

DATES TO REMEMBER

**Nov. 19—1/2 Day J/J,
Parent Conferences
(afternoon & evening)**

**Nov. 20—1/2 Day J/J,
Parent Conferences
(afternoon)**

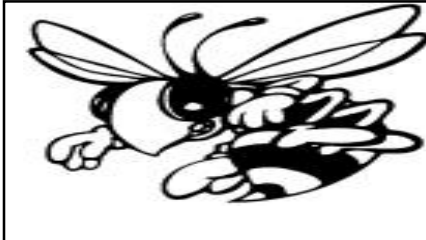
**Nov. 25—Early Dismissal
Day, J/J Dismissal 11:10
a.m. Robinson Dismissal
11:45 a.m. for Gr. 1 &
Gr. 2, NO KINDERGARTEN**

Nov. 25—J/J Spirit Day

**Nov. 26 & Nov. 27—NO
SCHOOL, Thanksgiving**

**Dec. 3—1/2 Day Robinson,
Parent Conferences
(evening), NO
KINDERGARTEN**

**Dec. 4—1/2 Day Robinson,
Parent Conferences
(afternoon), NO
KINDERGARTEN**



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**IN AND OUT OF
THE CLASSROOMS**

J/J Spirit Day

November 25 is Mansfield Spirit Day at J/J. Show your town and school spirit by wearing green and white or something that has "Mansfield" on it.

Celebrate Diversity Club at J/J

Celebrate Diversity is presently in its seventh season. New members are welcome and meetings are held on Friday afternoons with Mrs. Vaughn. This group comes together to celebrate diverse cultures at J/J.

In order for meetings to be productive, students should come with the requested materials prepared to share with their club-mates. Upcoming meetings: December 4, storytellers and December 18, December holidays and traditions. Bring something to show what the holidays mean to you and your family. Contact: Eleanor.Vaughn@mansfieldschools.com.

MESA MESSAGES



TV-Free Week

We are calling for volunteers and a chairperson to organize and

plan a TV-free week in the spring. We need help planning family programs and alternative school-wide activities during the designated week. For more information, contact *Tammi Kassler* at tamjef98@aol.com or *Julie Robichaud* at julierobichaud@yahoo.com

Save Your Capri Sun Juice Pouches

Capri Sun will donate money to schools that recycle and send in their empty pouches. Contact *Tammy Loftus* for details: tloftus1@hotmail.com.

West Side Benevolent Circle's Christmas For Kids Annual Clothing Drive

MESA is proud to support the West Side Benevolent Circle's annual clothing drive to benefit Mansfield's children. Although any donation of warm outerwear is always welcome, donations of new, waterproof gloves, mittens,

**FROM THE
PRINCIPALS'
OFFICE**

**Calendar Change
For Second Grade
Transition Night**

Second Grade Transition Night has been rescheduled from May 5 to May 12. More information will be sent home closer to that date, but please make a note of the change on your calendars now to avoid confusion in the spring.

*Next MESA
Meeting.....*

January 13, 2010

7:30 P.m.

J/J Cafeteria

MESA4parents@gmail.com

hats, socks and underwear in all children's sizes are especially needed. Donation gift boxes will be located at each entrances of the Robinson and J/J beginning November 16 through December 11.

MESA and the West Side Benevolent Circle thank you for your continued support of this drive. Thanks to your generosity, over 500 Mansfield children benefited from your donations last year. If you are interested in sponsoring a family this season, please look for a complete list of families in need to be published in the Mansfield News and Sun Chronicle in late November. Contacts: *Dawn Saba* at dmh_saba@yahoo.com or *Amy Walker* at aw1529@verizon.net

Book Fair

A reminder that MESA is holding a Book Fair at the Robinson School during Parent Conferences on December 3 (12-8 p.m.) and December 4 (12-3 p.m.) Please note that students will not be attending this fair with their classes. There will be selections available for PK to Grade 5 level. Mansfieldopoly games will be sold for \$5 or given free to anyone purchasing over \$25 worth of books or goods. Plan to get some holiday shopping done early!

To volunteer during the Book Fair, contact: *Kit Giffen* at kigiffen@gmail.com or 261-7865; *Lisa Rawlings* at 261-1144 or lisarawlings21@gmail.com.

Robinson Bookworms

Save the dates! Bookworms is scheduled from December 8 through December 10. Contact *Caroline Bruno* at cbruno73@comcast.net

Robinson Teacher Appreciation Dinner

The Robinson Teacher Appreciation Dinner is December 3. We need many volunteers for this special night that is always well received and appreciated by the teachers. Please contact us as soon as possible to let us know how you

can help. Contact: *Karen Doherty* at kqd44@comcast.net; *Dawn Saba* at dmh_saba@yahoo.com or 508-339-3619.

Contact MESA

You may contact MESA at MESA4parents@gmail.com or go to the Mansfield Schools website and click on the MESA link from the Robinson or J/J puzzle piece.



COMMUNITY CORNER

Mansfield Social Club Annual Secret Shop

The Mansfield Social Club will hold its annual Secret Shop on December 5, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the J/J cafeteria. The group needs your help in keeping this 45-year time-honored tradition alive. Adult volunteers are needed to set-up the "shop" from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on December 4 and to work from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m on December 5. More information will be sent home as date approaches. Contact: *Audra Gilpatrick* 339-0903 or bearmumma@comcast.net

Holiday Shopping Fundraiser

Help support the MHS cheerleaders on November 19 from 6:00-9:30 p.m. in the MHS cafeteria. Crafters, baked goods, gold-buying, and more will be available.

Mansfield Chapter of Stand for Children Meeting

Our next meeting is November 19 in the Community Room of the Mansfield Public Library. Child care will be provided, if needed. RSVP to *Kate* at Katie@stand.org in advance of the meeting date.

Relay For Life

Save the dates! Next year's Relay For Life of Mansfield will be held June 11 and 12. The first team kick-off meeting will be held February 9. More details will follow.

QMS Magazine Thank You

Thank you to all who supported the Qualters Middle School Magazine Drive. QMS continues to earn credit for all subscriptions ordered on-line at www.QSP.com. Enter QMS's code 425000742. Contact *Lori Krikorian* at 339-2082.

MHS Coat Drive

The Mansfield High School Student Service Corps (SSC), is running a coat drive through December, with drop-off bins at all schools in the district. This project supports Friends and Food Soup Kitchen, located in the First Baptist Church in Mansfield. Please donate non-soiled coats that are in good condition and not torn. Adult sizes are preferred.

4-H Club Forming

4-H is the outreach education program in youth and family development of UMass Extension in cooperation with the United States Department of Agriculture. A new 4-H horse project club is starting up in Mansfield under the leadership of 4-H volunteer, *Marybeth Cragan*. This club is open to boys and girls, ages 8 to 18. Contact: *Marybeth Cragan* at 508-339-0304, or email: marybethcragan@yahoo.com.

CONTACT THE HORNETS' ELEMENTARY ENTERPRISE

Please contact Christine Dumouchel, Parent Volunteer Editor, at 339-0111 if you have any questions, comments, suggestions, or have information to publish. The next submission deadline is at 12:00 p.m. 12/3 for the 12/9 publication. Submit to: themansfielddumouchels@comcast.net