

# Tiger Times

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**Manaugh Elementary**  
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## Help Your Child Succeed in School

School success goes hand in hand with being in school every day!

### Did You Know?

- Many absences, even in kindergarten, can cause children to fall behind in school.
- Missing just a day or two every month can make it harder to learn to read by the third grade.
- Students with too many absences struggle to catch up, even with take-home assignments.
- All families have hopes and dreams for their children. Being in school every day will enable children to do well in school, and graduate from high school ready for work or college.

### What Can You Do?

- Develop a regular bedtime and morning routine.
  - Help your child lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
  - Make sure your child has the required shots before school starts.
  - Avoid missing school unless a child is truly sick and seek help if chronic illness is a challenge.
- Check with our school nurse or office staff if you are not sure about when to keep your child at home due to illness.
- If your child seems anxious about going to school, talk to teachers, school counselors, or other families for advice on how to make her feel comfortable and excited about learning.
  - Reach out to a family member, a neighbor, or another parent if you are having trouble getting your student to school.
  - Arrange medical appointments when school is not in session.
  - Avoid extended vacations when school is in session.

### **Whitney Rapp**

Principal, Manaugh Elementary  
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Hello Manaugh Elementary!

I cannot say how excited I am to be a part of the Manaugh family as the Assistant Principal. I come to Colorado from Big Spring, Texas. I can tell you, I do not miss the West Texas heat! My husband and I bought a 40 acre ranch near Puett Reservoir almost a year ago. This keeps me extremely busy when I am not at school and I learn something new every day!

I look forward to working with you as we meet the needs of our scholars this school year.

**Robbin Lewis**  
Assistant Principal

## Important Info:

- Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> - Picture Day  
This is the only time we will do pictures this year
- Oct 10-11 – P/T Conf.  
No school for elementary
- Every Wednesday is 1:30 early release

## Welcome Back Manaugh Families!

I am so happy to be back for the 2019 - 2020 school year. For those of you who don't know, I am our Student Family Advocate. I provide group and individual counseling, and social skills support to our students. Please feel free to reach out if you have concerns, questions or feel like your child could use extra support.

**To our kindergarten families:** This year, our San Juan BOCES social worker, Liz Smith, and I are hoping to teach a social skills curriculum to the entire grade. Keep a look out for an explanation and permission form!

Liz Filas, LCSW  
Student & Family Advocate  
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Ms. Taylor recently earned funding at DonorsChoose.org for a classroom project called "Setting Up a Serious Science Lab for 4th and 5th!" Her classroom received metal stack-able stools for her science lab area and scholars are already enjoying the new learning space!

Dear parents,

Soon we will begin to screen students for hearing and vision. While we have each child in front of us, we check hair for lice. Lice is always present in the community. Although lice do not spread disease, it is uncomfortable for the child - like mosquito bites are, and it is expensive and time-consuming to get rid of. Please check your child's hair over the next few hair washings. If you see little white specks that cling to the hair, about the size of rice kernels, it might be signs of lice. Your school nurse can help you determine if it is lice, dandruff or something else. You can also check in with your child's health care provider. Let us know if there is a concern. We want to help and support you.

Sincerely, your school nursing team.



**Every  
Student.  
Every  
Day.**