

Manhattan PTO 114

Parents and Teachers helping our children

Back to School and Volunteering

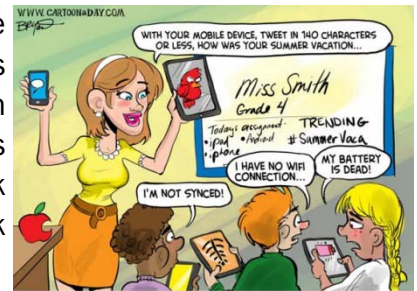


We hope everyone enjoyed their summer break! Now with school back in session, kids making new friends and seeing old ones, we begin to look forward to this next school year. We've made lots of preparations with fun events for the kids, fundraisers and social gatherings. We've also added lots of information to our webpage section of the school district's

website. We're supplying this newsletter with upcoming events (please see back page for a "quick list").

We parents have been planning and preparing for this year since the end of last school year. We hope you'll support the PTO every chance you can. Without everyone's support we wouldn't be able to continue.

We're trying to make volunteering even easier by using www.SignUp.com for all



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of our events. If you want to help with any event go to the website, look for the events you want to help with and sign up. You'll get an email reminder of the events that you've signed up for. For our specific events go to:

<http://signup.com/go/manhattanschooldistrict>

Special points of interest:

- Boo Hoo / Yahoo Breakfast
- Fundraiser
- Open Houses / Spirit Wear
- PTO Calendar at a Glance (back page)



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PTO makes a wonderful donation to School District 114

On August 9, 2017 the school board was presented a check for \$21,000 from Kristen Reinke, PTO President, for the three schools. These monies were evenly distributed to each school for purposes of providing better curriculum, more

kid friendly iPad covers and other numerous items. The fundraisers done within the 2016-2017 school year is what made that large donation possible. We're hoping to be able to do the same or better for 2017-2018.

Please stop by the PTO table at the Open Houses:

WC—August 21st

AM—August 29th

Thank you to everyone who volunteered or participated with the fundraisers last year!



For all of those parents who are sending their child off to Kindergarten this is the perfect Meet & Greet for you. On **August 23rd @ 9:10 AM** we will meet in the **Art Room** at **Wilson Creek School**. This is the perfect way for parents to meet and to ask questions about the PTO. We will have handouts and favors. Water will be available but if you prefer coffee

feel free to bring your own. We will have raffle prizes for those in attendance. We look forward to meeting new people and seeing ones we already know.

BooHoo!!!



#firstdayofschool

Little Caesars Fundraiser



Little Caesars

Little Caesars will kick off our first fundraiser. On **Friday, September 8th** the flyers for this fundraiser will come home. Ways to help raise funds is by asking friends, neighbors, family, co-workers, etc. to take a look and see if there

is anything they would be interested in purchasing. **Deadline** to turn in orders & funds is **Friday, September 22nd**. Your fundraiser items will be at the **Junior High** for pick up on **October 6th**.

Remember our funds raised help go toward scholarships, Olympic & Field Days, other school items, etc.

HOT TIP:

Recycle by saving some envelopes out of your "junk mail" to use when sending in payments or other information to the school. Write on there where/who it needs to go to. If it's preaddressed just cross that out and write above or below it. No need to use a brand new envelope when you can recycle one you were going to throw out any way.



Reuse/Recycled envelope

PTO Selling School Spirit Wear

This year the PTO has for sale T-shirts and hoodies of School Spirit Wear. At the end of last year the PTO sent order forms out for those who wished to order in advance. For those who wanted to wait and see what they looked like or are new to the district you can contact a PTO member if you wish to purchase. The items will also be available at the Open Houses at **Wilson Creek, Monday, August 21st from 6–7:30 pm** and **Anna McDonald on Tuesday, August 29th**

from **6–7 pm**. The items come in the color gray with our logo. Our logo is also displayed on the front and back pages of this newsletter:

Be sure to buy yours today, if you haven't already.



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PTO—Fact or Fiction

Do you know the facts behind some of these common myths about the PTO?

1. The PTO's main function is to send fundraising letters home in my child's backpack, asking me to buy stuff.

FACT AND FICTION. The PTO does do fundraising, yes. And occasionally information on those fundraisers is sent home in the backpacks, yes. But all those funds go to enrichment activities in the schools, as well as grants to the schools (for things like iPads, learning carts, etc). The PTO's mission is to enrich and extend the curriculum by providing activities and resources that aren't in the school budget –and raising money is a necessary part of offering those enrichments.

2. I'm a "bad" parent if I don't buy a bunch of stuff (that I don't necessarily need or want) to support the PTO.

FICTION!! There are many different ways to support the PTO. Some people choose to sell to their friends, family and neighbors during the PTO's fundraisers. Some people write a check at the beginning of the year, and cross "support the PTO" off their list for the year. Some people donate their time and talents to the PTO's fundraisers and events. All of these are great ways to support the PTO, and are equally important and equally appreciated.

3. Everyone in the PTO has known each other since their kids were in diapers, and it's hard to break in.

FICTION! The PTO is made up of parents of kindergarteners up to junior high schoolers. This

year, the PTO board has a few parents whose children started kindergarten last month and a few with children who are looking at colleges – and most board members did not know each other before joining the board.

Contact Kristen Reinke at manhattan114pto@gmail.com if you're interested in becoming more actively involved in the PTO or joining the PTO board.

4. I'm not welcome at the PTO's monthly board meetings because I am not a board member.

FICTION! Everyone is welcome at the PTO's monthly meetings, which are held on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:15 p.m. in the Wilson Creek School library! PTO is a good place to connect with other parents, get to know school administrators, and find out more about what's happening in the school system. Dana Schuttler is the teacher representative from Wilson Creek. She teaches Kindergarten and does a wonderful job at keeping us informed as to the needs or concerns for Wilson Creek, the staff and input before or after events.

5. If I join the PTO, I'll get roped into volunteering at a bunch of events.

FICTION! Joining the PTO does not obligate you to do anything other than attend the meetings and have input into planning things. If you can contribute more, in either time or money, it would be appreciated, but it's certainly not necessary, or expected.

Room Parents for Class Parties

REMEMBER at the OPEN HOUSE, Monday, **August 21st for WC 6—7:30 PM** and Tuesday, **August 29th for AM 6—7 PM** to look for the sign up sheet to help with Room Parties this year! The 21st is when you're to bring in your school supplies to your

child's classroom at Wilson Creek. If you missed the form to fill out and would like to sign up please contact:

for Wilson Creek:

Barbara Steffen at pto114barb@gmail.com or 815.530.3646

OR

for Anna Mc Donald:

Melanie Rutkowski at melnmrk@aol.com or 815.483.3720

and we'll get you added to the list.

There are three parties throughout the school year: Halloween, Winter and Spring.



Remember if you can't attend you can always help by donating items toward prizes for the parties.

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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/747986838620309/>



Thanks to all
the hard-working
TEACHERS!

We appreciate
your dedication
to our kids!

WC = Wilson Creek School
25440 S. Gougar Rd.

AM = Anna McDonald School
200 Second St.

MJH = Manhattan Junior High School
15606 W. Smith Rd.

August—

23—9:10 AM—Boo Hoo / Yahoo Breakfast @ WC

September—

12—6:30—7 PM—Head Room Parent Meeting

12—6—7 PM—PTO Meeting @ WC

22—6—7 PM—Ice Cream Social @ WC

23—4—10 PM—Rt 66 Demolition Derby—Dirt Track

October—

10—6:15—7:15 PM—PTO Meeting @ WC

13—6:30—8:30 PM—Halloween Dance—WC (Grades K,-2)

20—6:30—8:30 PM—Halloween Dance—AM (Grades 3-5)

27—6:30—9 PM—Halloween Dance—MJH (Grades 6-8)

30—11:30—12:30—Halloween Room Parties @ WC/AM

November—

10—7:30—9:30 PM—BINGO Night @ WC

14—6:15—7:15 PM—PTO Meeting @ WC

December—

15—6:30—9 PM—Winter Dance @ MJH (Grades 6-8)

22—1—2 PM—Winter Room Parties @ WC (K-2)

22—1:30—2:15 PM—Winter Room Parties @ AM (3-5)

PTO Calendar-At-A-Glance

January—

09—6:15—7:15 PM—PTO Meeting

27—Mother/Son Laser Tag

February—

09—6:30—9 PM—Valentine's Day Dance @ MJH (Grades 6-8)

13—6:15—7:15 PM—PTO Meeting

24—3 PM—Family Bowling

March—

13—6:15—7:15 PM—PTO Meeting

16—6:30—8:30 PM—St. Patty's Day Dance @ AM (Grades 3-5)

23—11:30—12:30—Spring Room Parties @ WC/AM

April—

10—6:15—7:15 PM—PTO Meeting

13—6:30—8:30 PM—Father/Daughter Dance @ WC

May—

08—6:15—7:15 PM—PTO Meeting

School Decision—Olympic Day @ WC

24—9 AM—2:30 PM—Field Day @ AM

*** Times and Dates are subject to change ***