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October 2011 Newsletter

If you have not yet signed up for home logic, our electronic grade book program, please contact homelogic@manhattan114.org and provide a 5 digit password along with your child's full name and grade. You will receive an email confirming your information.

No School

There will be NO SCHOOL on Monday, October 10th due to Columbus Day. Please review the school calendar for all the dates for school holidays, Institute days and early dismissals.

Early Dismissal

There will be an early dismissal on Friday, October 7th at 12:45 p.m. Teachers will be attending afternoon meetings. Friday, October 21, 2011 marks the end of the first quarter. Report cards will be available online on Friday, October 28th.

COMMUNICATION WITH STAFF

If you would like to get in touch with one of our staff please feel free to call school at 815-478-3310. If they are unavailable, we will gladly put you through to their voicemail. You can also email any of our staff. Email addresses are: first initial followed by last name @manhattan114.org. These e-mail addresses can also be found on our website: www.manhattan114.org. Please keep in mind that once the school day starts our teachers are very busy and may not have the opportunity to check their email or voicemail. They are very good about getting back to parents within 24 hours. If your concern is immediate, and you need them to know something about your child for that school day, please call the office and talk to the Secretary. If you have a concern about your child, We ask you to first address that concern with the classroom teacher. They have greater first-hand knowledge about your child and can very often alleviate any concerns you might have with a simple phone call. If for some reason you continue to have concerns Mr. McWilliams would be glad to offer his help and support.

Responsibility

Students are not allowed in the classroom or building from 3:15 p.m. after school until 8:45 a.m. the next morning for forgotten books and/or homework. Our books are available at the public library for reference and/or copying. The students are strongly encouraged to use their assignment notebooks when packing to go home.

District Web Site

Be sure to check out the Manhattan School District Web site for information. The virtual backpack is on the front page and contains flyers and announcements you can print. The web site is www.manhattan114.org.

Lunch Balances

We are sending low balance lunch account letters and negative lunch balance letters. If there is no negative sign in front of the dollar amount, you still have money in the account but you may wish to add to that balance. Students will not be allowed to have a negative balance. If students forget to sign up for hot lunch, there may be no extra lunches available to purchase. Please remind your student to sign up for hot lunch on the days they are buying.

Visitors/Parents Entering the Building

To ensure a safe school for our students and staff, we ask that all parents and visitors, whether you have an appointment or not, check in with the main office upon entering the building. Parents and/or guardians who personally drop off or pick up their child (ren) at school are asked to greet or say their good-byes at the main entrance. Your help in this matter is always greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Student Absences

All parents are required to call the school at 478-3310 if their child will be absent from school. The call should be made between 6:00 - 8:30 a.m. Absences must be reported by a parent or legal guardian. Student reports will not be accepted. When calling, please state: parent name, student name, and the reason for absence. In the event you do not contact us, we will make a reasonable attempt to contact you at home or work. Failure to report a child's absence constitutes absence without a valid cause.

Talking with Teachers

Your child's education is the reason we are here. We welcome all questions, comments, and concerns regarding your child's education. Teachers may not be available for a conference on an unscheduled basis. By scheduling a conference, parents can be assured that the teacher will be able to give them their time and undivided attention. Parent / Teacher conferences are scheduled for November 21st and 22nd. If you have not already scheduled your conference, please contact your child's teacher to do so.

Child's Customary Changes

While we encourage most appointments to be made after school hours, we understand the occasional need to take your child out of school. With that being said, it is school policy that a parent come in to sign their child out of school. At that time we will call your child down to the office (please allow time for this). We may also ask to see identification when picking up a child during school hours to ensure the safety of each of our students. We also understand the need to make changes to your child's transportation arrangements. It is also school policy that a note from a parent or guardian be sent to school detailing the changes to the normal routine (as children may easily confuse one day's activities for the next). If we do not receive a note about changes, we will send the child (ren) home via their normal routine.

School Correspondence

When sending information to school with your child, please include your child's first name AND last name, their homeroom teacher as well as the nature of the information. This will ensure that the appropriate staff receives the right information.

Halloween Happenings

The Annual Halloween Costume Parade will begin at 1:30 p.m. on Monday, October 31st. The parade will proceed from the school on Second Street to Lee Street, then to First Street, then to Park Street and back to school. Room parties will follow the parade. Students will be dismissed as usual at 3:12 p.m. and 3:15 p.m. Please remember all treats must be store bought with an ingredient label on the package.

Student Council Winners

The following fifth grade students were elected by their classmates to represent their class on the Student Council for the 2011/2012 school year. They are Sean Ash and Taylor Widlacki from Mrs. Gernon; Brett Dobczyk and Jason Cler from Mrs. Heatherwick; Justin Ceroy and Sophia Balis from Mrs. Kijewski; David Flores and Claire Lunde from Ms. Lamont; and Ethan Ash and Kalista Kovac from Mrs. Rodriguez. Congratulations to all!

Red Ribbon Week

The Red Ribbon Campaign's mission is to present a unified and visible commitment toward the creation of a DRUG-FREE AMERICA. Each year schools and communities celebrate their commitment to a drug-free lifestyle by displaying Red Ribbons and participating in Red Ribbon Week. The theme for this year is "It's Up to ME to BE DRUG-FREE." We will celebrate Red Ribbon Week this year starting:

Oct. 24- Tie together Against Alcohol, Tobacco, and Drugs- Wear ties, or tye dye.

Oct. 25- Walk Away From Drugs.- Wear Red. Student Council will picket anti-drug messages during morning walking time.

Oct.26- "Lei" off Alcohol, Tobacco, and Drugs- Hawaiian Day

Oct. 27- Round Up Against Alcohol, Tobacco, and Drugs- Cowboy/Cowgirl Day.

Oct 28- Reach your goals without Alcohol, Tobacco, and Drugs- Sports Day.

Box Tops, Coke Rewards, Tyson A+ Project, and Kemp's Nickels for Schools

Student Council will continue to collect any of these incentives to help our school raise any additional funds that we can. Please send them to school with students in an envelope or ziploc bag. Please shop through Box Tops for Education Marketplace for more ways for our school to earn Box Tops. Our Box Top goal for this year is \$2136. If you would like to donate coke reward points Anna McDonald is a registered school and has collected over 2000 points so far. Points can be spent on equipment for recess and other school supplies available through Coke. Thank you for your continued support.

Incentive Programs for 2011-2012

Incentive programs for kids to acknowledge the greatness in our students, in addition to individual classroom incentive earnings, quarterly STAR Reward Day's and weekly ABC Awards, will include 100% perfect attendance for each quarter and Demon Dollars for excellent classroom hallway behavior of single file, silent lines on the right side of the hall. Students in attendance everyday each quarter will be recognized and rewarded after each quarter. The incentive could be a pizza party, ice cream treat, dodge ball, extra recess, etc. The same incentives are true for Demon Dollar incentives, but in this case it's the whole class that could be rewarded if their Demon Dollar is drawn at the end of each month. The more dollars a class receives from staff each month only increases their chances of winning.

Physical Education Highlights

Students have been involved in a variety of activities since the school year has begun. All classes reviewed and went over the rules of the gym and the grading system for physical education class. Students were also involved in activities that could be played during recess. These activities included See Ya, Mileage Club, 4-Square, 3-On-3 Kickball, Knockout and Tetherball. All three grade levels participated in a Fitness Run. Ms. Blackman.mblackman@manhattan114.org

We will try to be outside as much as the weather will allow for physical education classes. Please be sure your child wears shoes that are conducive to running, on the days he/she has physical education. We will not have our students change into gym shoes on the days we are going outside for p.e.

BEING EXCUSED FROM P.E.

If a student must sit out of p.e. for an illness or injury, you must send a note with your child. We can only excuse your child for ONE DAY with a parent note. If your child must be excused from p.e., for more than one day, you will need a note from your child's physician in order to be excused.

Open House

Thank you to all our parents, friends, and family members who attended open house September 1st. It is always a nice informal way to start the school year and gives us all the opportunity to get to know one another.

WSSA STACK UP DAY

The WSSA Stack Up Day will be held on Thursday, November 17, 2011. Students from across the country and around the world will be taking part in speed stacking events in order to break the 2010 WORLD RECORD.

We will be placing a group order from Anna McDonald School for students and parents who are interested in purchasing new cups, stack mats, timers, etc. Parents may go to www.speedstacks.com and click on group order. Orders may be placed beginning October 24, 2011. Credit card purchases only. Please do not send check/cash to school with your student. The group order will CLOSE on November 7, 2011. Orders generally are filled and shipped to our school within a week of the closing date. We hope to have our orders by November 17th!!

Orchestra News

The 5th grade orchestra is taking their formal photos on Monday, October 3rd. Please have your child come to the JH dressed in their formal tux shirt, and black pants, shoes. Ties and cummerbunds will be given prior to the photo. Violins and violas have to bring their fiddles for the picture. Please bring a change of clothing for school.

The 4th grade orchestra will be taking their formal photos on Tuesday, October 4th. Please have your child wear their formal tuxedo shirt, and black pants, shoes. Violins and violas need to bring their fiddles, too for the picture. Ties and cummerbunds will be given out that day, and are to be returned after the picture.

Order forms are bright orange, and were sent home at the meeting on September 8th.

Music News:

5th grade: Congratulations to the 5th grade singers and dancers in the "Sail Away" show! All of your hard work paid off! The 5th grade is currently working on a Patriotic Unit this month.

4th grade is working on their show, "Famous Americans" to be performed on Thursday, October 13th at 7:00 p.m. The students are asked to wear black on bottom and white on top. Please no sweaters. Everyone is invited to come and hear the talents of these hard working musicians!

3rd grade is working on their show, "Lighten Up" which will be ready on November 17th!! More details coming in the next newsletter!

Manhattan Public Library News

Check out our October programs! Read with a Fireman! Thursday, October 6th, 10am and Wednesday, October 27, 9:30am and 1pm. Read With Ginger the Dog on Saturday, October 15, 10:30am-11:15am. All Ages Halloween Party-Dress Up in your favorite Costume! Saturday, October 22, 10am-11:30am. Jr. Writers Group Tuesday, October 25, 4-5pm. Special Halloween StoryTime Monday, October 31, 1pm.

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4th PTO 9:30 a.m.
GBB 4:00 p.m.
6th GBB 4:00 p.m.
7th Early Release 12:45 p.m.
10th Teacher Institute/Columbus Day
11th Fire Safety presentation @ lunch
12th BOE @ WC 7:00 p.m.
13th Ed Foundation @ JHS 6:00 p.m.
4th Music program 7:00 p.m.
21st End 1st quarter

5th grade We the People @ LWE 10:00 a.m.

Donkey Ball @ JHS 7:00 p.m.

25th GBB 4:00 p.m.

28th Report Cards on homelogs

4th grade Laura Ingalls Wilder @ LWE 10:00 a.m.

PTO Halloween Activity @ AM 6:30 p.m.

31st Parade 1:30 p.m. & Party @ 2:15 p.m.



School Lunch
LET'S GROW HEALTHY

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K-6 TRADITIONAL (LN)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
BAKED CHICKEN NUGGETS (WHOLE GRAIN) W/POTATO ROUNDS Cherry Frozen Juice Bar Mini Pretzels	ROTINI PASTA BAKE (WHOLE WHEAT) Green Garden Peas NEW! Funky Fruit Punch Applesauce (all natural) Soft Breadstick	HOT DOG W/TRI TATORS Fresh Banana Whole Wheat Hot Dog Bun	CHEESEBURGER Maple Baked Beans Fresh Orange Whole Wheat Hamburger Bun	FRENCH BREAD CHEESE PIZZA Fresh Baby Carrots Grape Juice
NO SCHOOL	MINI CORN DOGS W/POTATO FUN SHAPES Blue Raspberry Frozen Juice Bar	CRISPY CHICKEN TENDERS (WHOLE GRAIN) Cut Green Beans Blended Fruit Juice	CHEESE PIZZA DIPPERS Marinara Dipping Sauce Mixed Greens Salad Pineapple Cup Fall Cookie	Chef's Choice
	NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH WEEK			
CHICKEN DIPPERS (WHOLE GRAIN) W/TOMATO PARMESAN SAUCE Peach Cup Soft Breadstick Cheddar Goldfish Crackers	BUTTERMILK WAFFLES W/ SAUSAGE PATTY Potato Rounds Blended Fruit Juice	MEATBALL SUB W/TOMATO SAUCE Mashed Potatoes Fresh Banana^ Whole Wheat Hot Dog Bun	CRISPY CHICKEN FILLET (WHOLE GRAIN) Garden Vegetables Fresh Apple Whole Wheat Hamburger Bun	FRENCH BREAD PEPPERONI PIZZA Fresh Baby Carrots Pear Cup
FOOD DAY GRILLED CHICKEN MARINARA W/WHOLE GRAIN PASTA FUN SHAPES Seasonal Fresh Vegetable Seasonal Fresh Fruit	BAKED CHICKEN NUGGETS (WHOLE GRAIN) W/POTATO ROUNDS Apple-Cranberry Juice Soft Breadstick	HOT DOG W/TRI TATORS Fresh Pear^ Whole Wheat Hot Dog Bun	WHOLE WHEAT CHEESE PIZZA Mixed Greens Salad Fruited Gelatin Mini Pretzels	ITALIAN CHICKEN PARMESAN (WHOLE GRAIN) Glazed Carrots Fresh Banana Whole Wheat Hamburger Bun
TACO MEAT Buttered Corn Grape Juice Tortilla Rounds (Whole Grain)				

***ALL MEALS SERVED WITH APPROPRIATE CONDIMENTS AND A CHOICE OF MILK.

***MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE.



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A RODEO,
FUNNIER THAN
A CIRCUS!**



DATE: Friday, October 21, 2011

TIME: 7:00 p.m.

PLACE: Manhattan Jr. High School

LIVE PRE-GAME SHOW

FEATURED On Windy City Live!
Singer and Songwriter

Jayme Doyle

Single "Everyday" Mini-Album "Unfinished Business"

www.jaymedoyle.com

1st Game: Wilson Creek School vs. MFPD Fire Hawks

2nd Game: Anna McDonald School vs. MJHS

**RAFFLE Drawing
On October 12th
For a Free Donkey Ride
12 Years & Under**

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Name: _____ Grade/Homeroom: _____

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Make checks Payable to Manhattan School Dist. #114

_____ Check Here to be Entered For Free Donkey Ride _____
Number of Raffle Tickets Needed (12 yrs. and Under) _____

Please return \$\$ and order form to your homeroom teacher.

Anna McDonald: ext. 3118 Wilson Creek: ext. 3355 MJHS: ext. 3248