# MANSON MONTHLY

## Fall 2026

*These first few months serving as the Manson School District Superintendent have been busy and incredibly rewarding, while also affirming my perception that*

*SOMETHING SPECIAL IS HAPPENING HERE IN MANSON.*

After many years living out of the region and working in a variety of school settings, I was thrilled to return to Manson, where I began my career as a young teacher nearly two decades ago. Over the past months, through conversations with school staff, students and citizens, the notion of the tight and intertwined relationship between school and community consistently surfaced as a defining feature of Manson.

The product of a small town myself, I have benefited from, and don't take for granted, the magic that can be harnessed when a school system and its surrounding community work together in support of its young people.

## CONTINUOUS STUDENT LEARNING

I see this commitment alive and well here in Manson where pride in both the community and the schools abound. Our students benefit immensely from this triangle of support among family, community and schools, in which students are afforded the opportunity to grow and learn both inside and outside of the classroom.



Research, and common sense, support a growing emphasis on experiential learning in schools– in providing students with the opportunity to learn by doing versus being passive participants in their education.

Thanks to both our holistic educational approach, and our broader community of support, experiential learning is a hallmark for Manson students.

*As a District, we have developed our Portrait of a Leader - a set of skills and attributes we hope define each of our graduates:*

1) Academically Equipped Student;
2) Effective Communicator;
3) Resilient Thinker;
4) Contributing Neighbor;
5) Positive Leader.




***Our academic program is structured to support these outcomes.***

Outside of the classroom, our students are learning through their athletics and activities, so proudly supported by the Manson community. They are learning through their summer and part-time jobs thanks to Manson's business owners committed to hiring and training our young people. They are also learning through unstructured play in the parks, lakes, mountains and trails of this beautiful region that are loved and maintained by the community.

Central to experiential learning, and learning in general,
is the willingness to stretch oneself, to take a risk and potentially fail.

Growth happens in that margin. This risk taking comes in many shapes and occurs both inside and outside of the school day, whether it be a middle schooler trying out for a new sport or taking up a musical instrument for the first time, or an elementary student bravely speaking up in class in her second language, or perhaps a high school student courageously applying for a part-time job or internship. In Manson, we have created and are committed to continue to nurture and support this safe place where our children and young adults feel empowered to stretch themselves, to take a risk, and subsequently learn and grow. Thank you for working together to continue to provide our students with these safe places as we prepare them for the rest of their lives.

*Finally, thank you for the extraordinary opportunity to serve the Manson School District and community. I look forward to continuing this important and meaningful work with each of you.*

**GO TROJANS!**

Ian Crossland
Superintendent





Manson FFA students did a great job at the Chelan County Fair this year. They brought home many blue ribbons for swine, a chicken & rabbit and 2 grand champion ribbons for market goats. Bailey Evans also won reserve grand champion for her showmanship. The fair experience always brings lots of hard work, learning, making connections and tons of fun.




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# Teddy Bear Clinic








## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Nov 11 - Veterans Day - NO SCHOOL
- Nov 13 - FRIDAY SCHOOL
- Nov 18 - Thanksgiving Lunch
- Nov 23 - Secondary Music Collaborative Experience
- Nov 25-26 - Thanksgiving Break
- Nov 30 - Board of Directors Meeting
- Dec 3 - 3rd Grade Christmas Concert
- Dec 9 - Board of Directors Meeting
- Dec 10 - 5th Grade Musical
- Dec 21-Jan 1 - Christmas Break
- Jan 18 - MLK Jr - NO SCHOOL

## NEW FOOD PANTRY!

OPEN 24/7



MANSON LOCATION:
MANSON FIRE DEPT




OPEN TO EVERYONE

Chelan Valley HOPE
Furthering Positive Changes in People's Lives

# Athletics











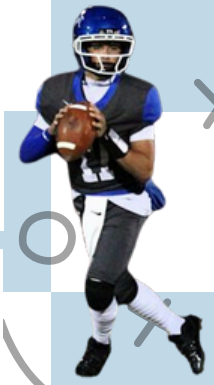



MANSON MIDDLE SCHOOL FOOTBALL


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MANSON MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL


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ATHLETE of the WEEK
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Manson

# COUNSELOR'S CORNER: JIM BROOME

**A continued focus this year for Manson School District is to ensure every student can learn and grow by attending school regularly.**

Being at school is important for learning, building friendships, and participating in the school community. We want to support your child's success through attendance and engagement in school.

***Why Attendance Matters:***

- Missing just 2 days a month can impact your child's chances of graduating on time
- Students learn essential skills about being in community with peers and adults
- Absences can be a signal for concerns like academic struggles or bullying

***What You Can Do:***

***With the switch from 180 to 150 school days*****,** student attendance is even more important...even one absence will be significant.

***Please partner with us to maximize student learning by:***

- Scheduling vacations on school holidays
- Scheduling your child's appointments on Fridays or after school (3:45pm)
- Setting consistent routines for bedtime and mornings
- Creating consistent time to check in on grades, homework and upcoming tests/exams
- Talking to your student about the importance of school and attendance
- Keeping track of the number of days your child has missed on a calendar at home
- Asking your student to assist with tracking the days
- Have backup plans for transportation
- Scheduling a time to discuss concerns with your child's teacher

***If you have questions about attendance, please do not hesitate to reach out.***

## COUNSELOR CONTACTS

- **Zach Phelps, Elementary Counselor**
  **zphelps@manson.org**
- **Jim Broome, High School Counselor**
  **jbroome@manson.org**

***Our Promise to You:***

- We will take attendance daily
  - as required by state law
- We will communicate when your student has an unexcused absence
- We understand there are challenges that affect attendance and are here to help.
- We have resources available to support students with attendance barriers





OUR MANSON HIGH SCHOOL BAND HAD AN EXCITING OPPORTUNITY TO JOIN HUNDREDS OF MUSICIANS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON FOR BAND DAY! A GREAT DAY OF MUSIC, LEARNING, AND REPRESENTING MANSON WITH PRIDE!





**Come see music performances and art around the theme of "Places."**

**The gym will be darkened, showcasing photos of the vibrant artwork designed with the music as accompaniment.**

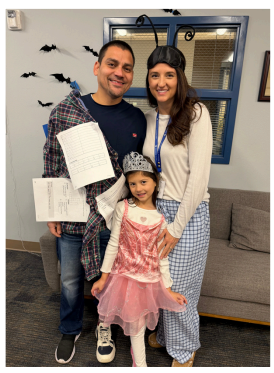
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Every child is an artist.
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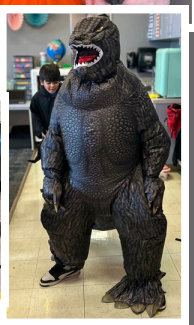








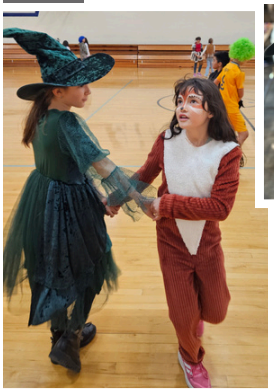


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TRADING







# November Is Diabetes Month: *What Every Family Should Know*

**November has been observed as American Diabetes Month since 1975, and World Diabetes Day falls on November 14th. It's a good time to talk about a condition that affects families in every community, including ours.**

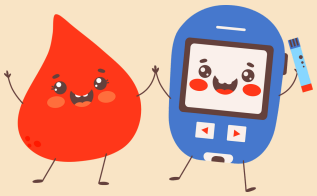
## What is diabetes?

Diabetes is a condition in which the body has trouble making or using insulin, the hormone that moves sugar from food into our cells for energy. There are two main types:

• **Type 1** diabetes happens when the immune system stops the body from making insulin. It is not caused by eating too much sugar or by anything a child or parent did. People with type 1 need insulin every day, and it can start at any age, including in childhood.

• **Type 2** diabetes happens when the body doesn't use insulin well. It is more common in adults, but it can also affect teens. Family history, activity level, and weight can all play a role, and healthy habits can help prevent it or manage it.

**Whether diabetes touches your family or you want to learn more, please reach out with questions about the care plan, healthy habits, or resources in our community.**



## Talk with your child's doctor if you notice any of these:

• Being very thirsty or needing to use the bathroom much more than usual
• Feeling tired all the time
• Blurry vision
• Losing weight without trying
• Being hungrier than usual

How we support students at school

Students with diabetes can learn, play, and take part in school activities like everyone else. If your child has diabetes, please share their care plan with our school nurse. The plan covers blood sugar checks, insulin, snacks, and what to do if blood sugar runs too high or too low. Teachers and staff who work with your child can then be ready to help.

Healthy habits for the whole family

Many small choices add up:

• Choose water most of the time.
• Fill half your plate with fruits and vegetables.
• Get about an hour of active play each day.
• Keep a regular sleep schedule.

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# THE BOOKPLATE

**AFTER A BRIEF HIATUS, THE MANSON SECONDARY LIBRARY IS BACK IN FULL SWING! COME "CHECK OUT" THE NEW BOOKS ADDED—OVER 80 SO FAR—AND SEE IF YOU CAN "FALL IN LOVE" WITH A NEW FAVORITE.**

