

Bulldog Bulletin



August 2008

A note from Administration -

Welcome Bulldogs!!

Mansfeld's mission statement is: "A community dedicated to the personal and academic success of every student, for today, and the future." We are able to create a positive teaching and learning community by focusing on developing positive student/teacher relationships with a clear understanding of behavioral procedures and expectations throughout the school. Research data shows that schools that implement school wide strategies that address problem behaviors will increase student engagement, regain instructional time that was lost due to class interruptions, and enhance the quality of instruction.

This school year Mansfeld's teachers and staff have developed and are implementing school-wide, **Positive Behavior Intervention Supports (PBIS)**. Teachers and students established school-wide procedures and expectations that were taught to every student by Mansfeld's staff the first week of school in: learning areas, common areas, parent pick-up/bus bay areas, hallways and stairwells. Students and teachers are now able to discuss students' school behavior using the same language and commonly understood school expectations. Students are acknowledged by adults for demonstrating positive behaviors throughout the school day in all areas of the school, by following these school-wide expectations by earning Bulldoggers to earn incentives. Teachers, staff, and administrations will consistently follow established procedures for unacceptable behaviors by using a yellow and red card system.

Individualized behavior supports must be in place to address the broad diversity of behavior challenges that occur in middle school. Mansfeld has individualized our proactive interventions to address repeated behavior errors with specific students. Students will participate in programs that will teach social and emotional competencies that will allow them to learn appropriate behaviors and learning skills to make better choices in order for them to be successful in the academic environment. Examples of these positive behavior supports are:

- Groups led by school counselors, TUSD personal, community resource services,
- Individualized Time Out program,
- Ripple Effects tutorials in the Responsibility Room. Students are then required to attend after school detention to complete missed class time and assignments,
- Teen Court sessions led by Mansfeld students,
- accountability conferencing led by a TUSD advisor,
- TUSD Student Rights and Responsibilities as defined by school board policy.

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 ★ Supervision of Students ★
 ★ Normal School Day Supervision: ★
 ★ 7:15-3:15- M, T, R, F ★
 ★ 7:15-2:15-W ★
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This wrap-around approach to school-wide behavior intervention supports (PBIS) requires students, parents, teachers, staff, administration, and community members to work together in order to be successful in creating a teaching and learning community within a "positive", scholarly environment for every student. We are very excited and encouraged about our new PBIS program. The kickoff to our PBIS program, to further explain this behavior management approach, is September 30th, at 6:00 pm, in the Mansfeld's Community Resource Center (formerly Mansfeld's Library). Come and show your support of Mansfeld Middle School!

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GATE Resource

with Ms. Steele

- ✱ GATE Resource is an enrichment class for gifted and talented students. Students enter GATE Resource in sixth grade and continue in GATE Re-

- ✱ Please contact one of our school counselors to enroll your child for the 2008-2009 school year, if your child qualifies.

- ✱ District GATE testing for evaluation and placement in a GATE program for the **2008-2009** school year occurred in **January, 2008**.
- ✱ If your child missed the exam, please contact the district GATE office for the make-up date.

- ✱ Testing referral forms are available in the counseling office, from Ms. Steele in the GATE room, and can be found online at the district website: www.tusd1.org.

- ✱ Please contact the district GATE office at 225-6265 for more information about the TUSD Middle School GATE programs.

- ✱ The **University High** entrance exam will be administered at Mansfeld Middle School in October, 2008.

- ✱ Requests for testing will be mailed directly to the 8th grade students' homes in September. The application to test must be returned directly to UHS.

- ✱ Pre-Registration for eighth grade students planning on attending **THMS** next year will take place at Mansfeld Middle School in the spring of 2009. Please contact

First Quarter
Genetics

Third Quarter
Trial: Hazing
Immigration

Second Quarter
Invertebrate Story
Book

Fourth Quarter
Invention



Easy ways to make money for your school!

Season Parking tickets for the U of A Football games.



The PTSO is sponsoring parking for U of A games in the west parking lot this year. We will open the gates 30 minutes before game time and will charge \$10.00 per vehicle. Security will be provided, so your car will be safe. We have been asked by TUSD to **not allow** tailgating parties, so we will only be open for 1/2 hour before the game. All the money goes straight back into the school, so what better reason can you have to park at Mansfeld this year. Also, We need a few parents to volunteer to work these events, so if you are able to spend 4 hours with us, please let us know at GypsySpike@msn.com or at 743-1147.



Hello Bulldogs! It is time to begin to bring in those BoxTops for Education and turn them in during Homebase.

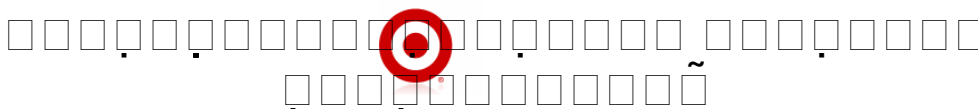
The Homebase that brings in the most BoxTops will earn an



Party!

Your teacher will submit them to room #201. These funds provide needed money for fieldtrips! Also, you can go to the following web address to discover even more ways to earn BoxTops for our school!
Deadline for first competition – 10/09/08

<http://www.boxtops4education.com/Promotions/Default.aspx>



- Here's how it works: Visit Target.com/tcoe or call 1-800-316-6142 to designate our school, then use your REDcard whenever you shop.
- When you use your REDcardSM (Target[®] Visa[®] Credit Card, Target Credit CardSM or Target Check CardSM), Target will donate up to 1% of your purchases to the eligible K-12 school of your choice.*
- Don't have a REDcard? It's easy to apply. Get started in person at any Target store or go to Target.com/redcard.
- Grandparents, alumni, friends and neighbors are all welcome to participate in the program. The more people we involve, the harder the program works for our school. If you're already participating, thank you! Check out our school's progress anytime at Target.com/tcoe.



'Hey Bulldogs, this is your Student Body President Breann Aguirre here too wish you all a great year. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns about the school,



please don't hesitate to ask me. I'm quite friendly and I'd love to help you guys out. New friends are always welcome!

Here's to a totally awesome year.

Go Bulldogs! :)'



PTSO News

We have two main fundraisers going on this year.

1. Be sure to get prime parking for the University Football Games! For more information see the article on the facing page.
2. Don't forget to order your Mansfield Hoodie and/or any uniform shirts with the Mansfield Bulldog. The order deadline is September 15th. You can expect your order to come in by the middle of October.

You can pick up your uniform order forms in the office or use the form on the back of this Bulldog Bulletin.