

ANNA MCDONALD SCHOOL NEWSLETTER
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Emergency Closing Information

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 478-6093 and press extension 5. Mr. Butters and the principals 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.

District Website

Our district website now has a Bullying Tab for concerned citizens.

No School

There will be no school on Monday, February 20th for Presidents' Day. There is early dismissal on Friday, February 17, 2012. Anna McDonald students will be dismissed at 12:45 p.m.

MAKE YOUR LUNCH PAYMENTS ONLINE

You are now 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. **With this new system, 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.

LOW AND NEGATIVE BALANCE LETTERS WILL NO LONGER BE SENT OUT. YOU WILL NEED TO VIEW YOUR CHILD'S BALANCE THRU HOMELOGIC

Six Flags Read to Succeed...

Read to Succeed began on Tuesday, January 17, 2012 and will end on Friday, February 17, 2012. Students are required to read for a total of 6 hours. Reading must be logged on the sheet sent home by teachers and it must be signed by a parent and returned to school no later than Friday, February 17, 2012. Students will receive one free ticket to Six Flags upon completion.

Manhattan Kindergarten Round-Up is set for March 1

An informational parent meeting for children entering Kindergarten in the fall will be conducted Thursday, March 1, 2012 at 7 p.m. in the Wilson Creek Commons. All children who will be 5 years of age on or before September 1, 2012 are eligible to attend Kindergarten for the 2012-2013 school year. All parents are encouraged to attend. **Children need not attend.** This evening will be informational only so **do not** need to bring birth certificates. You will be given registration packets to take home, fill out, and return. Kindergarten Registration will be conducted on March 29 and 30. If you would like to turn in your registration sooner, stop by the Wilson Creek office from 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. If you know of any parents with Kindergarten age children please pass along this information to them.

REGISTRATION FOR THE 2012-13 SCHOOL YEAR

In our efforts to go paperless, we are providing registration to our families in a new way for the 2012-13 school year. The only paperwork you will receive is the green registration form and an informational sheet on how to complete registration. You will check your Homelogic accounts to access fees and our website for any other forms you may need. Look for registration information to come home on March 19th.

Please be aware of the new physical form and information about the Tdap booster (whooping cough) listed in the Physical and Dental Requirements.

Art News

This month students will be putting the finishing touches on their Square 1 Art art work. Fifth graders are working on bugs and butterflies, fourth graders are working on animals and flowers, and the third graders are working on tropical birds and tropical fish. Order forms will be sent home in the beginning of March. The flags that the fourth and fifth grade students created with their hands, are now on permanent display in the gym. They did a wonderful job. Our winners for the STR holiday card contest this year were Gold award, Tera Sparks, Silver award, Eileen Quinn, Maggie Kuypers, Molly McCauley and Emily Stigler. Congratulations to all of You! If you have any questions, please contact me at kambrosini@manhattan114.org.

Nurse's News

The Will County Community Health Department's mobile dental van will be coming to Anna McDonald School on Wednesday, February 15th. A packet of information has been sent home with your child. If you are interested, please return the signed forms to school by January 30th. Please feel free to call the school nurse if you have any questions. You may also contact the Will County Health Department at 815-774-8300.

Whooping cough, also known as pertussis, continues to occur in Illinois. In an effort to protect infants who are at highest risk of complications and to help stop its spread among older children and adolescents, all students in grades 6 through 12 will be required to present proof of receiving a dose of Tdap (whooping cough booster) in order to attend classes for the 2012-2013 year. Tdap was licensed in 2005 and has been used widely throughout the US to boost waning immunity following early childhood vaccination. Students will not be allowed to attend classes after October 15, 2012 without a record of having received a dose of Tdap.

If your student hasn't received a Tdap booster dose yet and will be entering one of the grades affected (6-12), please schedule an appointment prior to the beginning of the 2012-2013 school year.

As a reminder, current 5th grade students will receive this booster during their 6th grade school physical, which is required for entrance into grade 6.

Foundation News

Would you like to advertise your home business in the 2012-2013 Manhattan school calendar? The Manhattan Foundation for Educational Excellence is extending a special offer open only to owners of home-based businesses. For a special rate of \$50.00, the name of your business, a contact name, and a phone number will be published in a featured Home-Based Business Section. Your information will also appear in our index of advertisers at the back of the calendar. Your business name and phone number will not only be at the fingertips of all Manhattan families for a whole year, you will also be supporting educational enrichment activities within District #114. This annual fundraising calendar helps to provide programs and materials that supplement the district's budget. Contact Kelly Honan KHonan@aol.com or 815-478-7782 to place an ad before February 17, 2012. The next meeting is Thursday, February 9th at 6:00 p.m. in the Manhattan Jr. High library.

Physical Education News

During the short time that the students have returned from winter break, they have been working on two units. The first unit focused on core stability, muscular endurance, and cardio-vascular health. Students were able to use a variety of equipment such as exercise stability balls, two-pound hand-held weights, aerobic steps, jump ropes and exercise mats. Students also practiced using proper form, lifting and balancing techniques.

During the second week, the students practiced their speed stacking skills and drills. Students were also given the opportunity to try out for the 2012 speed stacking team. This year the WSSA Tournament will be held on Saturday, March 31, 2012. The event will be hosted and held at Wilson Creek School. The tournament is set to begin at 9:00 a.m. and could run until 3:00 p.m.

Pennies For Patients

Thank you to all who so generously donated to this year's fundraiser. Mr. McWilliams will be "Stuck to the Wall" at the March 2nd ISAT assembly to show his appreciation to the students for their generosity. Thank you again for your continued support!

BOX TOPS RAFFLE FEB 24, 2012

Last chance to turn in 50 box tops for a chance to enter the raffle for the \$25 gift card. All box top entries must be in by Feb. 24, 2012.

Recycle Upcoming Campaign Promotions and Junk Mail

Student Council will have a speaker from the Will County Land Use department come and speak to them about their recycling efforts and continued importance of recycling on Feb 8th. Please remember to recycle any papers, newspapers, magazines, junk mail, upcoming campaign promotions at the school paper collection bin. The more tons recycled through the yellow and green bin the more credit each school site receives. These collection bins are at all 3 schools. Students can also bring in their collected paper goods to school. www.willcountygreen.com has more information regarding electronic pick up and drop off sites.

Speed Stack Tournament

The following students earned their place on the 2012 Speed Stack Team:

David Flores	Kaidon Lingle	Nicholas Studer
Julie Cambron	Andrew Igle	Jack Quinn
Sammy Ford	Rachel Coppens	
Rory Stencil	Grace Pearse	Tommy Vanderhei
Josh Davis	Brady Forsythe	Collin Black
Dylan Schimmel	Rylee Lynch	
Brandon Smith	Quinn Cosgrove	Connor Moe
Thomas Corbett	Zach Lunde	Carson Cox
James Cler	Ryan Rodgers	

AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION'S HOOPS FOR HEART EVENT!!

During the month of February the students at Anna McDonald School will be joining together in the fight against heart disease and stroke. We will be making a difference and helping save lives in our community and across the country.

The reason why this event is so important is that **heart disease** is our nation's **#1 killer**. **Stroke** is the **third** leading cause of death in our country. Childhood obesity has reached epidemic

proportions, with one out of every three children overweight or obese. More than 12 million U.S. children are considered obese. Fifty-two percent of children ages 9-13 are not physically active outside of the school. If these current lifestyle trends continue, **75% of Americans will be overweight or obese by 2015.**

The American Heart Association contributes to kids' health. About 36,000 children are born with a heart defect each year. Since 2003, they have committed more than \$44.1 million to research relating to children's health. They are working on several other fronts to prevent and treat these devastating events.

The AHA advocates at the federal and state levels for physical education and nutrition wellness in schools. Through their participation in the Healthy School Beverage Guidelines & Alliance, calories from sodas and other beverages shipped to schools has declined 88 percent. The AHA also provides lifesaving CPR courses for middle and high school students so they can react during emergencies.

By participating in the Hoops For Heart program, students will increase their knowledge of how their hearts work and how to take care of them. It will also promote the value of living a heart-healthy lifestyle to help them feel better while having fun! The program will also honor those in our community who have been affected by heart disease and stroke. Students will be able to raise funds to support the AHA's efforts to create healthier lives, free of cardiovascular disease and stroke. Over the past 17 years, Hoops For Heart has raised more than \$72 million for research and educational programs.

During the week **of January 23**, we will kick off our Hoops for Heart program during physical education classes. Students will watch a very short DVD, and will receive their Hoops For Heart collection envelopes and packets. Please **DO NOT** tear off the permission slip and return it to school! Simply sign the permission slip and leave it attached to your child's packet. **DO NOT enclose cash.** All monies should be converted into a check made payable to the American Heart Association.

These **packets are due** back to their homeroom teacher no later than **February 10th**.

I would like to encourage each and every student to register online and email friends, family and co-workers often

It's SAFE: The website is secure and protected. Student and donor information is not given out to any third parties. Plus, students don't need to handle any checks or cash because donations are made online.

Saves Time: This makes the money-counting experience faster and easier for you! Students simply print their online Gift History Report, which states how much money they raised, and enclose that in their collection envelope. Plus, donors who make their contributions online are automatically emailed a donation receipt.

It's Fun: Not only will students be able to see how they are progressing toward their personal fundraising goal, they will be able to see how their school is progressing toward its team goal.

Parents can spread the word about Hoops For Heart on their **Facebook** profiles. A link included on their profile allows their friends to donate.

Visit www.heart.org/hoops and click on the button that says '**Students Sign Up**'. Click on the state you live in and follow the screen instructions to find your school team. When you find your school, click '**Join This Team**'. Set your fundraising goal! You can also kick-start your fundraising efforts by making a personal donation when you sign up!

For new students who did not make a fundraising web page last year, select the option that says this is your first time making a web page. If you are a RETURNING student, select the option that says you made a web page last year.

Fill out your information. Next, come up with your own **Username and Password**. A parent/guardian must sign off on the online waiver. Double check your information. Click the button '**Complete Registration**' to finish signing up.

You will then be done joining your school team. Now, you can go make your fundraising web page in your very own HeartQuarters and send out emails to friends and family! Write your Username and Password down so you don't forget.

Yearbooks

Yearbook envelopes have been sent home. The cost this year will be \$13.00 per yearbook. The deadline will be March 1st. If you have more than one child in the district, please fill out a separate envelope for each child.

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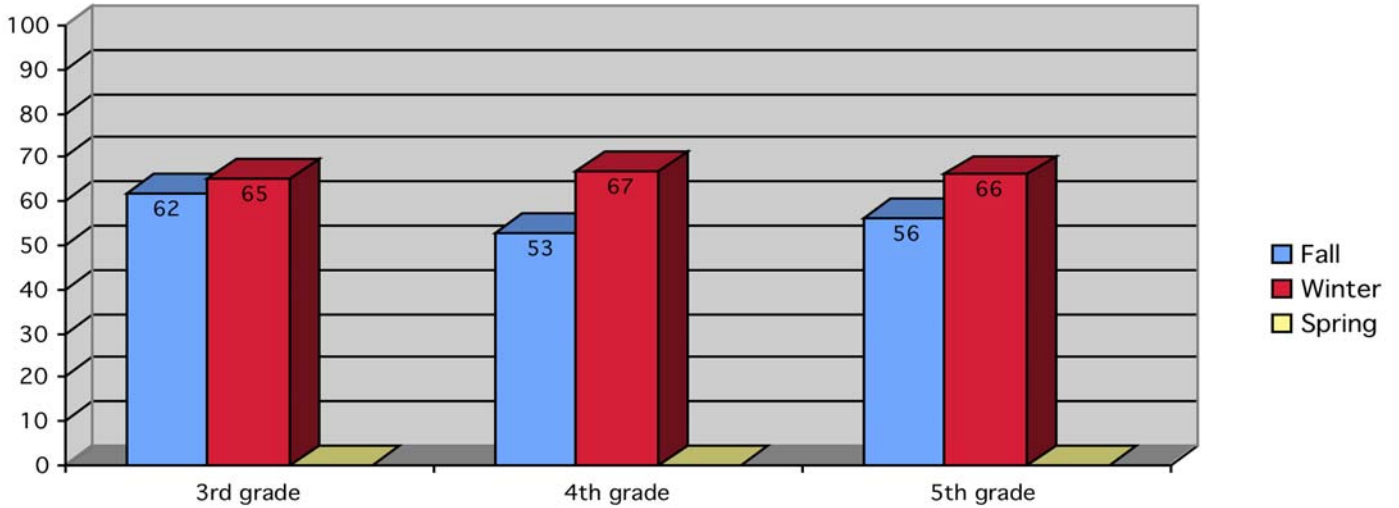
- 4th JHS Band Education Day @ JHS 9:30 a.m.
- 7th PTO meeting @ WC 9:30 a.m.
- 8th BOE meeting 7:00 p.m.
- 9th Ed Foundation meeting 6:00 p.m.
- 13th Assembly 9:00 a.m.
- 14th Happy Valentine's Day
- 17th Progress reports available on HomeLogic
Early dismissal 12:45 p.m.
- 20th Presidents Day-No School
- 24th MJHS Athletic Boosters @ JHS 2:30 p.m.

Percentage of 3rd – 5th Grade Students Reaching AIMSWEB R-CBM Target

Below are the WRC (Words Read Correctly) target scores for Fall & Winter

Fall Target Scores:	3 rd -77	Winter Target Scores:	3 rd -105
	4 th -105		4 th -120
	5 th -114		5 th -129

Graph below depicts the percentage of students at each grade level reaching target score on the reading fluency assessment.



Percentage of 3rd – 5th Grade Students Reaching AIMSWEB M-COMP Target

Below are the math basic computation target scores for Fall & Winter

Fall Target Scores:	3 rd -20	Winter Target Scores:	3 rd -40
	4 th -23		4 th -42
	5 th -12		5 th -20

Graph below depicts the percentage of students at each grade level reaching target score on the basic math computation assessment.

