

ANNA MCDONALD SCHOOL NEWSLETTER
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Emergency Closing Info

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 815-478-6093 and press extension 5. Mr. Ragon 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.

No School

There will be no school on Friday, February 16th for Teacher Institute and on Monday, February 19th for Presidents' Day.

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.

MAKE YOUR LUNCH PAYMENTS ONLINE

Please remember you are able to view and pay for your children's lunch and registration fees online with a credit card through Homelogic. You may continue to pay for lunches with cash or check by sending it to school with your student. Negative lunch balances will not be allowed. Lunch payments made online with a credit card must be a minimum of \$10.00. If you should have any questions about your balance, please feel free to call.

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

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.

Six Flags Read to Succeed

The Six Flags Read to succeed Program has begun at Anna McDonald School! All students received a Reading Log. Between now and February 15th, students should keep track of time spent Reading. Those who read for six hours or more will earn a free ticket to Six Flags. Completed Reading Logs must be signed by a parent and returned to the student's classroom teacher no later than February 15th. No late submissions will be accepted. Thank you and happy reading!

Student Council News

Student Council will be sponsoring a Box Top competition from February 7th until March 6th. The winning class at each grade level will get to vote on their prize. Please send in your Box Tops to help your class starting February 7th! Expired Box Tops will not count. Please check the expiration date before sending them in.

Orchestra News

Good luck to the following orchestra students who are participating in the Illinois Grade School Music Association Solo & Ensemble Contest: Mackenzie Ceh, Chloe Miller and Kiersten White. They are playing their violins for the competition on February 10th in Shorewood. Good luck, fiddlers!!!!











Nurse News

With registration fast approaching, please remember all the appropriate health forms that your school nurse will need. To print the necessary forms please go to: <http://www.manhattan114.org> then select the registration/handbook tab on the right side of the screen. All forms can be found in that location.

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.

- 1st Prime Time Reading Night 6-7:30pm
- 2nd Pajama/Slipper Day
PTO Penny Wars Duct Taping 2:45pm
- 6th Student Council 3:15pm
- 8th STEM Club 3:15pm
- 12th Olympic Day Opening Ceremony
- 13th PTO Meeting 6:15pm
- 14th Valentine's Day
Student of the Month Lunch
BOE Meeting 6pm
- 15th Early Dismissal 12:45pm
Education Foundation Meeting @ MJHS 6pm
- 16th Teacher Institute – No School for students
- 19th President's Day – NO SCHOOL
- 20th Student Council 3:15pm
- 22nd STEM Club 3:15pm
- 23rd 2nd Trimester Ends
Olympic Day Closing Ceremony
- 27th Perfect Attendance Pizza during Lunches

A good question to ask yourself as a parent is, "Would I Want my child to sit next to a child with these symptoms?"

Symptoms	Cold	Flu	Stomach bug
 Fever/Chills	Rare	Common	Low grade fever & chills common
 Headache	Not Common	Common	Common
 Body Aches	Slight	Severe	Common: stomach-ache & cramps
 Runny, Stuffy Nose	Common	Runny Nose is Common	None
 Sneezing	Common	Common	None
 Sore Throat	Common	Common	None
 Cough	Cough with Mucus	Often. Dry & Hacking Cough	None
 Diarrhea/Vomiting	None	Not Common. Occurs more often in children than adults	Moderate to severe, as well as moderate to severe nausea
 Chest Discomfort	Mild to Moderate	Moderate to Severe	None
 Fatigue	Mild	Moderate to Severe	Common