



MANSFELD STEM *Plus* MIDDLE MAGNET SCHOOL

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MANSFELD'S QUEST... BE THE BEST!

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Dear Mansfeld Families,

Welcome to the 2023-24 school year! I am honored to return as your principal and am privileged to continue to work alongside our highly qualified and dedicated staff, our amazing students, and our wonderful and supportive parents and guardians as we pursue our quest to "Be the Best!".

Last year was a building year. We re-introduced many events at Mansfeld to help our students grow and thrive, such as Awards Night, Bulldog Saturdays, Quarterly Reward Field Trips, In-Person Concerts, The DC Field Trip, Benchmark Celebrations, and many other events. Our focus last year was on Building Brick by Brick, and this year our theme is Stronger Together. This year we will continue to build relationships and develop teamwork as we welcome our newest members of Bulldog Nation and catch up with our returning families.

As a STEM Plus Magnet School (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math) our instructional focus is on STEM practices that are academically challenging, engaging, and relevant. Our day consists of 7 periods, so our students not only get Science, Math, Social Studies and Language Arts, but also a STEM Core Class and 2 Navigator (Elective) classes. This year, we will also be supporting our students' success socially & emotionally with a districtwide program called Character Strong.

As your principal, I will lead each day with integrity and excellence to ensure that Mansfeld is a safe, enjoyable, and enriching educational experience for all our students. While our staff will do everything they can here at Mansfeld, education is a partnership and as partners we share the responsibility for your child's success. We ask for your teamwork and support by ensuring that your student(s):

1. Attends school daily, arrives on time and is ready for the day's learning experiences.
2. Completes all homework assignments given by teachers.
3. Shares school experiences with you so that you are aware of their school life.
4. Informs you if they need additional support in any area or subject.
5. Knows that you expect them to succeed in school.

Communication is a key to successful teamwork and so while we will endeavor to communicate urgent matters with you via email and phone call, our Mansfeld website (www.tusd1.org/mansfeld) is a great resource in providing up-to-date information to you and your family. Please check it regularly and don't ever hesitate to call our office at (520) 225-1800 if you need more information.

In addition, please join our school's PTSO program. PTSO does so much for our school community and our students greatly benefit from your involvement. Plus, PTSO is a great way to get to know other families at Mansfeld and get to know the staff more. PTSO typically meets on the first Thursday of each month in the library.

We are going to have an outstanding school year. As a staff we are really looking forward to meeting you and welcoming you back to school. If you ever have any concerns, questions or need to speak to me or any of our amazing staff, please don't hesitate to reach out. We are Bulldog Nation!

Below you will find important information about student registration and the beginning of the school year.

Yours in the service of education,



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Registration & Schedule Pickup July 25th, 26th & 27th 9:00-11:00AM & 1:00-3:00PM

8th Grade Students- Tuesday, July 25th - 9:00-11:00AM & 1:00-3:00PM

7th Grade Students- Wednesday, July 26th -9:00-11:00AM & 1:00-3:00PM

6th Grade Students- Thursday, July 27th -9:00-11:00AM & 1:00-3:00PM

All returning and/or new students who completed their registration in the spring will need to come to school on their designated date to pick up their schedule and get their ID picture taken.

Returning students **who did not** complete their registration in the spring will need to come to school and complete their registration on the designated date. These students will pick up their schedule on the first day of school, August 3rd, 2023.

New students to Mansfeld **who did not** complete their registration in the spring will need to come in and complete their registration on their designated date (see above). You must provide:

- Photo identification with current address.
- Proof of residency with current address.
- An original birth certificate.
- Immunization records.

Information about school uniforms, iPads, lunch, parental access, the PTSO (Parent-Teacher-Student Organization), tax credit donations, after school programs, sports, and clubs will also be available at this time. In addition, yearbooks may also be ordered during registration.

On all three days there will be a morning session from 9:00AM-11:00AM and an afternoon session from 1:00PM -3:00PM in the cafeteria/auditorium.

New Student Orientation

Friday, July 28th

9:00 AM-11:00 AM

We will be hosting a new student orientation for all students who are new to Mansfeld on Friday, July 28th from 9:00-11:00AM. This orientation will consist of a school tour and informational breakout sessions. Parents are encouraged to attend with their child. Any school questions will be addressed at this orientation. Students and parents are able to walk their child’s schedule after the conclusion of orientation.

First Day of School for Students

Thursday, August 3rd

8:43AM-3:50PM

The first day of school for students will begin on Thursday, August 3rd at 8:43AM. Please make sure your student arrives on time and in school uniform.

Arrival/Dismissal Times

Arrival- Our school day begins at 8:43AM every day. Please be sure to have your child/children here on time. The Mansfeld campus will open at 8:00AM. There will be no student supervision prior to 8:00AM.

Important: In the mornings to assist with student safety and supervision, students being dropped off or walking to school will need to enter the campus through the Tunnel by the West parking lot. The East gate by the U of A Rec. Center **will not** be open in the mornings for drop off.

Bus Riders & Bike Riders: Students using TUSD bus transportation are scheduled to arrive on campus no later than 8:30AM. These students and our bicycle riders will enter through the South Gate by the Bus Bay. Please never drop off your child in the Bus Bay. The Bus Bay is for busses only.

Dismissal: Our school day dismisses at 3:50PM on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. On Wednesday, students will be dismissed at 2:50PM. During dismissal, the East gate by the Rec Center **will** be open.

Basketball & Volleyball Tryouts

Thursday, August 10th

4:00-5:15PM

Boys Basketball and Girls Volleyball Tryouts will be held afterschool from 4:00-5:15PM beginning Thursday, August 10th. Any students wishing to tryout must have a current AIA Sports Physical and

Parent Permission/Emergency Card on file in the front office before trying out. These forms will be available at Registration and also available in the front office throughout the school year.

Cross Country Practice

Tuesdays & Thursdays

7:45AM-8:30AM

Cross Country will begin on Tuesday, August 15th at 7:45 am with an informational meeting in the library (both students and parents are welcome) and practices will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays before school from 7:45AM until 8:30AM. Any students wishing to participate must have a current AIA Sports Physical and Parent Permission/Emergency Card on file in the front office before practicing. These forms will be available at Registration and also available in the front office throughout the school year. Cross country is a no cut sport, so anyone interested in joining automatically makes the team. If you have any questions at all prior to our first meeting, please don't hesitate to reach out to Coach Croaker at Patricia.Croaker@tusd1.org.

Open House

Thursday, August 24th

6:00-7:30PM

Mansfeld's Annual Open House will be held on Thursday, August 24th from 6:00-7:30PM. There will also be a brief presentation and an opportunity to meet the principal and ask any questions you may have.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

September 20th & 21st

Early Dismissal at 12:16PM

Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on September 20th and 21st. There will be early dismissal for students at 12:16PM on Wednesday September 20th, Thursday September 21st, and Friday September 22nd.

Bulldog Saturdays

October 21st & March 23^d

9AM-12Noon

Save the Dates! Come join the Bulldog Nation Community as we work together to beautify our campus and strengthen our community for our beloved students! There will be many volunteer opportunities as we come together to have the best-looking school in Tucson!

Listen & Learn

October 19th & March 21st

6:00-7:00PM

This year I would like to take the time to meet with and listen to our parents and guardians, and hear what their needs and desires are for Mansfeld. I have dedicated 2 evenings throughout the year for Listen & Learn sessions that I would like to invite you to participate in. We have tentatively scheduled these dates for: October 19th & March 21st in the Mansfeld Library from 6-7PM.

8th Grade Washington DC Field Trip

This year we are excited for our new 8th graders to be eligible to attend the DC Field Trip in the Spring! More information to come from Mr. Brungardt.