

Wilson Creek Elementary School



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May/June 2018

FAMILY OF THE MONTH: **EBERHART**

It is hard to believe that we are officially in the home stretch for the end of this school year. Our little Kindergarteners are inquisitive readers and writers, ready for 1st grade. Our 1st graders are busy learners, ready for the challenge of 2nd grade and our 2nd graders are more than ready to make the big move to Anna McDonald. It has been a great year!

The month of May will be packed with year-end activities and celebrations. Please keep in touch and updated with class newsletters for your child's class for important dates and details. If you have questions about any event or date, please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher. Have a WONDERFUL summer!

MAY IMPORTANT DATES

- 1 2R/2K Take Your Parent to PE
STAR Spring Benchmark begins
- 2 2H Take Your Parent to PE
- 3 2C/2B Take Your Parent to PE
KINDERGARTEN MUSIC PROGRAM 9:30 AM AND 7:00 PM
- 7 School Staff Appreciation Week (May 7-11)
- 8 **KINDERGARTEN SCREENINGS**
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School Board of Education Meeting 7 PM at Anna McDonald
- 11 2nd Grade Mother's Day Tea 2 PM
- 14 1st Grade Field Trip to Big Run Wolf Ranch (1D,AC,1LN,1S)
- 16 1st Grade Field Trip to Big Run Wolf Ranch (1P,SI,1F,1N,1W)
WJHS DISTRICT MUSIC TOUR 1 PM in Cym
- 18 **PTO Junior Olympic Day**
- 25 **PICNICS WITH THE PRINCIPAL & SCHOOL PRIDE ASSEMBLY**
- 28 **NO SCHOOL – Memorial Day**
- 30 2nd Grade Picnic at Round Barn
- 31 1st Grade Picnic at Round Barn

JUNE IMPORTANT DATES

- 1 1:00 Early Release
- 4 2: 30 Early Dismissal - Last Day of School

2018 YOUNG AUTHORS

This year, we had 83 students participate in our Young Author's Contest! Their stories were creative, imaginative, and so well "published!" Great job to all of the winners and participants!

2018 PARTICIPANTS

Jacob Lowell	William Birk	Alyssa Kois	Chloe Jack
Thomas Walsh	Hannah Cotrano	Caleigh Nicholson	Jacob Karczewski
Kyle Hosty	Jordyn Grosche	Mia Beallis	Avery Lea
Hailey Sowinski	Lauren Holiner	Hailey Machen	Kennedy Romeo
Vanessa Topielec	Gianna Kenny	Kaylianna Rosales	Holly Smith
Leah Coffey	Owen Lessner	Quinn Smith	Ella Summers
Colton Tustin	Macy McElroy	Olivia Yocom	Madison Hughes
Danica Welter	Ryan O'Meara	Mark Cotrano	Aubrey Kakos
Ava Trino	Addison Oppenhuis	Amber Crawford	Michelle Herrmann
Parker Obiala	Aden Stoeberl	Maci Richard	Isabella Hosty
Madison Durbon	Maren Walsh	Srake Schultz	Nathan Bailey
Ian Kakos	Leilani Amador Benitez	Daphne Topielec	Kelsey Boros
Chelsea Kroll	Coldyn Holba	Frank Cuttone	Aaron Herrings
Daphne Bettenhausen	Meredith Marquardt	Vivan Herring	Cam Karales
Elizabeth Bagwell	Lenea Wright	Avery Holeman	Annie Nelson
Ava Ferrucci	Ayan Bennett	Noah Kress	Mary Jane Pahnke
Claire Horton	Cooper Calt	Keira Lonergan	Nora Popovich
Grace Kinsella	Audrey Etcorn	Hailey Lukich	Madison Richard
Johnny Marrello	Jillyan Grosche	Jessica Wetzel	Kasey Cusack
Kayleigh Swanson	Davey Kozulinski	Daniel Williams	
Sophie VanZant Gilette	McKenzie Steinke	Libby Condon	

2018 WINNERS

Kindergarten

1st Place: Ava Trino
2nd Place: Vanessa Topielec
3rd Place: Kyle Hosty

1st Grade

1st Place: Jordyn Grosche
2nd Place: Allison Jacobs
3rd Place: Lenea Wright

2nd Grade

1st Place: Isabella Hosty
2nd Place: Kelsey Boros
3rd Place: Holly Smith
Young Illustrator: MJ Pahnke

ONLINE REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

Manhattan School District 114 registration is Online again for the 2018-2019 school year. We will be switching over to a new registration system in May. In order to be able to transfer students to our new system for the upcoming school year it is imperative that you register your student(s) by April 30, 2018.

Registration for current and new families will be done at home through your personal computer. This process will result in substantial savings in paper and printing costs for our district and make the registration procedure much more convenient for our families. We have learned that sometimes Internet Explorer does not always work for registration, as it is not as up to date as it should be. If you encounter this problem, please try registering through Firefox or Google Chrome.

**ALL PAST DUE FEES NEED TO BE PAID ASAP
2018-2019 FEES WILL BE ADDED AT THE END OF FEBRUARY**

In order to place students in classes for the next school year you need to complete online registration. If you will not be returning to the district in the fall please contact us.

If you have any problems or questions regarding registration or fees, please contact **Sarah Bancsy** at [815-531-3326](tel:815-531-3326) or sbancsy@manhattan114.org

CAMP INVENTION 2018

Wild and crazy ideas become reality in this year's all-new Camp Invention program, Fast Forward! Campers in grades K-6 explore the technology behind self-driving cars and create vehicles of the future, build their very own "smart" homes, design a mechanical robot dog and take home an Optibot, a robot that senses dark and light surfaces. Local educators lead the week of fun, hands-on, STEM activities that allow children to think big, explore their curiosity, and never give up! Camp Invention will be held at Wilson Creek June 11th-15th from 8:00am to 2:30pm. Early registration discounts are available, so don't delay. Visit campinvention.org or call [800.968.4332](tel:800.968.4332) to register. Use promo code Ideas25 to save \$25 (expires 3/23) and Ideas15 to save \$15 (expires 5/4).



MANHATTAN WEBSITE UPDATES

Our district and school websites and district Facebook page are regularly updated. Important information, current events, and resources can be found on these sites. Also, don't forget to check out our [VIRTUAL BACKPACK](#) where you can find information from local organizations such as the Park District, MYAA, Boy/Girl Scouts, etc. If you are in need of a hard copy of any of these flyers you can have your child pick one up in the office.



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NEWS FROM OUR SOCIAL WORKER

During the month of April students learned about the sixth, and last, character trait, "Respect." Students learned how to show respect by how they behave and speak around others. It's not only what you say but also how you say it! We also talked about how we may have an opinion that is the same or different than others and that is ok. Respecting differences in others is an important skill! As we move into May, students and staff are encouraged to practice Growth Mindset as we wrap up the year by celebrating the Eberhart family. Wilson Creek students have done a tremendous job showing their great character throughout this school year. Keep up the great work!

As always, if you have any questions or concerns about the social emotional needs of your child, please contact the school social worker, Natalie Moss, by calling the main Wilson Creek number, or by emailing her at nmoss@manhattan114.org.

Art News

Check out what is happening in the Wilson Creek Art Room at <http://www.paintonourfingers.weebly.com>!

Mrs. Boersma can be reached by email at sboersma@manhattan14.org.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS

Please check out our Physical Education website for updates on what your child will be doing in P.E. as well lots of other information including our monthly mile days, string figure and speed stacks information and much more. Check us out here: <http://wcphysed.weebly.com/> or by going to our Wilson Creek webpage, going to faculty and staff and clicking on Ms. Book.

Ms. Book can be reached by email at cbook@manhattan114.org.

TECHNOLOGY NEWS

To stay up to date on what your child is learning in computers, please visit Mrs. Kaluzny's webpage at <http://wclab.weebly.com/> You can also follow Mrs. Kaluzny on Instagram at K2techteacher.

Mrs. Kaluzny can be reached by email at bkaluzny@manhattan114.org

MUSIC NEWS

The **Kindergarten** students have been working hard on their songs for their upcoming program called "Pajama Party" that will take place on Thursday, May 3 at Wilson Creek Elementary School.

There will be 2 performances on May 3: one at 9:30am and again at 7:00pm.

Students are to wear pajamas with tennis shoes. No pajamas with footies please so the kids don't slip on the tile floor. I am looking forward to seeing everyone there!

The **1st grade** students just performed their program called "Friends and Family" on Tuesday, April 24 and did a GREAT job! I am so proud of how well they did! Great job to all the 1st graders!!

The 1st grade students are now learning about the piano keyboard, the music alphabet, ostinatos, steps, leaps and glissandos. They are leaning these concepts all while playing a set of bells.

The students will finish the year playing various musical games and Boomwhackers.

The **2nd grade** students will soon be finishing their discussion of piano keyboards, the music alphabet, ostinatos, steps, leaps and glissandos. Next they are going to learn on their own how to play "Mary Had a Little Lamb" and "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star" on their bells.

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Please contact Mrs. Pedziwater with any questions at cpedziwater@manhattan114.org.

Nurse's News

Physical requirements for Incoming Kindergarten

Please remember all students entering Kindergarten must have a physical examination (completed and signed by a licensed physician). The physical must be completed no sooner than one year prior to the first day of school. Please turn in all completed physicals on or before the first day of school. If we do not have a completed physical on file for your child on the first day of school, he/she may be excluded until we receive it.

Eye Examination Requirements for Incoming Kindergarten Students

All children enrolling in Kindergarten in a public, private, or parochial school and/or enrolling for the first time in a public, private or parochial school shall have an eye examination by a physician licensed to practice medicine in all of its branches or licensed optometrist within the previous year before October 15th of the current school year. The completed eye examinations are due by October 15, 2018.

Dental Examination Requirements

A dental examination is required for all children entering Kindergarten, Second and Sixth Grades this upcoming 2018-2019 school year. The examinations will be due by May 15, 2019 and may be completed no sooner than 18 months prior to the due date. Exams done on or after November 15, 2017 will be acceptable

End of Year Medication Procedure

Just a reminder that if your child has medication at school, a parent or guardian is required to pick up any unused medication at the end of the school year. If the medication is not picked up, the nurse will properly dispose of it in the presence of a witness.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the nurse at 815-478-4527.

RELIGIOUS EXEMPTION FORM

IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO SUBMIT A RELIGIOUS OBJECTION FOR YOUR CHILD'S IMMUNIZATIONS, PLEASE BE AWARE THERE IS A FORM REQUIRED BY THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH. THIS WILL NEED TO BE COMPLETED BY YOU AND YOUR CHILD'S HEALTHCARE PROVIDER. AFTER THE FORM IS COMPLETED, YOU CAN

BRING IT IN TO THE NURSE'S OFFICE FOR REVIEW. PLEASE DO NOT SEND THESE IN WITH YOUR CHILD. WE WILL NEED TO REVIEW IT TOGETHER.

****THIS NEW FORM IS ONLY REQUIRED IF YOU ARE SUBMITTING A NEW PHYSICAL (AS REQUIRED FOR ENTRANCE INTO EARLY CHILDHOOD, KINDERGARTEN OR SIXTH GRADE, OR IF YOUR CHILD IS NEW TO THE SCHOOL DISTRICT).**

THIS NEW FORM CAN BE FOUND ON THE SCHOOL DISTRICT WEB SITE, IN SEVERAL DIFFERENT AREAS. 1- UNDER DISTRICT 114, REGISTRATION/HANDBOOK INFORMATION, CLICK ON 2017-18 HEALTH FORMS. 2. UNDER EACH SCHOOL'S INDIVIDUAL PAGE, SCROLL DOWN TO HEALTH FORMS AND INFORMATION AND THE CLICK ON IDPH RELIGIOUS EXEMPTION FORM.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS NEW REQUIREMENT, PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL NURSE.

Health Forms/Information

All health forms and information required for registration can be found on our school website: Manhattan114.org. Scroll down from Wilson Creek to "health forms and information."

You can also access these forms from the District 114 link. Scroll down to "registration/handbook" and you will find all required health forms and information available.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns regarding any of this information, please contact the school nurse.