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KENNEDY NEWSLETTER



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Reading

21 Minutes per day of reading outside of school results in an increase of more than 1.8 million reading words annually.

There are free books located in the lobby of Kennedy Elementary

[Calendar of Events at Manistee County Library](#)



PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

Hello Kennedy Families,

The school year is off to a great start! Everyone is doing a great job on attendance; keep up the great work and getting kids to school every day. Thank you for making school and learning a priority in your home. Your support is greatly appreciated!

We have had an increasing number of issues with aggressiveness at school and kids pushing/shoving others. Please remind your child that everyone needs to be safe at school, and that means everyone needs to keep our hands and bodies to ourselves. We can all create a safe learning environment if we work together.

Don't forget to sign up for Parent Teacher Conferences! They are coming up very quickly the second week in October.

I can't wait to see all the great Halloween costumes!

~ Shelly VanVoorst, Principal



Natalie Knickerbocker
Senior Parapro



STAFF HIGHLIGHT

With a genuine passion for education, she relishes the opportunity to meet and support each student’s learning journey. Her enthusiasm extends beyond the classroom as she also enjoys teaching swim lessons for the MRA and are deeply committed to supporting Special Olympics athletes.



PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCE

Directions for Conference Sign-ups

1. Please go to myconferencetime.com/manistee
2. Find and click on the name of your child’s teacher.
3. Select your preferred date and time.
4. Enter the required information. (e-mail address is not required, but if you enter one, you will receive an email confirmation.)
5. Click “Sign Up for Your Conference” near the bottom of the screen.
6. You’re done!



Michigan Department of Education requires every teacher to have a valid teaching certificate. When a teacher is in the process of obtaining an endorsement in a new subject area, or is on a limited teaching certificate, the district offers additional supports such as: professional development, mentor teacher assistance, and specific evaluation and planning cycles

Jennifer Abel is a certified teacher adding a special education Learning Disabilities endorsement

