



January 2012 Newsletter WILSON CREEK SCHOOL

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IMPORTANT JANUARY DATES

- 1 Happy New Year
- 9 School Resumes after Winter Break
- 11 Board of Education Meeting at Wilson Creek, 7:00 p.m.
- 12 Foundation Meeting at Junior High, 6:00 p.m.
PTO Market Day Pick-Up, 4-5 p.m.
- 13 Early Dismissal Day-**NO A.M. KINDERGARTEN & PM EARLY CHILDHOOD CLASSES TODAY**
PM Kindergarten attends in the morning (9:00-11:15 a.m.)
1:00 p.m. Dismissal for DK, 1st, and 2nd Grade
End of 2nd Quarter
- 16 **INSTITUTE DAY - NO SCHOOL**
- 20 Report Cards Sent Home
Picnic with the Principal
School Pride Assembly – wear red, white, and/or blue
- 30 A.M. Kindergarten and 1st Grade Field Trip to Lincoln-Way North in A.M.

BUNDLE UP!

Students will go outside for recess when the temperature (with wind chill factor) is 10 degrees or above. Please make sure to send them to school with jackets, hats, mittens, and boots for cold weather. Snow pants are needed to play in the snowy areas outside. We feel this important, because we don't want your children sitting all afternoon in wet clothes. If you are unable to purchase snow pants for financial reasons please contact Mrs. Rych, our Social Worker, and she will help you to find assistance for this. This information will remain confidential.

MANHATTAN 114 WEBSITE

Don't forget to take a look at the Manhattan 114 website.

NEW on the site – you have the ability to pay by credit card for your child's hot lunch meals.

In the Virtual backpack you will find many fun events sponsored by local organizations.

If you would like to reach a teacher by email, just go to the website, click on school, click on Wilson creek, click on staff, and you will find links to everyone's email. You will also find a link to the Accelerated Reader list, as well as links to IXL Math and Reading A-Z.

KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP

An informational meeting for parents of children entering kindergarten in the fall will be conducted Thursday, March 1, 2012 at 7:00 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 2012-13 school year. Only parents need to attend this meeting. You will receive registration packets at this meeting that you will turn back in April.

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 815-478-6090 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. You can also call any of the school numbers or our District phone number at 815-478-6093 and dial extension 5 to hear up-to-date information about school closings. **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.

CHARACTER COUNTS NEWS

Wilson Creek students all did a great job while learning about the November/December character pillar, which was Caring. The CHARACTER COUNTS pillar for January is TRUSTWORTHINESS, and all students will participate in lessons focusing on being trustworthy, keeping promises, and being honest. Each month, students who are “caught” exhibiting that month’s character pillar can earn a good character leaf on our “Tree of Good Character.” From those names on the tree, one child per grade level will win the monthly character goodie bag! Winners of the Trustworthiness award will be announced at our School Pride assembly in February. Remember, January’s character is BLUE, so wear Blue on Wednesdays starting in January!

P.E. NEWS

The students are continuing to work hard on our monthly mile runs. We have completed 4 mile days so far! Will Brandau is the 2nd grade leader with 179 laps, and James Kuypers leads all first graders with 165 laps. Our kindergarten students even got in on the action this month, the following Kindergarten students completed 1 mile(25 laps): Cael DePolo, Joey Jaskowiak, Eamon Conroy, Nora Cosgrove, Braden Erwin, Zack Daletski, Noah Konopack, Anthony Massa, Aidan O’Neill, Dylan Liriano, Jack Allen, Christopher Aleo, and Rylie Szutenbach. Congratulations to all the students for working so hard!! Coming up in PE this month, the students will be working on health and fitness as well juggling skills!! ☺

COMPUTER NEWS

Seasons Greetings from Techno~Zoo! The students have been working very hard on their keyboarding skills! They have been learning about homerow, proper finger placement and the basic function keys. Along with various practice activities, they are utilizing Type to Learn Jr. software to build accuracy and speed. Over winter break, have your child visit www.learninggamesforkids.com and click on the “Keyboarding” link. They have many different typing games for some fun practice. Please continue to send in your Box Tops—we truly appreciate your support! Happy Holidays! Ms. Simms ☺

MUSIC NEWS

Congratulations to the Second Grade students on their outstanding Holiday program performance on December 20. Great job!! The second grade music students are now going to review the rhythm syllables ti ti and ta and the solfege , mi, sol and la. They will learn these concepts through the use of songs and rhymes they will learn during music class. The first grade music students will be reviewing the rhythm syllables ti ti and ti and will begin to learn the solfege syllables mi, sol and la. They will learn these concepts through the use of songs and rhymes they will learn during music class.

NURSE’S NEWS

We are in need of substitute nurses and teacher aides. If you or someone you know would like to substitute please have them contact me at: gjohnston@manhattan114.org

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