00 am and noon, as this is our time for community meal distribution.***

June 2 - 6th/7th grades

June 3 - 8th/9th grades

June 4 & 5 - 10th/11th/12th grades

IPad & Laptop Returns

All district issued iPads and laptops will need to be returned between June 8 and June 12 to Manistee Middle High School at 525 12th Street between the hours of 9:00 am to 11:00 am & 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm each day that week. Please pull up outside of the east entrance to the Paine Aquatic Center and stay in your vehicle. A staff member will approach your vehicle to retrieve your device(s) and record your name.

If you are unable to drop off the device during the specified time, please call and leave a message at 231-398-3669. MAPS staff will respond and find a solution for getting the device. If we do not hear from you and the device is not returned by June 12, the student will be assessed a fee of \$5/day; after three weeks, missing equipment may be referred to the police as stolen.

Grading

Based upon guidance of the Michigan Department of Education, grading from March 13th through the end of the school year placed emphasis on participation of schoolwork assigned, reviewed, and completed during distance learning and are marked as credit/no credit. GPA is based upon grades obtained through the 3rd marking period of the 2019/20 school year, unless additional guidance is provided. Please know that we strategized with state and local educational entities to identify this solution based upon the information we were provided due to the COVID-19 school closure.

We are in regular contact with federal, state and local authorities to stay informed about parameter for planning for the next school year. We are as anxious as you are to understand what school year will look like beginning in the fall. We will continue to update you as more details become available about the end of this school year and the beginning of the next school year. Thank you for your continued assistance with the learning activities of your student as we approach the final weeks of this school year.

Sincerely,

Ron Stoneman, Superintendent
Manistee Area Public Schools