



## The ABC's of Nancy Neal Elementary

A is for Apple, and an apple a day, keeps the doctor away. The school nurse, Ms. Vega [RaquelVega@misdmail.org](mailto:RaquelVega@misdmail.org) gives your child care when you can't be there. She likes warm hugs and wants to remind everyone that eating a balanced diet and practicing good hand hygiene helps us all stay healthy.

B is for Bustillos. Mrs. Bustillos is our school counselor and she is ready to help you with any special concerns or needs. Please don't hesitate to reach out to her. Her email is [JenniferBustillos@misdmail.org](mailto:JenniferBustillos@misdmail.org). She likes warm hugs, too.

B is also for Black Sharpie Markers. We have a very talented and artistic art teacher who is always in need of black markers. Bring in 10 extra black sharpies this year and receive a Sharpie Incentive Spirit Stick. Mrs. Michael's email address is [HeatherMichael@misdmail.org](mailto:HeatherMichael@misdmail.org).

B is also for Box Tops for Education and Labels for Education. Box Tops is a school earning loyalty program. Each Box Top is worth \$.10 and they add up fast!! Did you know that Nancy Neal Elementary can earn money for collecting these labels? Each grade level is in an ongoing contest to see who can collect the most money for a popcorn/movie party in the Library. We will have monthly individual contests, too. Our goal this year is to raise \$6,000.00. Check out [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com) and sign-up to earn points and help reach our goal of \$6,000.00. Send Box Tops to school in a zip lock bag with your child's name, teacher and grade level on it.

C is for the Clothes Closet located at 1015 E. Magnolia Street, Mansfield, 76063. Our Council of PTAs has partnered with the Clothes Closet to provide free clothes and school supplies for those who qualify. If you have any questions please call Desiree Thomas at 817-692-5181. Volunteers are welcome. Nancy Neal Elementary needs volunteers for the Clothes Closet on April 25, 2016, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Please contact Angela Clark at [ben\\_and\\_angela@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ben_and_angela@sbcglobal.net) or Jenny Speece at [speecej@yahoo.com](mailto:speecej@yahoo.com), if you're interested in volunteering.

C is also for C.A.M.P.! C.A.M.P. stands for Computer, Art, Music and P.E. We have the best C.A.M.P. teachers ever – and let's help them by volunteering!

D is for discipline. Ami Potts is our new Assistant Principal. We are excited to have her back! If you have not met Mrs. Potts, please stop by her office. She will help keep the peace and will help build confidence in all of the students. Her email is [AmiPotts@misdmail.org](mailto:AmiPotts@misdmail.org).

E is for Exercise. Give your children a little physical activity before they leave for school. This will help them concentrate better and help them be able to sit still while in class. Your teacher will thank you.

E is also for E-mail. All staff email is their firstnamelastname@misdmail.org.

F is for Facebook. Check out the Nancy Neal PTA Facebook Page and "like" it.

F is also for Family Time. Every Friday, the students will meet before school in the gymnasium for Family Time. It begins at 8:00 a.m. and all family members are welcome to join in the fun!

G is for Gift. Remember, teachers love all kinds of gifts including homemade cards, Sonic drinks, candy, etc. Please see Teacher's Favorite Things. If you don't have a copy of the list please contact your teacher's room buddy after September or check with the front office.

G is also for Glue Sticks...which are always needed especially in kindergarten.

H is for Happy Teacher, Happy Students! Helping the teachers in any way you can makes a huge difference. Your involvement help and volunteering improves your child's school experience and assists our busy teachers. If you bring the teacher lunch, please place it in the Teacher's Lounge. Please call all teachers by their professional name. It sets a good example for the students.

H is also for Homework Station. Make homework central and fun!

I is for Inches. Use a measuring tape to keep track of how many inches your children grow over the year.

I is also for instruction. The school's instructional day begins at 8:00 a.m. Teachers must devote their time and attention to your student at this time. Please call or email the teacher for a conference or with questions or concerns.

J is for Join. Join your school's PTA, get involved, make a difference and back our children's future! PTA membership is \$8.50 per member. If you have any questions, please contact Traci Sandler, PTA Membership Chair [tjsandler@gmail.com](mailto:tjsandler@gmail.com).

K is for Kindness. Always be kind to one another.

L is for Lunch. If you bring your teacher lunch please put it in the Teacher's Lounge with their name on it. Daily school lunches are approx. \$2.50 per day or \$12.50 per week. You can review your account and/or pay on-line through [www.myschoolbucks.com](http://www.myschoolbucks.com). Use this website to view current balances and purchases. You can also write a check and place it in an envelope or labeled baggie in your child's folder. Just remember to put your child's I.D. number# on the check. Student I.D. numbers never change, and it's important that students memorize their number. Teachers will help your child remember it during the first few months, but we ask that parents help with this too. Daily lunches for adults/visitors is \$3.50 daily.

M is for Mansfield I.S.D. Go to [www.mansfieldisd.org](http://www.mansfieldisd.org) to stay connected. It is important to review the MISD website and get familiar with Skyward.

N is for Nancy Neal Elementary. The school's address is 280 Nelson Wyatt Road, Mansfield, 76063. The main phone number is (817) 299-1270 and facsimile is (817) 561-3820.

O is for Open communication with the teachers. If you have any concerns or needs, always talk with your child's teacher. If they can't help you, they will let you know who to go to for assistance. All staff email is their [firstnamelastname@misdmail.org](mailto:firstname.lastname@misdmail.org).

O is also for Organize. We all have crazy schedules so minimize the morning chaos by preparing what you can the night before by having bath time, making lunches, and setting out your child's clothes, or by packing their school bag in advance. You'll need to be at school before 8:00 a.m. Doors open at 7:30 a.m. and students go to class at 7:45 a.m. Keep in mind, there **is no** supervision for students before 7:30 a.m. Please keep your child safe by not dropping off before 7:30 a.m.

P is for Patton. Mrs. Patton is our PAWSOME Principal! She is kind, patient and positively purrfect for our school. She's professional and very approachable – you rarely see her without a smile on her face. She wants parents to be involved in their child's education, and asks for your patience during the first few weeks of school as everyone adjusts to the new school year and routines. If you have not met Mrs. Patton, please stop by her office. She would love to meet you! Mrs. Patton's email is [TamekaPatton@misdmail.org](mailto:TamekaPatton@misdmail.org).

P is also for Parent Teacher Association a/k/a P.T.A. Please join PTA and help with the campus wide Spirit Friday/Fun Friday Concessions, Spirit Sticks, Spirit Nights, Movie Night, Sweetheart Dance, the Run Cheetah Run Race and Field Day and many other events that support the school, students and teachers. We need you for Nancy Neal PTA!

Q is for Questions. We all have questions from time to time, and Mrs. Hennessey, the school's receptionist, is a great resource! Mrs. Hennessey's email is [BarbaraHennessey@misdmail.org](mailto:BarbaraHennessey@misdmail.org).

R is for Routine. Establish a morning schedule and print it out so everyone in the household has a visual of the morning routine and knows what's expected of them.

R is for Reflections. Reflections is a National PTA Program that encourages millions of students to express themselves by giving positive recognition for their artistic efforts. Students in preschool through grade 12 may create and submit works of art in six categories: dance choreography, photography, film production, literature, musical composition, and visual arts. The 2015-2016 Reflections Theme: Let Your Imagination Fly. Every student who submits an entry will receive an Incentive Spirit Stick. More information regarding this program will be sent home in September. For more information regarding this program please contact LaShae Grottis at [lgrottis@hotmail.com](mailto:lgrottis@hotmail.com).

R is also for Run Cheetah Run. The PTA will host the third annual Run Cheetah Run Race at Rose Park on April 2, 2016. The students get to pick the theme and design the race t-shirt through different contests beginning in January. If you're interested in helping with this event or sponsoring this event please contact Ben Clark at [ben\\_and\\_angela@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ben_and_angela@sbcglobal.net) or Amanda Escajeda at [amanda.escajeda@gmail.com](mailto:amanda.escajeda@gmail.com).

S is for Skyward. Skyward is a K-12 management software. Family Access is real-time based data in the District's Skyward Student Information Management System. It will give you information on your child's assignments and term grades released by the teacher, attendance information, schedule information for the district and the school. Parents can update their information any time through Family Access. You can access Skyward by going to the District's Website [www.mansfieldisd.org](http://www.mansfieldisd.org).

S is for Sweetheart Dance. It's our version of the Father Daughter Dance except it's for the entire family! The dance is scheduled for Friday, February 5, 2016, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. If you're interested in helping with this event, please contact Kerry Quick at [kquick@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kquick@sbcglobal.net).

S is for Spirit. We will be selling Spirit Monkey Sticks again this year. Spirit Sticks are a huge hit with the students. We are selling them as one of our fun fundraisers to help support different goals for PTA this year. We plan on selling the Fun Spirit Sticks during all the lunches on the last Friday of each month. A schedule has gone home with your student with "Concession/Fun Friday" dates, it's usually the last Friday of each month, but not always. A reminder note/flyer will go home a week prior to each sale. We will be doing pre-orders for Holiday Grams and Valentine Grams to be handed out on Valentine's Day. Spirit Sticks will also be used as incentives for the students. PTA purchases all the Incentive Spirit Sticks for the teachers. We provide Incentive Spirit Sticks for C.A.M.P., clubs, Red Ribbon Week, and for Spring Creek Spirit

Nights and other PTA sponsored events. 9/25, 10/30, 11/20, 12/11, 1/29 and 4/29 are some dates for the Fun Fridays.

S is also for Scrip. Great Lakes Scrip Program is a one time or annual fundraiser for the PTA. All proceeds go to the school and/or school events. Scrip is fundraising while you shop. It's a gift card program. It's a no selling program that helps you raise money for the school. Scrip turns everyday purchases into cash for the school. PTA will be offering this program in lieu of a catalog fundraiser in November. You don't have to participate. Please check out [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com).

T is for TRANSPORTATION! The first few weeks of school are tough especially during pick up. Remember not to get out of the car when you're in the line. Parent walk up is faster but not as convenient if you have younger children. Always have your child's pick up sign with you (you receive these at Meet the Teacher. If you have any questions, please ask the front office. Be mindful that buses will run late the first few weeks as everyone adjusts to a new school year and construction in the district. If your teacher is working the parent pick up, pick up a sweet treat or sonic drink as a nice treat at the end of a busy day.

U is for Understanding. If you don't know, ask someone. We are always willing to help.

V is for Volunteer. The best way to stay connected with your child's education is to volunteer. Ask about how to get involved on the first day or fill-out the volunteer sign-up sheet. You can even volunteer without being in the classroom with tasks like sorting, labeling, cutting things out, etc. Look for the volunteer sign-up sheet in the first day packet. For more information please contact Jenny Speece at [speecej@yahoo.com](mailto:speecej@yahoo.com).

W is for Watch D.O.G.S. (Dads of Great Students). Watch .D.O.G.S. are fathers, grandfathers, uncles and other male role models who volunteer for at least one ½ day each school year. During the school day, Watch D.O.G.S may read and work with students, volunteer, etc. The program also hosts other fun events throughout the year and help PTA with Field Day. For more information please contact Philip DeGroat at [jpdegroat@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jpdegroat@sbcglobal.net).

W is for Wednesday. All correspondence will go out on Wednesday, unless it's from the district. PTA correspondence will be on lime green paper.

X is for extra water. You can always pack extra water in your child's backpack for use throughout the day. Staying hydrated helps keep your child healthy.

Y is for Yearbook. If you're interested in taking pictures at after school events, please contact Angela Clark at [ben\\_and\\_angela@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ben_and_angela@sbcglobal.net) or 682-554-0914. The school will be doing the yearbook. They will need pictures of special school events.

Z is for ZZZZZ. Sleep is important for making sure everyone is well rested for school.

Looking forward to a great year! Thank you!! Nancy Neal PTA.

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