

# MANSON MONTHLY

CONTINUOUS STUDENT LEARNING

JUNE 2026



*As the School year comes to and end,  
we have so much to celebrate!*

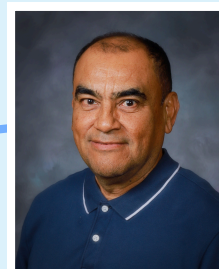


*HAPPY Retirement!*



Find a group of people who challenge and inspire you; spend a lot of time with them, and it will change your life.

- AMY POEHLER



*thank you*



# ELC Graduation



Ice Cream by Mr England!



**Ice Cream**



**MANSON EARLY LEARNING CENTER REGISTRATION OPEN NOW**

# COME BE AN EXPLORER

**2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR**

**LIMITED SPACES STILL AVAILABLE**

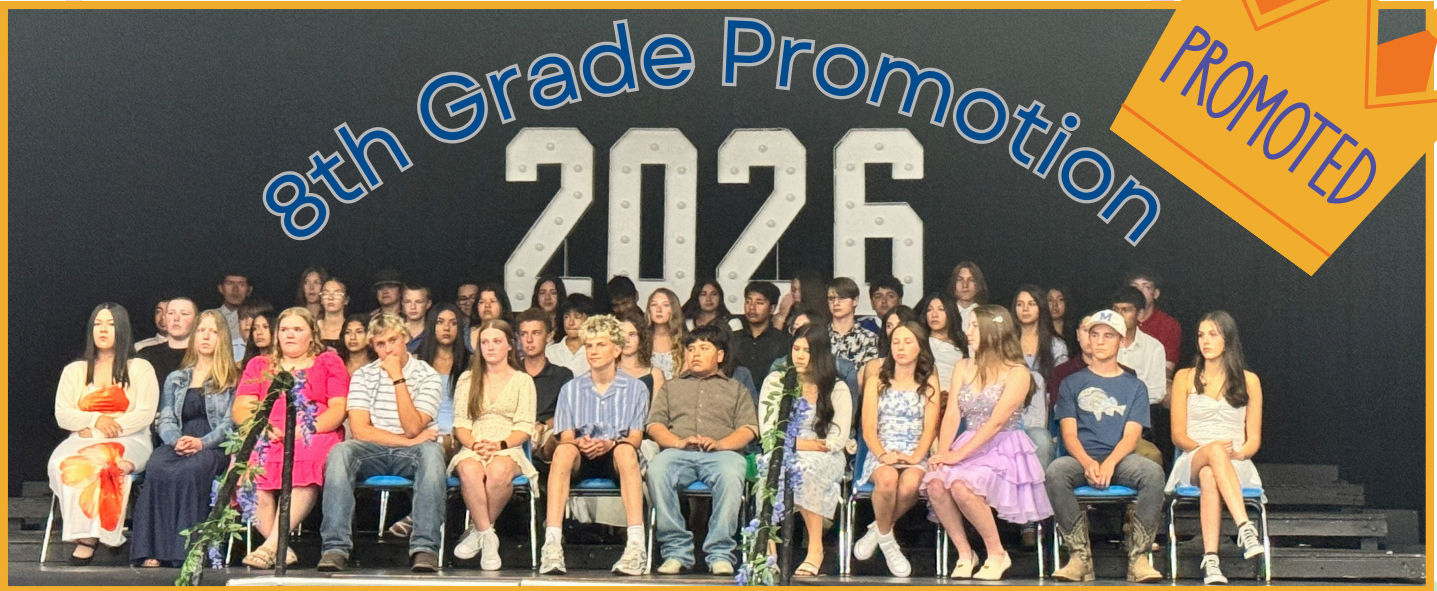
**FULL DAY PRESCHOOL AND TTK**

To make an appointment or receive more information for Pre-registration please contact Manson Early Learning Center @ (509) 888-4890 or Manson Elementary @ (509) 687-9502 Additional information can also be found on our website: [www.manson.org](http://www.manson.org)

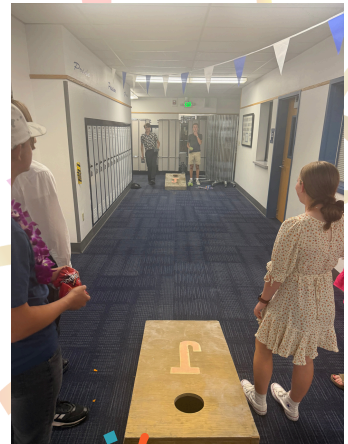
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# 8th Grade Promotion 2026

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*celebrate!*



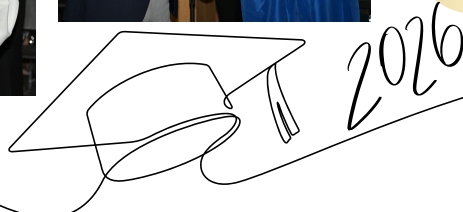


YOU DID IT!



# CONGRATS

Manson High School has been awarded a full six-year accreditation, recognizing the district's commitment to continuous improvement, student success, and preparing graduates for the future. During a recent accreditation review, students, families, staff, and community members highlighted Manson's strong culture of belonging, leadership opportunities, and supportive learning environment. The review team commended the district's focus on ensuring every student feels known, valued, and prepared for success in college, career, and life.



## Healthy Habits for a Safe & Strong Summer

As we head into summer, we want to encourage students and families to enjoy the break while continuing healthy habits that support the whole child. Summer is a wonderful time for rest, family connection, outdoor play, and new experiences. It can also be a time when routines shift, so a few simple habits can help students feel their best and return to school ready to learn.

Washington’s Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction emphasizes that Student health and well-being are key to success both in and out of school. Families can support healthy summer routines by encouraging good sleep, physical activity, reading, balanced meals, and time outdoors while also practicing important summer safety habits such as staying hydrated, wearing sunscreen, and using life jackets near water. On very hot or smoky days, indoor activities like reading, games, and puzzles can help keep children active and engaged.



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## COUNSELOR’S CORNER: ZACHARY PHELPS



### Thank you Mrs. Helleson!

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our Middle School Counselor, Kayla Helleson, as she prepares to leave our district. Kayla has made a meaningful impact through her care, leadership, and dedication to students, families, and staff.

During her time with us, she has been a steady and supportive presence for our middle school students and played an important role in leading Hope Squad, helping promote student connection, mental health awareness, and a culture of care throughout our school.

We are grateful for the many ways Kayla has supported our district and wish her the very best in her next chapter.

Thank you, Kayla, for your compassion, leadership, and commitment to our students.



We hope every family has a safe, restful, and joyful summer. Thank you for partnering with us in helping students grow not only academically, but socially, emotionally, and physically as well. See you all when we return to school on August 26th!

*- Manson School District Counseling Team*

# UPCOMING EVENTS

**JULY 13-30: MANSON SUMMER ACADEMY FOR 2<sup>ND</sup>-5<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS**

**AUGUST 17: HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT ORIENTATION**

**AUGUST 18: MIDDLE SCHOOL ORIENTATION**

**AUGUST 19: HS FOOTBALL PRACTICE STARTS**

**AUGUST 24: ELEMENTARY OPEN HOUSE**

**AUGUST 24: ALL OTHER FALL HS SPORTS PRACTICE STARTS**

**AUGUST 26: 1<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF SCHOOL & MS SPORTS**

**SEPTEMBER 2: TK & KINDER STARTS**

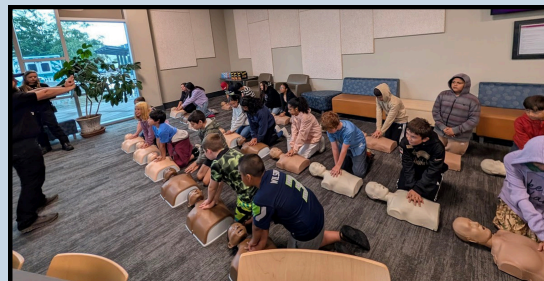
**SEPTEMBER 9: ECAP STARTS**

**SEPTEMBER 7: LABOR DAY - NO SCHOOL**

**SEPTEMBER 10: INSTRUMENT RENTAL NIGHT**



**MANSON FD MAKING FIELD DAY UNFORGETTABLE!**



Our 5th graders are now CPR-trained heroes! After their field trip to Lake Chelan Health & CVCH, Max Ascanio (Mr. Olson's class) and Owen Steiner (Mrs. Phelps' class) earned top honors for their CPR skills. Huge thanks to Chelan EMS—especially Jonah, Raynor & Nina—for investing in our students!

# *Bear Manson.*

As I prepare to conclude my time as superintendent of Manson School District, I keep coming back to this quote.

*"How lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard."  
— A.A. Milne*

Three years ago, I accepted the opportunity to serve Manson excited about the possibilities ahead. It did not take long to realize there would be challenges. Like many school districts, Manson was facing financial pressures, enrollment declines, and difficult decisions. Those first months required honest conversations, hard work, tough decisions, and a willingness to focus on what mattered most.

What I quickly learned, however, is what makes Manson special.

When challenges arise, people come together. Staff members step up. Families lean in. Community members support one another. Students continue to inspire us. Time and again, I watched people put aside differences and focus on doing what was right for kids.

***That spirit has shaped my experience here and strengthened my belief in the power of public education.***

Serving Manson has been one of the greatest privileges of my career. The relationships I have built, the lessons I have learned, and the people I have had the opportunity to work alongside have made me a better leader and a better person. I will always be grateful for the friendships, support, and memories that have come from this chapter of my life.

I have had the privilege of working with an incredible team of educators and staff members who care deeply about students. Every day, I have watched teachers, paraeducators, bus drivers, custodians, food service staff, office professionals, coaches, and volunteers give their time, talent, and heart to support children. Their commitment is the reason Manson continues to be such a special place.

I am equally grateful for the opportunity to work alongside an exceptional Board of Directors and administrative team. Their leadership, partnership, and commitment to students have helped guide the district through both challenges and opportunities. I have learned from each of them, and I will always be thankful for the trust, support, and friendship they have provided.

Mrs. Mires first day at Manson SD in 2023



***Over the past three years,***

I have had the opportunity to be a small part of some incredible work. Together, we opened a new Early Learning Center, expanded opportunities for our youngest learners, strengthened systems of support for students, invested in literacy, reading, and technology, increased leadership opportunities through Leader in Me and our Portrait of a Leader, made huge strides in academic achievement, passed levies, celebrated the graduations of three incredible senior classes, began programs like Spanish for all, launched a partnership with Gear Up and the 21st Century program, built a strong and sustainable budget, and adopted a strategic plan that will help guide the district for years to come. We have celebrated academic growth, state recognition, success in the arts and athletics, and most importantly, the growth of the students we serve.

Yet when I think about my time in Manson, I do not think first about programs, facilities, awards, or initiatives.

***I think about students.***

I think about the preschool student excited to move to the 'big school' at last week's moving up ceremony. The senior sharing plans for the future during senior presentations. The student leader discovering confidence as they lead a building tour. The staff member sharing the ways they reach a struggling learner with their peers during professional learning. The parent who trusted us with what matters most to them.

***Those moments are what stay with you.***

As I prepare to begin a new chapter, I do so with tremendous confidence in the future of Manson School District. The work underway is meaningful. The people leading that work are talented and dedicated. Most importantly, the students of Manson continue to remind us every day why this work matters.

Thank you for your trust, your partnership, your support, and your belief in our schools. Thank you for allowing me the privilege of serving this community.

*And thank you for making this goodbye so hard.*

*With gratitude.*

*Tabatha Mires  
Superintendent*



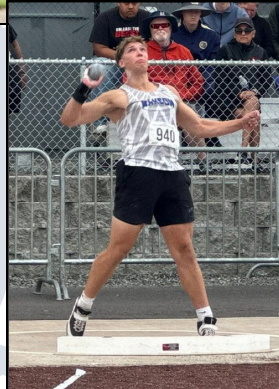
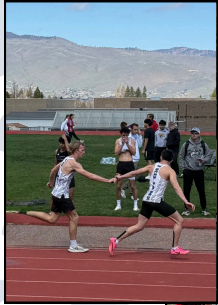
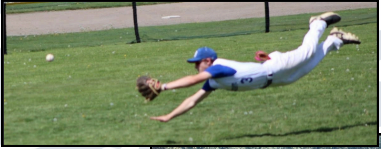
Last day of school - shirt signing! 2026



Student led Elementary School Tour



Gear Up Conference



**Keep Learning Alive This Summer**

Summer is a great time for children to relax, explore, and continue learning through everyday experiences. A balance of physical activity, creative play, and regular reading can help prevent summer learning loss while keeping learning fun.



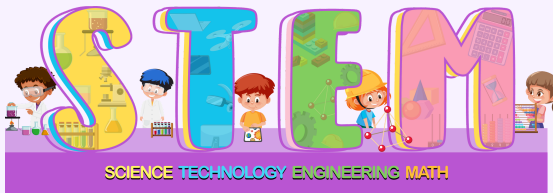
**KEEP LEARNING**

**Get Moving Outdoors Around Lake Chelan**

The Lake Chelan Valley offers countless opportunities for active family fun, from swimming and boating at local parks to hiking and biking on scenic trails. Spending time outdoors supports both physical health and cognitive development while helping children stay engaged throughout the summer.

**Read for Pleasure at Local Libraries**

The Manson and Chelan libraries offer free summer learning programs, reading challenges, and activities for children of all ages. Encouraging 20–30 minutes of daily reading helps maintain literacy skills and fosters a lifelong love of books.



**Explore STEAM Through Valley Adventures**

Hands-on activities like gardening, berry picking, cooking, and nature exploration provide natural opportunities to build science, math, and problem-solving skills. Local summer camps also offer enriching experiences through STEM projects, arts, sports, and group activities.

**Maintain Healthy Routines**

Consistent sleep schedules, healthy meals, and balanced screen time help children stay energized and ready to learn. Maintaining routines during the summer can also make the transition back to school smoother in the fall.



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**THE BOOKPLATE**

As we say goodbye to the school year, know that the Secondary Library Rejuvenation will continue. Already planned are new subjects to find your books (Survival, Science Fiction, Superhero, Twisted Tales), at least 50 new books on the shelves, and an integration of library into the school day. Have a great summer, and keep on reading for joy!

