



**Anna McDonald Elementary School**  
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**Ryan McWilliams, Principal**  
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**November 2017**

### **Important Reminders**

Please keep in mind when making changes for your child, or if other arrangements need to be made for your child, please send a note. Unless we have something in writing your child will be sent on their normal means of travel. In case of an emergency, a call can be made to the school and we will get the message to your child. Please try to make all calls before 2:30 p.m. to allow time to get the message to them.

### **Early Dismissal**

There will be an early dismissal on Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup>. Anna McDonald students will be dismissed at 12:42/12:45. This also marks the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> Trimester. Grades will be available online on Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup>.

### **3rd Grade Music Program**

Our 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Music Program will be on Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. We would like to encourage friends and family to attend the 10:30 a.m. performance so there is more room for parents at the 7pm performance.

### **Parent/Teacher Conferences**

Parent/Teacher conferences are scheduled for Monday, November 20<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, November 21<sup>st</sup>. Please sign up for your conference through SignUpGenius. You can find information on Anna McDonald's home page at [www.manhattan114.org](http://www.manhattan114.org). Please call the office if you need assistance. There is no school on Wednesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> thru Friday, November 24<sup>th</sup> for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

### **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.

### **Lunch Information**

Please remember to check your child's lunch account balance on homelogic. You can pay online through your homelogic account or send a check. When sending a check, please remember to use an envelope with your child's first and last name and teacher's name on the envelope. This is very important to ensure that we can credit the right child's account. It is also necessary for students to sign up each day that they are buying a hot lunch. **Students are NOT allowed to buy hot lunch if they have a negative lunch balance.**

### **Dressing for the Weather**

For grades Kindergarten 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.

### **Student Council News**

Student Council would like to thank everyone for helping us raise over \$950 for Yellow Ribbon Week to support Childhood Cancer Research. Student Council members will be using some of the money to shop for holiday presents for children that are currently in the hospital battling cancer.

Student Council is also sponsoring a Food Drive in observance of Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week. During November 8th to November 16th, please bring nonperishable/canned items to donate to All God's People which is an organization that helps over 500 people in Chicago each month. The class at each grade level with the most donations will earn extra recess.

### **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](mailto:jmccleverty@manhattan114.org) You will also see the flyer at the end of this newsletter.

### **Orchestra and Choir News**

Choir News: The first concert of the year is November 9th at MJHS. Students are to wear their tuxedo shirt, and black on the bottom. The performance is at 7:00 p.m.

Also, they will be having a performance at the Chicago Wolves game on Sunday, November 12. **Please meet at MJHS to load the bus**, wear a blue shirt, bring spending money! Thank you, chaperones!

Orchestra: The first concert of the year is November 9th at MJHS. Students are to wear their tuxedo shirt, and black on the bottom. The performance is at 7:00. Also, the field trip to the Chicago Symphony is coming up on December 2. Permission slips will be coming home shortly, and chaperone help is appreciated. The conductor is my former conductor from Northwest Indiana Youth Symphony! A long, long, long time ago.....:)

**ONLY FUNDRAISER FOR ORCHESTRA & CHOIR!** We will be sending home our only fundraiser for the year, and everyone's participation is expected. 10 Lottery tickets per family @ \$10.00 each are going home on November 6. Please return stubs and one check for \$100.00 to MOCB. After November 30, they cannot be accepted. \$25.00 in cash for numbers that correspond with the Illinois Lottery Mondays through Saturdays. \$100.00 for Sundays and \$50.00 for Christmas Day and New Year's Eve; checks are mailed to the house along with a hand written thank you note. Numbers are drawn twice daily during the month of December. Thank you for supporting the orchestra and choir!!!! GOOD LUCK!

3rd grade is working on perfecting their upcoming music revue on November 16, "Make A Difference" They are asked to wear white on top and black on the bottom.

4th grade is working on rhythm cards, sight singing, seasonal songs and a fun movement game/song with Lummi sticks from the Lummi Indian tribe.

5th grade is also working on rhythm cards, sight singing, and a Colonial Unit that corresponds with the 13 colonies.

### **91% Factor**

The 91% factor means that if a child enters school as a kindergartener and never misses a day of school until he/she graduates 13 years later, the school system will have had control over that child's learning experiences for 9% of the child's life up to that point in time. The other 91% (hence the 91% Factor) of the child's life is outside the control and the purview of the school system, presumably mostly in the hands of the family and the community (George Will, Washington Post, 2002, p. B07)

The relationship between home and school is crucial in the development of a child—Ryan McWilliams.

### **“WHY CAN'T I SKIP MY 20 MINUTES OF READING TONIGHT?”**

Student A reads 20 minutes five nights of every week; Student B reads only 4 minutes a night...or not at all!

Step 1: Multiply minutes a night x 5 times each week. Student A reads 20 minutes x 5 times a week = 100 min./week. Student B reads 4 minutes x 5 times a week = 20 minutes.

Step 2: Multiply minutes a week x 4 weeks each month. Student A reads 400 minutes a month. Student B reads 80 minutes a month.

Step 3: Multiply minutes a month x 9 months/school year. Student A reads 3600 minutes in a school year. Student B reads 720 minutes in a school year.

Student A practices reading the equivalent of ten whole school days a year. Student B gets the equivalent of only two school days of reading practice.

By the end of 6<sup>th</sup> grade if Student A and Student B maintain these same reading habits, Student A will have read the equivalent of 60 whole school days. Student B will have read the equivalent of only 12 school

days. One would expect the gap of information retained will have widened considerably and so, undoubtedly, will school performance. How do you think Student B will feel about him/herself as a student?

**Some questions to ponder:**

- Which student would you expect to read better?
- Which student would you expect to know more?
- Which student would you expect to write better?
- Which student would you expect to have a better vocabulary?
- Which student would you expect to be more successful in school...and in life?
- Which student are you?

U.S. Dept. of Education, America Reads Challenge. (1999) “Start Early, Finish Strong: How to Help Every Child Become a Reader.” Washington, D.C.

**Nurse News**

See the chart below for symptoms of a cold vs. the flu.

Symptoms	Cold	Flu
fever	rare	characteristic, high (102-104 F); lasts 3-4 days
headache	rare	prominent
general aches, pains	slight	usual; often severe
fatigue, weakness	quite mild	can last up to 2-3 weeks
extreme exhaustion	never	early and prominent
stuffy nose	common	sometimes
sneezing	usual	sometimes
sore throat	common	sometimes
chest discomfort, cough	mild to moderate; hacking cough	common; can become severe

(Source: National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases)

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- 2<sup>nd</sup> STEM Club 3:15pm
- 5<sup>th</sup> Daylight Saving Ends-Turn clocks back one hour
- 7<sup>th</sup> Student Council 3:15pm
- 8<sup>th</sup> BOE Meeting 6pm @ Wilson Creek

9<sup>th</sup> 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> grade BOC Concert @ Jr High 7pm  
10<sup>th</sup> End of 1<sup>st</sup> Trimester  
Early Dismissal 12:45pm  
PTO Bingo Night 7:30pm @ Wilson Creek  
14<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip (DD, AT, KR)  
16<sup>th</sup> STAR Reward Movie – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade afternoon  
3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Music Program 10:30am & 7pm  
5<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip (AK, KD, TL)  
STEM Club 3:15pm  
17<sup>th</sup> STAR Reward Movie – 5<sup>th</sup> grade 9am, 4<sup>th</sup> grade 12:00  
20<sup>th</sup> Parent/Teacher Conferences 2pm to 9pm  
Erin's Law Parent Presentation 4pm @ WC  
21<sup>st</sup> Parent/Teacher Conferences 8am to 1pm  
**22<sup>nd</sup> thru 24<sup>th</sup> Thanksgiving Break**  
28<sup>th</sup> Student Council 3:15pm  
30<sup>th</sup> STEM Club 3:15pm

# Capture Your Memories in your Manhattan 114 School Yearbook!



## Add Photos & Memories to Your 2 Free Custom Pages

- Add photos from your computer, Facebook and Flickr.
- Add memories & photos from throughout the year. Share them with your classmates to include in their personal pages.
- Send and receive Bling and signatures. A great way to share expressions of friendship!

### To Purchase & Customize Your Yearbook\*:

\*Must be a parent or student 13 years or older.

1. Go to [www.TreeRing.com/validate](http://www.TreeRing.com/validate)
2. Enter our school's passcode:

\*SEE CHART BELOW

Regular Price: \$12.00

\* Wilson Creek, Anna McDonald and the Junior High are part of a linked school. This means there are multiple campuses in your school's district creating their yearbook with TreeRing. Be sure to use the correct passcode for each child you register on Treeing's website.

Wilson Creek	PreK, K, 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Passcode: 1013796813994434
Anna McDonald	3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup>	Passcode: 1014417497762779
Manhattan Junior High	6 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup> , 8 <sup>th</sup>	Passcode: 1014117026912978

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