



Manistee Area PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear MAPS Families;

As we prepare for our final week of the school year, there are a few things that MAPS families should be aware of. This update outlines what will be happening over the coming weeks. Our school year ends on Friday, June 5th. Even though we know you are anxious to get started with your summer plans, we ask that our families and students continue to interact with their teachers in learning activities through our final week.

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.

Student Athletes

The MHSAA has a new physical form for students that will be participating in athletics for the 20/21 school year. If you have a valid physical on file for the 2019-20 school year (completed on or after April 15, 2019), that will be valid if you are able to answer "No" to each of the 14 questions on the front of the form.

The link to the new Health Questionnaire [HERE](#). If all answers are NO, return the signed form to us with the NO answers and we will mark your physical valid for next year.

- If you did not have a physical on file for 2019-20, you will need one for next year.
- If you answered YES to any of the 14 questions, you will need a new physical.
- If you answered NO to all of the questions, you may still go get a new physical if you choose.

The hospital usually hosts sports physicals in the spring/summer. Unfortunately, this service will not be available this year. Doctor's offices and clinics have said it will be difficult to see all athletes prior to the start of fall sports, so if your student needs a physical, please schedule it ASAP.

Next School Year

We are in regular contact with Federal, State, and local authorities to stay informed about parameters for planning for the next school year. We are as anxious as you are to understand what will be structured as we enter our next school year. We will continue to update you as more details become available, please watch your email and the www.chipslead.org website for updates.

Food Service Program

Even though our school year is ending, our daily food services program will continue. 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.

Paine Aquatic Center

Even as some businesses and amenities have been allowed to be reopened in our region, we have yet to receive any additional directives from the State that would allow for the District or the Paine Aquatic Center to resume on-property group activity for recreational purposes. We will be providing updates on the Paine Aquatic Center webpage at:

www.chipslead.org/paine-aquatic-center/ as more information becomes available. We thank you for your patience and we look forward to being able to resume access to this valuable community asset just as soon as State regulations allow.

Again, we want to thank you for your patience and flexibility in the face of the unprecedented challenges our MAPS family endured following the school closure. As difficult as it has been for our students to adjust to learning from home and missing their friends, our families that stepped into the role of teaching without much notice, and our teachers that adapted their way of reaching students to help bolster learning retention, we have shown strength as a learning community to overcome adversity. We thank you for partnering with us to meet the needs of our students.

Sincerely,

Ron Stoneman, Superintendent
Manistee Area Public Schools