

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER  
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Ryan McWilliams, Principal  
Debbie Jones, Secretary

Dear Anna McDonald Friends & Families,

I wish for each of you and your circle of family, friends, and loved ones, a great Holiday Season. I hope the next few weeks give you the opportunity to reflect on the many positive things to be thankful for. As I have expressed to the Anna McDonald Staff so many times over the years, the opportunity to work in such a fine school district like Manhattan #114 has truly been a blessing that I will always be grateful for. I am a very lucky man! A sincere "Thank You" to everyone associated with this wonderful school district for all you do on behalf of the children and your contribution to an excellent (and growing!) learning community.

Sincerely,

Mr. Ryan McWilliams

Principal

### **MAKE YOUR LUNCH PAYMENTS ONLINE**

Please remember to check your child's lunch account balance on homelogic. Payments can be made online with a credit card or you can send a check. Please put checks in an envelope with your child's full name, and the teacher's name on the envelope. If you should have any questions about your balance, please feel free to call.

**STUDENTS WITH A NEGATIVE LUNCH BALANCE WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PURCHASE A HOT LUNCH. STUDENTS WILL BE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO CALL HOME FOR A COLD LUNCH.**

### **Yearbooks**

Just a reminder that 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. However, if you purchase one by Nov. 30th, you can save 5% off of the cover price. 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, Tracy Lamont, at [tlamont@manhattan114.org](mailto:tlamont@manhattan114.org)

### **December Drive- Canned Goods and Warm Hands Dec 1-16**

Beginning Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> thru Dec.16<sup>th</sup> Student Council will be collecting canned goods and gloves for the winter season to share with our community and those in need. Gloves can be new or gently used, hand warmers are also appreciated.

### **Winter Holiday Parties / Early Dismissal**

Holiday parties will be held on Friday, December 22nd beginning at 1:30 p.m. School will be dismissed at 2:12 p.m. for walkers/parent riders and 2:15 p.m. for bus riders. School resumes after winter break on Monday, January 9, 2017.

### **Change Of Information**

It is very important that parents notify the school office at 478-3310 with any changes in home, work, or emergency phone numbers. Valuable time can be saved in emergency situations if information is kept up to date. Thank you!

### **Resident Only Parking**

Please be mindful of resident only parking when attending school functions. Signs are posted so nearby residents can still park by their home when school is hosting a program or room party.

### **JDRF Walk**

On Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup> we held our first JDRF Fundraising Walk. We raised \$6,400! The classroom for each grade that raised the most earned a pizza party! The winners are Ms. Stanfa's 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class with \$956.00; Mrs. Frazier's 4<sup>th</sup> grade class with \$1,100.00 and Mrs. Davern's 5<sup>th</sup> grade class with \$485.00. Thank you all for your contributions!

### **Santa's Secret Shop**

The Manhattan Band Boosters will once again provide a holiday store for Anna McDonald students. Santa's Secret Shop will be open during school hours on Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. The store is stocked with a large variety of well-chosen gifts for the whole family, with prices ranging up to \$12.00. Band Booster parents will provide shopping assistance and gift bags. Please watch for our letter and payment envelope. They will be sent home with students. The profits from this fundraiser are used to support the band programs at Anna McDonald and Manhattan Junior High. Thank you in advance for Christmas shopping with us.

### **Lincoln-Way Transportation**

If you have questions or concerns about bus transportation, please contact Lincoln-Way Transportation at 815-717-3102. If you have a daily change (pick up instead of bus), please send a note with your child or call your child's school.

### **Lost and Found**

If you believe your child has left something at school, please check our lost and found bin near the gym and in the cafeteria. Any clothing unclaimed in the lost and found is given to a needy organization during winter break, spring break, and at the end of the school year.

### **Emergency Closing Information**

In addition to local radio, TV, and websites, you can access up-to-date school closing information by calling any of the school phone numbers or the district office at 478-6093 and press extension 5. Mr. Ragon and the principals will record a message informing parents about school closings. If school is going to be closed prior to the start of the day, parents will receive an automated "Connect Ed" call. If you have had a change in contact phone numbers since filling out your child's registration form, it is important that you call school with these changes. These are the numbers that will be used to generate your automated call. HOTLINE-If we have to close school once children are already in school, we will activate our Emergency Hotline. We will call Wilson Creek and Anna McDonald's youngest child in the family's emergency contact information to notify you if we have to close school early. At Manhattan Junior High we will only call those families that request a call.

### **The Manhattan Foundation for Educational Excellence**

#### **Support the Foundation While Doing Your Regular Holiday Shopping**

Use the link: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/31-1751490> to do all your holiday shopping and Amazon will donate 0.5% of your eligible purchases to the Manhattan Foundation. This is an excellent way to benefit the Manhattan 114 schools using money you would be spending anyway! This program runs all year long and you can use your existing Amazon account. Please spread the word to your friends and family - anyone can participate!

#### **Do you own a business? Advertise in the School Calendar**

This program is a win-win! Your business wins when your name and contact information appear in our school calendar which is seen by all the families in our district and our students and schools benefit from your support. We offer a \$50 special listing for home-based businesses, as well as full business ad packages. Contact Kelly Honan at [KHonan@aol.com](mailto:KHonan@aol.com) or 815-478-7782 for more information.

#### **7th Grade Families - Watch for Graduation Ad Forms in January**

Send your Class of 2018 student off with a special note of congratulations in the school calendar! Your child's name and your message will be listed in their 8th Grade calendar as a keepsake from this special time in your child's life. Graduation ads are \$25 and forms will be available in January, 2017.

**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING  
THE MANHATTAN FOUNDATION!**

### **Nurse News**

Vision and Hearing Screenings will be done the week of December 5<sup>th</sup>. All 3<sup>rd</sup> graders, new students, those who receive special services and teacher referrals will be screened.

### **Communicable Diseases**

If your child has been diagnosed with a communicable disease, we ask that you call and/or write to the school and inform us. Manhattan School District 114 follows the instructions set forth by the Health Department. The Illinois Department of Public Health recommends that your child stay home when the following conditions occur:

1. Fever Temperature of one hundred (100) degrees F or above. Children are required to stay home for at least twenty four (24) hours after the fever has gone down.

2. Nausea, Vomiting or Diarrhea

All body fluids are considered contagious. Children are required to stay home at least twenty four (24) hours after the last episode.

3. Pink Eye: This may be viral or bacterial. Any child with symptoms such as swelling, redness, itching, or drainage should be seen by a physician. Antibiotics must be administered at least twenty-four (24) hours before returning to school.

4. Rash A rash is assumed contagious and must be diagnosed by a doctor. A doctor's note should accompany the child when returning to school that identifies the rash.

5. Antibiotic administration

Any child that has been diagnosed with a communicable disease that requires an antibiotic is required to stay home until he/she has taken the antibiotic for at least 24 hours.

Please remember if you think your child will be needing any medication at school that the Medication authorization form needs to be filled out by parent and physician and returned to school. This includes cough drops, Tylenol, Motrin etc. Please remember this is a district policy! Any medication is to be brought in to the nurse's office and picked up by a parent.

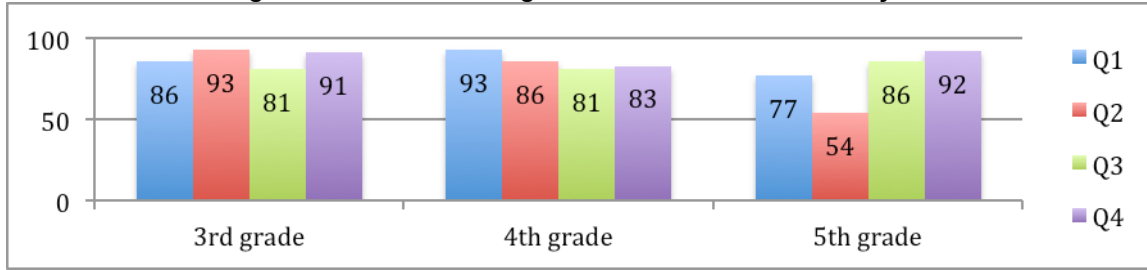
### **December 2016**

6<sup>th</sup> Band Booster Secret Santa Workshop  
7<sup>th</sup> Band Booster Secret Santa Workshop  
13<sup>th</sup> Student Council Meeting 3:15pm  
14<sup>th</sup> BOE meeting 6pm @ WC  
21<sup>st</sup> Student of the month lunches  
22<sup>nd</sup> PTO Winter Parties 1:30  
EARLY DISMISSAL 2:15pm  
23<sup>rd</sup> thru Jan 8<sup>th</sup> WINTER BREAK

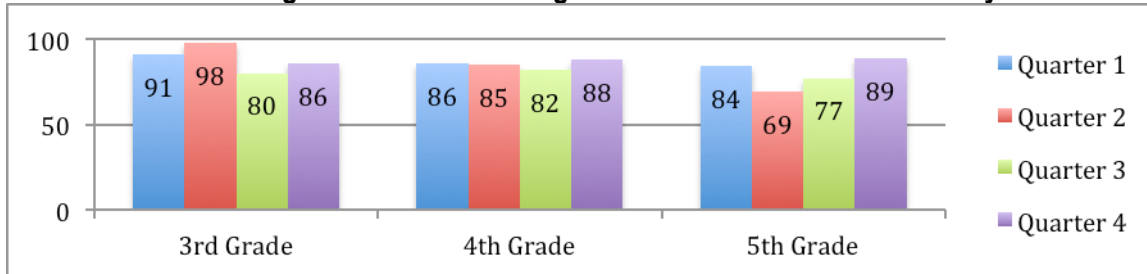
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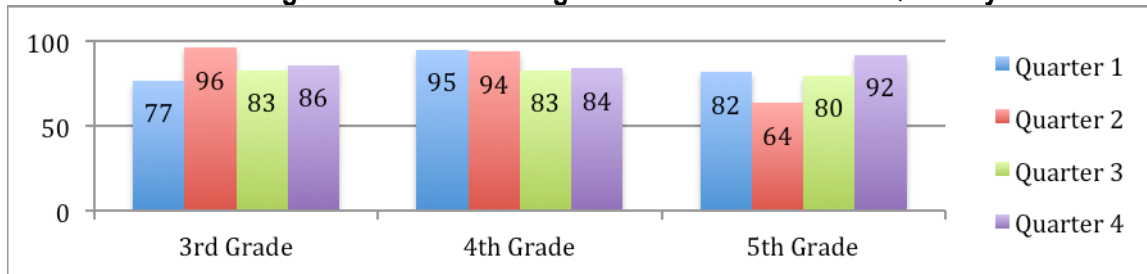
**2012-13**  
**Percentage of Students Scoring a 70% or better on Quarterly Math Assessment**



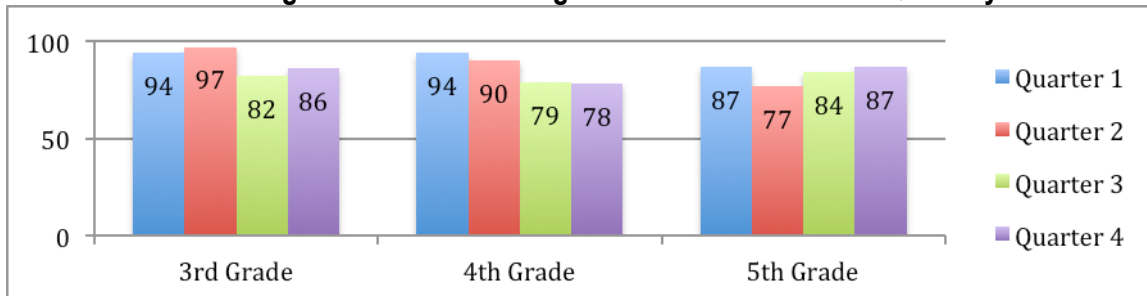
**2013-14**  
**Percentage of Students Scoring a 70% or Better on Math Quarterly Exams**



**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  
Percentage of Students Scoring a 70% or Better on Math Quarterly Exams

