

**DECEMBER NEWSLETTER
ANNA MCDONALD SCHOOL**

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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 a great Holiday Season. 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

December Early Dismissal Dates

We have an early dismissal scheduled for Wednesday, December 6th. Anna McDonald students will be dismissed at 12:42/12:45pm. There is also an early release on Friday, December 22nd. We will dismiss at 2:15pm following the PTO room parties.

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.

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

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 8, 2018.

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.

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.

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.

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 Monday, December 4th and Tuesday, December 5th. The store is stocked with a large variety of well-chosen gifts for the whole family, with a wide range of prices. 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 815-717-3107. If you have a daily change (pick up instead of bus), please send a note with your child or call your child's school.

Emergency Closing Information

In addition to local radio, TV, and websites, our new "School Messenger" communication service will also be utilized to provide each family with information. If school is going to be closed prior to the start of the day, parents will receive an automated "School Messenger" call or email. If you have had a change in

information, it is important that you call school with these changes. 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 BHonan@aol.com or 815-478-7782 for more information.

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

Send your Class of 2019 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 2018.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE MANHATTAN FOUNDATION!

The Manhattan Foundation for Education Excellence uses all of our profits to provide District 114 students and staff with educational resources beyond what the school budgets allow. We are strictly a volunteer organization made up of individuals who share one goal - to help our schools achieve and maintain a standard of educational excellence in Manhattan!

For information on joining our efforts
contact Kelly Honan
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Nurse News

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.

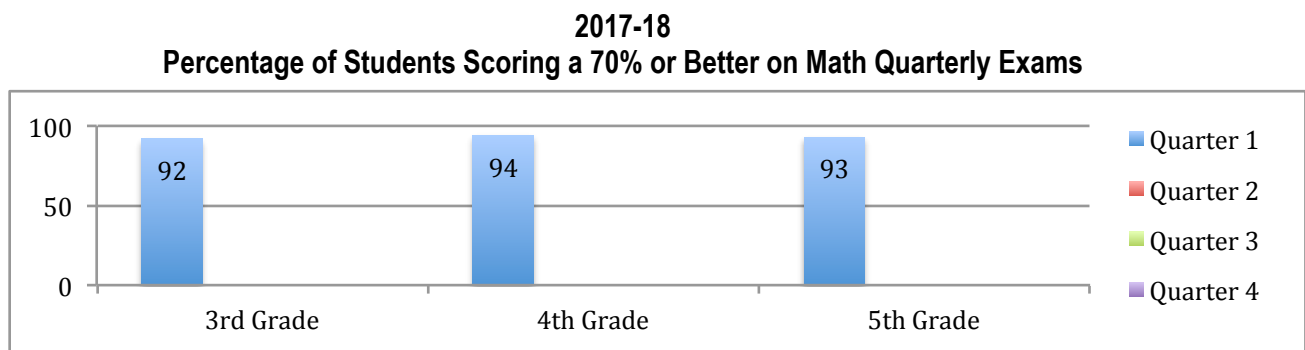
4. Rash A rash is assumed contagious and must be diagnosed by a doctor. A doctor's note should accompany the child when returning to school that identifies the rash.

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.

Math Common Assessment Results



3rd grade---2nd best start in 6 years
4th grade---5th time in 6 years to achieve 90% or better
5th grade---Best start in 6 years

December 2017

- 1st STAR Reward Trip 5th @ 9am 4th @ 12
- 4th Secret Santa Shopping on Stage
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- 6th Early dismissal 12:45pm
- 8th Van Gogh Candid's
- 12th Student Council 3:15pm
- 14th STEM Club 3:15pm
- 21st Student of the month Lunch
Anna Mc's Art Show 6-8pm
- 22nd 12th Annual Dodgeball Tourney
PTO Room Parties 1:30pm
Early Dismissal 2:15pm

**December 23, 2017 thru January 7, 2018 Winter Break –
Return to School January 8, 2018**

