

ANNA MCDONALD SCHOOL NEWSLETTER
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NO SCHOOL - Spring Break

As a reminder, Spring Break is March 24th through April 2nd. Students will return to school on Tuesday, April 3rd. PTO spring room parties will be on Friday, March 23rd from 11:45am to 12:30pm. Students will be dismissed at 12:42/12:45pm. There will be no lunch periods this day due to room parties and early dismissal.

Lunch Accounts

Please remember to check your child's lunch account balance on a regular basis. Students are not allowed to purchase a hot lunch with a negative balance. If you have any questions, please call.

Yearbook Orders

This year a yearbook can only be purchased for your child using the online website TreeRing. If you want to purchase one for your child, click on the link below, enter in the passcode, and purchase a yearbook for your child. The cost of the yearbook is \$12.00.

When purchasing a yearbook, please either download the TreeRing app or use your PC to complete the process. We have had parents incorrectly filling out the information and accidentally purchasing yearbooks under their name and not their child's.

The website to order is: <http://www.TreeRing.com/validate>

The passcode is: 1014417497762779

The cost of the yearbook is \$12.00

If you have any questions, please contact the yearbook coordinator for Anna McDonald, Jaime McCleverty, at jmccleverty@manhattan114.org You will also see the flyer at the end of this newsletter.

PARCC Testing

During the month of April, all students in grades 3, 4, and 5 will be tested in the areas of reading and mathematics. It is extremely important that students be in attendance to take the tests! The results will be sent to a scoring firm contracted by the State of Illinois Board of Education. The results will be shared with parents when we receive them. Please encourage your child to do her/his best. How our children do on this assessment does reflect on our community and our school district. As with any other school day, please make sure your child gets plenty of sleep and eats a balanced breakfast. Good luck to all our kids and staff! Most teachers will allow students to have

gum or hard candy during testing. Please check with your child's teacher before sending any.

ONLINE REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

Manhattan School District 114 registration is Online again for the 2018-2019 school year. We will be switching over to a new registration system in May. In order to be able to transfer students to our new system for the upcoming school year it is imperative that you register your student(s) by April 30, 2018.

Registration for current and new families will be done at home through your personal computer. This process will result in substantial savings in paper and printing costs for our district and make the registration procedure much more convenient for our families. We have learned that sometimes Internet Explorer does not always work for registration, as it is not as up to date as it should be. If you encounter this problem, please try registering through Firefox or Google Chrome.

**ALL PAST DUE FEES NEED TO BE PAID ASAP
2018-2019 FEES WILL BE ADDED AT THE END OF FEBRUARY**

In order to place students in classes for the next school year you need to complete online registration. If you will not be returning to the district in the fall please contact us.

If you have any problems or questions regarding registration or fees, please contact **Sarah Bancsy** at [815-531-3326](tel:815-531-3326) or sbancsy@manhattan114.org

Student Arrival - Automobile, Bicycles, Walkers

Children walking, riding bicycles, and being dropped off by parents, are not to be on school grounds until after 8:25 a.m. The only exceptions are children attending Rec. Care or children that arrive early due to teacher request. Children are to follow the Rules-of-the-Road regarding bicycle safety. Extra Care must be taken around the school due to the high volume of vehicular traffic. Children walking home are requested to use the sidewalks whenever possible. Students walking home on Second Street east of the school are to walk on the right side of the road.

Dressing for the Weather

For grades one (1) thru five (5) the noon duty supervisors will decide whether or not the students will go outdoors depending upon weather conditions. Dress attire should be appropriate for the weather conditions. These decisions will be at the discretion and judgment of the recess supervisors. Verbal notification from recess supervisors, as well as written notification in newsletters, will be provided to the students and parents, of expectations for the good of the whole student body.

Manhattan Foundation for Educational Excellence

The next meeting will be Thursday, April 19, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the Manhattan Jr. High Library.

PE Exemptions

We have made a change in protocol for students that are exempt from PE class due to injury or other circumstances. Moving forward, we are going to allow students to attend recess outside, HOWEVER, they are not permitted to participate in physical activity, which could do more harm and/or aggravate the injury or circumstance. This is simply allowing students to hang out on the black top area with friends near the supervisor and get some fresh air. I am hoping all our students will take this opportunity to be mature and responsible with their own situation and circumstance and follow protocol. If it becomes a problem for a child to be responsible, I will address it on a case-by-case basis and possibly omit that student from going outside.

April 2018

- 3rd Return to School
Student Council 3:15pm
- 5th STEM Club 3:15pm
- 6th Student of the Month Lunch
- 10th PARCC Pep Rally 2:15pm
PTO Meeting 6:15pm
- 11th 4th Grade Field Trip 10:45am to 2:15pm
- 12th 8th Grade Play 7pm @ Anna Mc
- 13th PARCC Testing Begins
Progress Reports available in HomeLogic
PTO Father/Daughter Dance 6:30pm @ WC
- 17th Student Council 3:15pm
- 19th STEM Club 3:15pm
- 25th Early Dismissal 12:45pm
- 30th Student Council Field Trip 9-2:30pm