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May Newsletter
April 28, 2017

Last Day of School

The last day of school is Tuesday, June 6th. Anna McDonald students will be dismissed at 2:15pm. Students will be dismissed at 12:45pm on Monday, June 5th.

Lunch Account Balance

Please remember to check your child's lunch account balance!! If your child buys hot lunch frequently you will need to add to the account more often. NO NEGATIVE BALANCES ARE ALLOWED! If your child signs up for hot lunch and has a negative balance, they will only get milk. Payments made in homelogs must be done before 9:00 a.m.

Awards Day

The awards assembly for 5th graders has been cancelled. It was originally scheduled for June 6th. Awards and recognition will be sent home through the homeroom teacher for 3rd, 4th and 5th graders.

2017 Anna McDonald Showcase of Talents

The 9th annual talent show at Anna McDonald School will be held on Friday, May 12th at 1:35 p.m.

Teacher Requests

Please refer to the Parent / Student Handbook regarding teacher requests. It is the policy of School District 114 that all classrooms at the elementary level be balanced equitably in regards to gender, race, and ability. The final assignment of any student to a classroom and teacher is the sole responsibility of the building principal. As a general rule, and to protect the interest of insuring classroom equity, requests for specific teachers will not be honored.

National Staff Appreciation Week

May 1st through May 5th is National Staff Appreciation Week. We have an excellent teaching and support staff who give much of themselves to help our children receive a quality education. It is a pleasure to work with such dedicated people.

Foundation for Educational Excellence

The next Foundation meeting is Thursday, May 18th, at 6:00 p.m. in the Junior High Library. The 2017-2018 School calendar will come home with current students the last week of school. We will provide one calendar per family. The calendar will come home with the youngest student in the district.

Pennies for Patients

Student Council would like to thank everyone for their generosity for the Pennies for Patients campaign. We donated \$1,168.70 to the Illinois chapter of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Foundation. The top-donating grade was fourth grade, followed by fifth, and then third grade. Thank you for your continued support.

Physical Education Highlights

The third, fourth and fifth grade students have wrapped up Physical Fitness Testing for the 2016-2017 school year. All students are tested in order to meet State Goal 20, where students achieve and maintain a health-enhancing level of physical fitness. Based upon continual self-assessment, fitness testing can help students identify their fitness levels and set goals for improvement. Gathering this data also enables parents and schools to better understand the health trends within our region and encourage enhancements in our physical education program.

Students participated in the PACER, Curl Ups, 90 Degree Right Angle Push Ups, and the Back Saver Sit & Reach. We have implemented a new program this year, called FitnessGram. FitnessGram is a comprehensive fitness assessment battery for students in grades 3-12. It includes a variety of health-related physical fitness tests designed to assess cardiovascular fitness, muscular strength, muscular endurance, flexibility and body composition.

Fitness data must be reported for all 5th grade students to ISBE. The fitness data that is reported WILL NOT contain any individual student name or assessment results. Only a school's aggregate data of those tested by grade and gender will be reported. This information must be reported by June 30th.

The fifth grade students finished up the fitness unit with a study guide (April 10-14).

Orchestra and Choir news:

Thank you to everyone for making this year so wonderful! Your children are so hard-working and a joy to teach! Summer **camps begin on July 31**, please visit the website: Manhattanorchestrachoir for further details! Have a great summer!

May 9th Spring Choral Concert at MJHS, grades 5-6-7-8. 7:00 p.m.

May 11th Spring Orchestra Concert at MJHS, grades 4-5-6-7-8, 7:00 p.m. Formals/tuxes are worn.

May 15th New orchestra sign up! Please drop in between 3:30-6:00 at MJHS to sign up your new stringer. Violin, viola and cello classes will begin on July 31! Join us!

May 16th Demon Choir auditions for incoming 6th graders during lunch recess.

May 17th 4th and 5th grade instrumental concert, 10:30 a.m. wear your tuxes!

May 18th Last beginner orchestra! Bring treats to share with your friends, no fiddles. Return shirt, please.

May 19th Last 5th grade Jr. Demon Orchestra! Bring treats to share with your friends, no fiddles. Return shirt, please.

End Of Year Medication Pick Up

This is a reminder to pick up medication that is in the nurse's office that belongs to your child. School policy prohibits your child from carrying the medication products, other than inhalers home with them. A parent/guardian will be required to pick them up. The school will be open for a couple weeks after the last day of school. I recommend you call ahead prior to making the trip out if you can't make it here by Tuesday, June 6, 2017. Thank you so much for your cooperation and understanding.

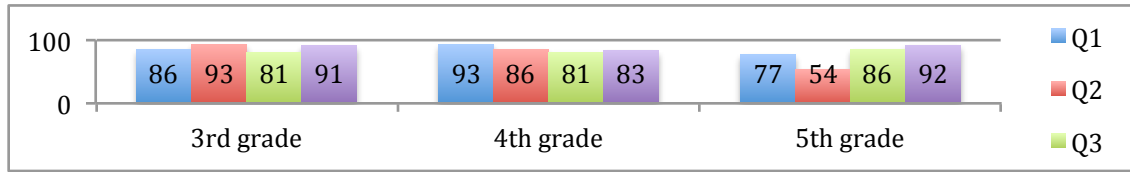
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- 2nd Student Council Meeting 3:15pm
BOE Meeting 6pm
- 3rd 8th grade play 7pm
- 10th MJHS Music Dept. Tour 10am
- 12th 4th Grade Band Demo 12:10 to 12:45pm in Gym
Student Council Talent Show 1:35pm
- 16th Student Council Meeting 3:15pm
- 17th 4th/5th Grade BOC Concert 10:30am
- 18th Beginning Band Sign Up 3:30pm at MJHS
- 24th STAR Reward Slammers Game
- 25th 5th Grade Spelling Bee 9:15am
3rd Grade Spelling Bee 12:45pm
- 26th 5th Grade Step Up Day @ MJHS and Central Park
- 29th NO SCHOOL-Memorial Day
- 30th 4th Grade to Central Park
Student Council Meeting 3:15pm
- 31st 3rd Grade Field Trip to Zoo
5th Grade Field Trip
Character Lunch

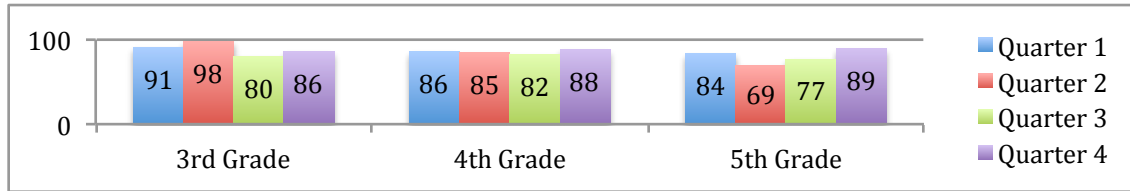
June 2017

- 1st PTO Field Day
MJHS Graduation @ LWW 7pm
- 2nd Kickball Tourney
- 5th Early Dismissal 12:45pm
- 6th 3rd Grade to Central Park
4th Grade Spelling Bee
Report Cards
Perfect Attendance Pizza
Early Dismissal 2:15pm

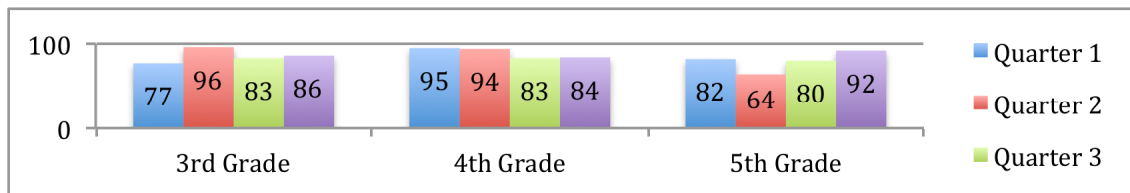
2012-13
Percentage of Students Scoring a 70% or better on Quarterly Math Assessment



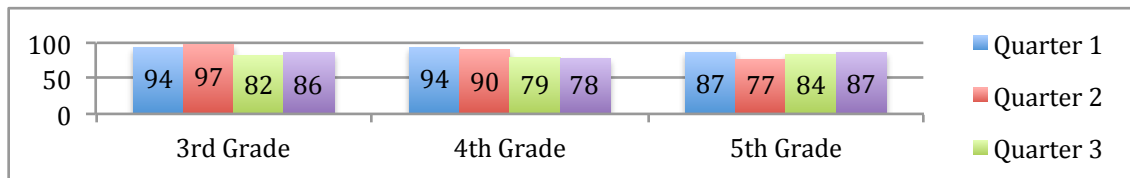
2013-14
Percentage of Students Scoring a 70% or Better on Math Quarterly Exams



2014-15
Percentage of Students Scoring a 70% or Better on Math Quarterly Exams



2015-16
Percentage of Students Scoring a 70% or Better on Math Quarterly Exams



2016-17
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