

Conestoga Updates



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March Updates

Week of **Apr 20, 2026**

YEARBOOKS CAN BE BOUGHT HERE

[Yearbook](#)

PSSA

Testing for the PSSA start Tuesday April 21, 2026 and will go until April 30, 2026

Week of March 30

Yearbook sales

Please click on this link to see information about ordering a yearbook.

 [yearbook.pdf](#)

Week of March 9

CHESS CLUB

Chess Club in the Advertiser. Check out this link with the article about Conestoga Chess club. A big thank you to Mrs. Demangone for getting this program started and instilling a love of the game with the kids. A thank you to Mr. Malek and Mrs. Garpstas for their support of the program.

<https://townlively.com/all-the-right-moves/>

Conestoga Dance

The annual School Dance is Friday March 20th from 6-8pm. We are hosting our first ever Glow Dance Party this year! We will *light up the night* with fun games, crafts, desserts, a photobooth, dancing and so much more! We are looking for donations of neon poster board and pre-sliced desserts such as cookies or brownies for all to share.

Volunteer your time or donate dessert/supplies: <https://signup.com/go/ENreijP>

This event requires you to RSVP. Space is limited so please RSVP early to reserve your spot. We are also requesting only Conestoga Elementary students and 1-2 adults attend, so we can accommodate as many families as possible. Thank you for understanding!

Here is the link to RSVP: <https://forms.gle/2LHpUZEHb36mYkHw7>

Spring Picture Day

Spring Picture Day is coming on Tuesday, March 24!

You can place your order on mylifetouch.com using your Picture Day ID: **EVT3GWNCH**. Order before midnight on Picture Day to get FREE shipping!

Your child can also bring their completed flyer with cash or check on Tuesday, March 24. **Orders after Picture Day must be placed online only on mylifetouch.com.**

Millersville is having their 3rd SAAC Field Day on Friday, April 3rd, 2026. Please look at this information.



FIELD DAY!

WITH MILLERSVILLE UNIVERSITY STUDENT-ATHLETE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SAAC)

JOIN US ON FRIDAY, APRIL 3RD 2026 FOR A DAY FULL OF FUN SPORTS TO BENEFIT THE MAKE-A-WISH FOUNDATION.

For children in Grades 2-6
**Younger Siblings Allowed*

Check-in: 8:45 - 9:15 AM at Pucillo Field
Pick up: 1-2:30 PM at Pucillo Field

\$30 PER CHILD (LUNCH PROVIDED)

SIGNUPS DUE March 27th!



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February Updates

Week of Feb 9

Sam Sandler Assembly

Students were able to see magician Sam Sandler perform today at school. Sam is a deaf magician. He taught the students some sign language while performing magic tricks and giving an inspirational talk about not giving up and making sure you have a positive attitude to any set backs in life.



Outstanding Educator and Employee

If you know of a teacher or other staff member who goes out of his or her way to help students and support our schools, please consider nominating them for an Outstanding Educator/Employee Award. The deadline for nominations is this Friday, March 13, 2026.

Nominations will be accepted online only. You can access the [nomination form here](#).

The school district will present the 2025-2026 awards for Outstanding Elementary Educator, Outstanding Secondary Educator and Outstanding Employee later this year. Here is an [explanation](#) of the awards and nomination [guidelines](#).

The **Outstanding Educator Awards** should be based on a teacher's ability to promote academic growth in her/his students and for outstanding pupil-teacher relationships. A person may nominate one elementary teacher, one secondary teacher or one teacher on each level. The nominee must currently be employed by Penn Manor School District.

Outstanding Employee Awards should be based on a staff member's ability to support the educational program and the quality of his/her relationships with staff and students. A person may nominate one elementary staff member, one secondary staff member or one employee on each level. The nominee must currently be employed by Penn Manor.

Thank you for taking the time to acknowledge the hard work of our employees!

Texas Roadhouse Night

Come to the Texas Roadhouse or order take out on Wednesday, February 25th from 3-10. Proceeds go to the Conestoga PTO.

5th Grade Trip to Biz Town

Our fifth grade students have spent the first few months of the year learning financial literacy, civics and job skills in preparation to attend Biz Town. After creating resumes and job applications the students completed interviews with Penn Manor staff members. Each student was assigned a job and completed the job during the visit to Biz Town. Jobs included being a CEO, CFO or worker at a business. The town even had its own radio and tv station, newspaper and mayor. Biz Town is run by Junior Achievement. Check out the pictures below and click on [this link](#) for more information about Biz Town.



Candy Fundraiser

Students received forms for the Candy Fundraiser. We will accept order until February 18th and they will be delivered on Mar 24, 2026 .

Spring Spirit Days



Week of February 2

Heart Challenge

This Friday we kicked off the Kids Heart Challenge. Please take a look at the following information. Students can try to raise money for the American Heart Association.

 [KHC Save the Date.pdf](#)

 [1. Program is Coming - Conestoga Elementary Conestoga PA.docx](#)

LOFT Donations

Thank you to all of you who helped donate paper towels for the Loft. It is greatly appreciated.

Conestoga Gives

Our Conestoga Gives program had a visitor this week who came to pick up the Valentine's Day cards for patients and staff. Our kids do a great job of giving back and thinking of others.



January Updates

Week of January 26

Lunch & Learn is back again this year. Here are the dates for the Lunch & Learn. This is a program for pre-school students and incoming Kindergarten students. You can either call to reserve a spot or fill in this [link](#) to reserve a spot.

2026 LUNCH & LEARN SCHEDULE

Join us for lunch, story time, and crafts for pre-schoolers and their parents or guardians at all Penn Manor Elementary Schools. You may attend any or all of the sessions. Please call the schools at the numbers below for specific times and to RSVP. The May events are held in the evening and ONLY for incoming Kindergarteners.

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PEQUEA	Tuesday, February 10

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<http://penmanor.net/blog/2026/01/28/kindergarten-registration-begins-sunday-february-1/>

Week of January 19

Read-athon sign ups. Students in K-2 can sign up for the Readathon program after school on Feb. 19 and Mar. 5. Here is the link and more information. <http://tinyurl.com/PMReadathon>

JOIN THE CIVITAS CLUB FOR OUR
READATHON

Members of the high school Civitas Club will be coming to your school! We will read books and run crafts and games from 3:30-4:30 on select dates. Sign up online using the QR code or visiting tinyurl.com/PMReadathon

Central Manor: February 17th and March 18th (same day 3:30)

Conestoga: February 18th and March 19th (same day 3:30)

Eshleman: March 10th and March 20th (same day 3:30)

Hambricht: February 11th and March 21st (same day 3:30)

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Week of Jan 12

We are back in the swing of things. Students have brushed away the tired eyes after the first day back and are back in learning mode.

Some upcoming events:

January 15- PTO meeting 4:00-5:00

January 16- End of the 2nd Marking Period

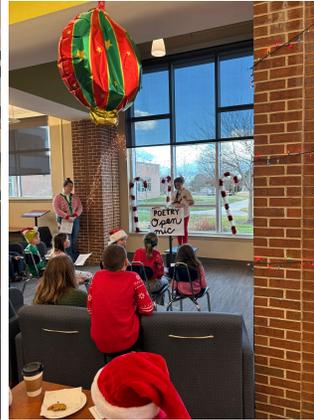
January 19 and 20- No School for Students

The high school Civitas club is once again running our free after school Readathon program this coming year. It is funded by a generous grant from the Strong and Healthy Kids fund. Students from grades K-2 are invited to stay after school for some fun activities run by high school students (and advisors). There will be two dates for this. Feb 19, 2026 and Mar 5, 2026. More information will be sent out soon.

December Updates

Week of Dec 22

The school year sure has been hectic since break. Our Academic Support Team has been busy checking student progress in reading for the past week. Kids have been doing creative projects. We even had some visitors on the last day before break.



Week of Dec 8

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Week of Dec 1,

This week sure was a different one coming back from a break and having a 2 hour delay. The students got right back into the groove of learning.

This week we started our Conestoga Gives. Over 175 students volunteered to spend their recess creating placemats for Senior Centers through the Lancaster Office of Aging. Thank you to Mrs. Eckroat for making this happen and the support from parent volunteers and various staff members. Here are some pictures from the event.



November Updates

Week of Nov, 24

Buddies

Take a look at some of the activities that our Buddie groups did before Thanksgiving break. 1st and 4th celebrated Friendsgiving. 6th and 3rd created a Thanksgiving meal using math skills, and 2nd and 5th worked on creating slides to learn more about one another.





Our Conestoga Comet Crew from the first marking period ran our End of the Marking Period Assembly. They had our PM Kindergarten lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance, talked about different things in the school that helped us be On a Roll, and celebrated those students who completed a certain number of laps during our Recess Fitness Club. We ended the assembly with Minute to Win It games.



Last Friday, Dr. Keddie was able to have an assistant principal for the day. He helped start the day off with announcements, monitored classrooms and recess, and gave the introduction at our End of the Marking Period Assembly. This was Arlo's reward for the Fundraiser in October.



Week of Nov, 17

This week we had our Kindergarten surprise critic choose several art projects from the past few months to hang in the office. These included using shapes to create scenes, Starry Night Pumpkins, Picasso Frankenstein, Hands, and Honoring our Veterans.

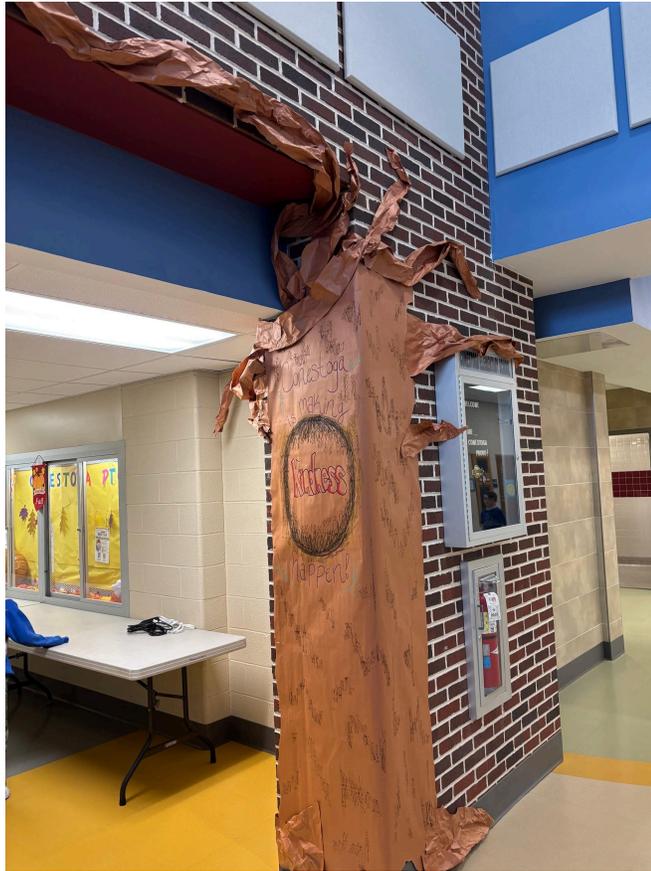




Our 2nd grade students created Chickees. These were houses lived in by Native Americans from the southeast of the United States.



Mrs. Eckroat and Miss Fasnacht started our Kindness Tree. It is great to see them Make it



Happen. More to come...

Week of Nov, 10

PTO Spirit Wear

Here is the link for [Spiritwear](#). The store is staying open until this Saturday, November 15, 2025.

Lifetouch Offer

Dear Parents,

As a token of appreciation, Lifetouch is offering discounts on school photography!

50% off a purchase of \$50+ with code 50THANKS

40% off a purchase of \$40+ with code 40THANKS

30% off a purchase of \$30+ with code 30THANKS

Valid through 12/01/25

To order, log in to your account on mylifetouch.com or create an account, find your student and order using your student's student ID number (if available at your school). Don't forget to order your FREE Digital SmileSafe card!

Ag in the Classroom Week

This week our 3rd grade students will be introduced to various jobs of agriculture. Thanks to community members who take time to talk to our 3rd graders about agriculture, our students are able to see animals and learn about possible jobs in the future. The Hess family speaks to the students about raising pigs, Mrs. Brenneman talks about her family farm and growing vegetables and fruit, THE Stoner family speaks about raising cows and dairy farming, and our high school ag. Department comes to talk about sheep, goats, chickens and ducks.

Meet our 6th Graders

As an assignment, 6th grade created portraits of themselves and discussed characteristics that describe themselves.



Rubik's Cube

Our 3rd graders have become somewhat obsessed with Rubik's Cube recently. Our custodian Mr. Tom has been teaching students how to solve the cube during lunch and breakfast time. He even reached out to the toy company to see if he could get donations for the students. This past week our 3rd graders were given each a Rubik's cube donated through the PTO from ATOLLO. ATOLLO is a leadership program that has worked with the Penn Manor District, mainly at the high school, for several years. Leo Silva, CEO and uncle to a student at Conestoga, came in and talked to the students about determination and leadership before handing out the cubes to each student.



Free Movie for your Penn Manor School District Families & Staff

Milton Hershey School is hosting a free showing of the family movie **“Sketch” on Saturday, November 22st at 10:100 AM at Kendig Square Movies in Willow Street.** Please feel free to **share this widely with families and staff** at your school. Families do not need to qualify for Milton Hershey School or even have an interest in MHS to attend! We just want to provide a free, fun family activity for families in the area and support a local business, while sharing some information about MHS. Seating is limited, so registration is required.

While interest in Milton Hershey School is not expected, this event could be a subtle way to introduce MHS to families. MHS video clips will be shown as “previews” to the movie and there will be an opportunity to pick up information and speak with students about our school.

Week of Nov, 3

This past week we had our 5th graders launch their water powered rockets. One group set a record having the rocket go more than 102 yards. Here are some pictures from the event.



Collection for the Loft

Just a reminder that our Thanksgiving collection for the Loft begins this coming Monday, November 3. There will be tables set up in the front hallway under the PTO cabinet for the students to put their donations. Please click on [this link](#) for more information.

The Civitas club at Penn Manor High School will be holding a community movie night on November 6th from 5:30-8:30pm for kids around the ages of 4-10. This event is a free event to provide childcare to families in the Penn Manor community. We will be accepting donations for

the PM Minithon club if any parents choose to give. The movie will be Monsters, Inc and we will also have games and activities available in the cafeteria. We are hoping you will help us to spread the word at your elementary schools. Here is the link:

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October Updates

Week of Oct, 27

Conferences

Your child's teachers will be sending out links today for you to sign up for conferences. If you would also like to meet with Mr. Hermanns, Mrs. Moyer, and/or Ms. Fasnacht here are their links.

Herrmanns

Monday Nov. 26th

<https://calendar.app.google/rNsMqHsCBz3DpYxE8>

Tuesday Nov. 27th

<https://calendar.app.google/U2qf8jfHQp9XNCnw9>

Moyer

<https://calendar.app.google/BGoAovUq4LxmtpS8A>

Fasnacht

Monday- <https://calendar.app.google/i3saZv2RHYwVNhBr8>

Tuesday- <https://calendar.app.google/i3saZv2RHYwVNhBr8>

Brennan- <https://calendar.app.google/4oHWzko7vCvqpTk36>

(Virtual Only since teacher will be at Eshleman)

Storybook Pumpkins

What a great turnout of pumpkins this year. Take a look at this picture and see how many books you know from the pumpkins.



Pictures

Don't Forget to Order This Year's School Pictures
ENJOY 10% OFF your order!

CODE: F2510OFF

EXPIRES: July 31, 2026

[Redeem Now](#)

Garden Club

Thank you to Mrs. Fisher and all of the parent volunteers that helped make the garden club work this Fall. A special thank you to Tudbinks for all of their donations. At the culminating event, students were able to create dips and salads from the harvest from the garden. They also gave a thank you book to the Binkley family for all of their donations and help.



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Week of Oct, 15

The Storybook Pumpkin Patch

The Storybook Pumpkin Patch is coming soon. Here is your chance to create and decorate a pumpkin based on a story. We will start receiving these on October 20th at school. They will be displayed all week in the cafeteria. Click on this link for more information. [Pumpkin Patch](#)

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Week of Oct, 6

Congratulations to Mrs. Garpstas' class for earning the Golden Pumpkin. These kids are running so hard during recess to get fit and to have fun.

Thank you to the Conestoga Fire department for coming to talk to our Kindergarten and first grade classes about fire safety. The department also showed the classes, including 6th grade, the new fire truck that the donations from previous 6th Grade May Fairs helped buy.



The PTO will be hosting a Trunk or Treat event at Conestoga.

You're invited to Conestoga PTO's Annual

TRUNK or TREAT

**Sunday October 26
12:00-1:30pm
Conestoga Elementary Parking Lot**



Scan the QR code to register your trunk!



Questions?
ConestogaElementaryPTO@gmail.com

Volunteer clearances are needed to participate in all PTO events. Trucks must be set up by 11:45 am

Thank you to all the families who came out to the So Fun Game night. Students were able to participate in several different activities. We even had a student win the grand prize.



September Updates

Week of Sept, 29

Congratulations to Mrs. Miller's class for earning the Golden Pumpkin. This was awarded to them for this week for having the most laps run/walked during the Recess Fitness Club on Friday. On Monday the new weekly winner will receive the Golden Pumpkin.

A big shout out to our 6th grade News Crew who successfully produced two shows this week. We look forward to more wonderful shows in the near future.

There are still tickets available for the So Fun Game show on Tuesday, October 7. Watch this video to see what it is all about.  So Fun Gameshow

Picture Day information. Please go to mylifetouch.com to order pictures. Code is EVTWNDVC4

Students were informed if they won the rewards for the Fun Run. A student received a pack of tickets for Urban Air, Sky Zone, and Lake Tobias. A student will be Dr. Keddie's assistant Principal for the day. Five students will be going in a limo to MOD pizza. The last selection of students will be for helping during the human car wash. This is a reward for the students reaching the school goal of \$10,000.

We will have a Storybook Pumpkin Patch again this year. More details will be coming out soon, but start thinking about what story your pumpkin may represent.

Trunk or Treat will take place on October 26th from 12-1:30 at the school. More information to come in the next week or so.

A big thank you to PPL for coming to talk to our 3rd grade students about energy use.

Week of Sept 22, 2025

FIRE DRILL

We completed our first fire drill this week. Students did an excellent job of leaving the building quietly and quickly.

FUN RUN REMINDERS

This Friday is the Fun Run for all students. Thank you to all of the parents who signed up to support the day and to those who helped with donations and getting the kids excited about this event. The Fun Run will go all day with a special appearance from Comet Man. Please make sure your child is ready for the day by having the student:

1. wear appropriate footwear for running or walking
2. Bring a water bottle (we will also have water available)
3. Put any sunscreen on before the students arrive to school (we cannot put any on students at school)

RECESS FITNESS CLUB

Our 6th grade leaders will be helping to get our recess fitness club off the ground. Every Friday that the weather is good students in grades 1-6, during lunch recess, will have the opportunity to run or walk laps. Students will keep track of their laps.

SO FUN GAME NIGHT

There is still time to get a seat for the SO FUN GAME NIGHT.

Event Details:

Date: Tuesday, October 7

Time: 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM. Doors Open at 5:30

Location: Marticville Middle School Auditorium

Important Information:

RSVP Required: To attend, you must RSVP by submitting the form sent home. Seating is first-come, first-accepted.

Eligibility: This event is for students currently enrolled at Conestoga, Martic, or Pequea Elementary School only. This means no pre-K, middle school, or high school students are permitted to attend.

Chaperone Requirement: Every family must have at least one chaperone who is 18 years or older and associated with the family.

Confirmation: If you are among the first to get seats, you will receive an email confirmation from your building secretary identifying your section and seat numbers. Please save this email and bring it with you to the event.

A Friendly Reminder:

We know things can change, but if you find that you are unable to attend after RSVPing, please be kind and call the school to cancel your reservation. This will allow another family to enjoy the event.

We can't wait to see you there!

Week of Sep 15, 2025

SO FUN GAME NIGHT

We're so excited to invite you to our upcoming Family Game Night! It's a great chance to connect with other families in the district and have some fun. This is for students from Conestoga, Pequea and Martic Elementary Schools.

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SPIRIT DAYS

We will have our first Spirit day this Friday. Proud to be an American (wear red white and/or blue).

Click [here](#) for more information about the other upcoming days.

FRIDAY EARLY DISMISSAL at 1:30 PM NO AM Kindergarten

Week of **Sep 8, 2025**

SO FUN GAME NIGHT

On October 7th Conestoga, Pequea and Martic will be hosting a SO FUN GAME NIGHT.

Please click on this [flyer](#). We are looking forward to this exciting event. More information will come out on Wednesday.

September 11th

As a school, we took a moment to remember the events of September 11th. Students were told of a sad day in our history and that during this time many brave heroes stepped up to help others.

Drills

In the next few weeks we will have a fire drill and a lock down drill. We will inform the students ahead of time for these drills this month. All discussions are age-appropriate and we do our best to make sure that students know that these drills are to keep everyone safe.

Let's Get Wild Conestoga! UPDATE-

At this time the school has raised over \$8000. Thank you for your generosity. Mrs. Miller's class once again won the coveted Sneaker Trophy for winning the incentive for the week. One more week for this. If we hit a certain goal there has been talk of a human car wash. Let's keep that momentum going throughout the next week. Fun Run information was sent home with students detailing online registration, our donation platform, prizes, event schedule and so much more. Follow us on Facebook for additional information, updates and weekly pop-incentives. <https://www.facebook.com/ConestogaPTO/>

We will celebrate students' fundraising efforts on **Friday September 26** at our safari themed Fun Run here at school! Please consider volunteering for this event. <https://signup.com/go/BquVBqq> Events like this would not be possible without parent participation. Thank you in advance for your support!

If you have any questions please email the PTO: ConestogaElementaryPTO@gmail.com

PTO

The next PTO meeting will be held on September 18th at 4:00 in the Commons. We thank all of you who have volunteered in the past and in the future.

Week of **Sep 1, 2025**

PTO

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Car Rider Line

Thank you for your patience with the car rider line as we continue to get in the groove of things. It is very helpful to show the person outside the orange sign so that we can have the students out and ready to go. We have many more car riders this year than last year so continue to be patient as we try different ways to speed up the process.

School Happenings

We have been very busy the first two weeks of school. Last week our students met with their grade level buddies for some introductory lessons. Sixth and third grade worked together to create Venn diagrams of things they have in common, 4th and 1st learned some ways to greet each other after reading with each other, and 5th and 2nd created concentric circles to talk and learn more about each other. We hope to continue to make time for different activities throughout the year for these buddies to meet.

Our first assembly was Friday, September 5. We took this time to introduce our new AM kindergarten students to the school (we will do the PM at the next assembly). We also introduced our new staff members and our 6th Grade Conestoga Comet Crew. These are 6th grade leaders who helped run the assembly today and are taking leadership roles during the

school year. We will have a new “Crew” each marking period. Our 6th grade leaders talked about the On a Roll program and reminded the students of what we expect from all students throughout the year. Please take a look at this [letter](#) that explains the On a Roll Program more.

Let's Get Wild Conestoga! UPDATE-

At this time the school has raised over \$6000. Thank you for your generosity. Mrs. Miller's class one the coveted Sneaker Trophy for winning the first incentive prize by having the most on line sign ups.

Let's keep that momentum going throughout the next 2 weeks. Fun Run information was sent home with students detailing online registration, our donation platform, prizes, event schedule and so much more. Follow us on Facebook for additional information, updates and weekly pop-incentives. <https://www.facebook.com/ConestogaPTO/>

We will celebrate students' fundraising efforts on **Friday September 26** at our safari themed Fun Run here at school! Please consider volunteering for this event.

<https://signup.com/go/BquVBqq> Events like this would not be possible without parent participation. Thank you in advance for your support!

If you have any questions please email the PTO: ConestogaElementaryPTO@gmail.com

Welcome Back:

Dear Students and Parent/Guardians,

I hope you're enjoying a relaxing and restful final stretch of summer. We're excited to welcome you back to school on Monday, August 25! A few items as we return to school:

- New Kindergarten Orientation will be on August 20 from 4:30-5:30.
- Students who are new to Conestoga either through transfer or moving are invited to have a tour on August 20 from 5:30-6:00

- **Staff Updates**

We had two late in the summer resignations. Mr. Thompson (5th grade) and Mrs. Bushong (AST) are adventuring into new careers and will be missed by us all. We are fortunate to have found replacements for the positions.

We welcome Miss Emily Worley (pending board approval) as the new 5th grade teacher. Emily taught last year in an elementary school in the Wilson school district. Until she is able to start at Conestoga, Mrs. Patti Aungst will be the Long Term Sub. Mrs. Aungst has substituted for Penn Manor for a few years and has also been a LTS in other buildings.

We are working on filling the AST position. In the meantime we will have support from other buildings to make sure that our programming gets off and running smoothly.

- **Communication**

We will be using a new way of communicating throughout the year. This document will be the primary way we will communicate upcoming events and information. The website for Conestoga is also new and will have links to many of the items you will need throughout the year. Please take a look at the new website so you are familiar with the different links. <https://www.pennmanor.net/conestoga-elementary-school/>

- **Drop off and Breakfast**

Breakfast is free again this year for all students. Students will be left off the bus as soon as they arrive after 8:30 to get breakfast in the cafeteria. Only students who are eating breakfast in the morning will be allowed in the building at 8:30. All other drop offs can start at 8:45. Please click here for a picture of the drop off and pick up procedures.

<https://www.pennmanor.net/conestoga-elementary-school/resources/#conestoga-instructions>

- **CAFETERIA UPDATES**

For the 2025/26SY Free & Reduced status students will receive meals free of charge thanks to the governor's initiative, as well.

Meal prices will remain the same as they have been since 2015. Elementary - \$2.35. Secondary schools \$2.50/3.50/3.75.

For the elementary schools, this will be our first year bringing back the "B" lunch option. This will rotate on a 3 week cycle menu and the B lunch option will be the same for the ENTIRE week.

We will be bringing back Dominos this year as well. Pizza day is moved from Friday to Tuesday. Elementary schools will begin in October.

All free and reduced information is updated on the [district website](#). The free & reduced applications are available on the website, but we highly encourage you to fill out the application via [schoolcafe](#) as these are received and processed much quicker than paper applications.

The transaction fee for [myschoolbucks](#) has increased again this year. This is something that is unfortunately out of our control. If you can bring cash or check to the main office or send it to school with your student to put money on their accounts to avoid the transaction fee. Please send the money with your student in an envelope or baggie with the students FIRST and LAST name along with their teachers name.

- **Our first home football game** will be held on Friday, August 22, at 7 p.m. As you know, the high school football season is an exciting time of year for the athletes, band members, cheerleaders, and the community as a whole. The Penn Manor School District is committed to providing a welcoming and positive environment at all Penn Manor athletic contests. Please review the [expectations for attendance](#) at home football games.

- All elementary and middle school students must be accompanied by an adult to enter the stadium. An adult **must be present** in the stadium at all times and **actively monitoring** their students.
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- Students from Penn Manor High School and visiting schools must present their student ID, or Penn Manor student ID number, to purchase a game ticket.

- **Lost and Found**

As a way of trying to reduce the amount of clothing we accumulate in the lost and found each year we are asking if you can label jackets and coats with your students names if possible.

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PTO MEETING MINUTES

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Please click on the link below for the minutes.

[September Meeting](#)

[October Meeting](#)

[November Meeting](#)

UPCOMING DATES

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- 04/21-23 - PSSA testing- ELA
- 04/22 - Administrative Professional Appreciation Day
- 04/23 - chess club ♟️
- 04/24 - "April Crazy's" Day - wear inside out or mismatched clothes 🧥👔
- 04/27-28 - PSSA testing - Math
- 04/28 - music lessons with Ms. Almoney 🎷
- 04/29-30 - PSSA testing - Science
- 04/30 - chess club ♟️
- 05/01 - Principal's Day
- School Lunch Hero Day
- 05/04-08 - Teacher Appreciation Week 🎓
- 05/06 - School Nurse Appreciation Day 🩺
- music lessons with Ms. Almoney 🎷
- kindergarten "Hands on House"
- 05/07 - 1st grade field trip to the Fulton
- chess club ♟️
- 4:00 PTO meeting
- 05/08 - 3rd grade field trip to the Fulton & Lancaster city
- 1:30 early dismissal - no KAM 🕒
- 05/13 - 6:00 -7:00 pm lunch & learn for incoming kindergarteners only
- 05/14 - music lessons with Ms. Almoney 🎷
- chess club ♟️
- 05/15 - 6th grade track & field day 🏃
- 05/18 - Speech Pathologist Appreciation Day 💬
- 05/22 - "Hats off to Summer" Day 🧢👒🌞
- music lessons with Ms. Almoney 🎷
- Conestoga field day 🏃
- 05/25 - no school - Memorial Day 🇺🇸
- 05/29 - rain date for 6th grade track & field day 🏃
- 06/04 - last day of school 🏁
- assembly
- end of 4th marking period