

# Wilson Creek News

Manhattan School District 114

## November 2020

Hello, Wilson Creek families!

I hope your family had an enjoyable and safe Halloween. We're moving right into November which is typically a quick and busy month at school. This year is no different in that sense and there is quite a bit of information and happenings for you to read about below.



Our Wilson Creek students, staff, and families have been working together and managing this year in countless new ways. THANK YOU for your constant support of your child and our staff as we navigate the realities of this COVID-19 affected school year. While this has been extremely challenging, the support and understanding of our community has made a huge impact on making this school year happen. We are grateful for you!

## Notes from the Wilson Creek Office & Nurse

Mrs. DeBoer and Nurse Leann have been working closely with families to ensure communication and compliance with the IDPH guidelines and keeping our students healthy and safe. Please don't hesitate to reach out to them if you have any questions.

### **Some Reminders Related to Attendance, Health, and Transportation:**

- When emailing or calling in your child's absence, please be sure to include the reason for the absence as well as any symptoms if they are sick. In order to promote as healthy of a learning environment as possible, absences for illness should be 48 hours.
- Please be sure to self-certify your child by 8:15 AM every morning. Self-certification should be completed even if your child will be absent at school that day.
- If one member of the household is being tested for COVID-19, it is expected that all members of the household quarantine until the results are received.
- As traveling season begins, we are encouraging families to make themselves aware of the states that are considered hotspots. If they travel to a "hotspot" state, it is recommended that the entire family quarantine when they return.
- Whether short term absences or in quarantine situations, please report your child's absence and self-certify each day.

Once again, thank you for your cooperation and support as we work to support the health and safety of our students and staff!



## Important November Dates

- 11/3 Election Day - NO SCHOOL
- 11/5 Wilson Creek Safety Day (see below)
- 11/9 MSD114 Red Ribbon Week Begins
- 11/11 Veterans Day - Board of Education Meeting 6:30pm
- 11/15 Online Fall Book Fair Begins
- 11/20 End of 1st Trimester
- 11/23 Parent/Teacher Conferences 12-7pm
- 11/24 Parent/Teacher Conferences 8am-1pm
- 11/25 NO SCHOOL
- 11/26 Happy Thanksgiving! - NO SCHOOL
- 11/27 NO SCHOOL
- 11/28 Online Fall Book Fair Ends

## Reminders for Remote Learners

**Thank you for all of your support of your child's work, schedule, and experience from home!**

- Please schedule a Parent/Teacher conference with your child's homeroom teacher.
- If you are planning a change to in-person learning for the 2nd Trimester, please contact Mrs. Maher.

## Reminders for In-Person Learners

**Thank you for your flexibility and support as we manage the safety of our learners in this shortened day model!**

- Thank you for sending your child in a mask with an extra or two in his or her backpack each day. Our students impress us with their tolerance of the masks every day.
- **Face masks must be worn on the bus.**
- Please remember to self-certify your child by 8:15 AM every morning, whether they are in attendance or not.
- Please let us know if your child needs a new green bracelet.
- Thank you for continuing to send your child with a labeled water bottle and single, portable snack that does not require utensils, dipping, etc.

## In-Person Learner Safety Days

In a typical year, safety drills take place within the first 30 days of the school year. Due to this year's circumstances, we were unable to execute those and are still not able to do so with maintaining social distance. For that reason, on or around November 5th, your child's teacher

will walk through safety drills and information with your child. This will include identifying locations, procedures, and as always, assuring students that if they stop what they're doing, look to their teacher, and listen to them, they'll know what to do to stay safe. School safety topics to be addressed include:



- Bus Safety and Evacuation - video
- Fire Drill - class walk-thru
- Disaster Drill - class walk-thru
- Intruder Awareness and Response - ALICE read aloud by Mrs. Maher and class discussion

## Parent/Teacher Conferences

Parent/Teacher Conference signs up began on October 29th. Virtual conferences will take place on Monday 11/23 and Tuesday 11/24. If you have not done so, please reserve a time to meet via Zoom with your child's teacher through your PowerSchool account. If your child is a full-remote learner, please schedule a conference with his or her homeroom teacher. The remote teacher will share information and updates with the homeroom teachers. The sign up will close the week before conferences and if you do not sign up for a time, a time will be assigned to you. Please contact your child's teacher with any questions.

## Red Ribbon Week - November 9th-13th

(This information will also be shared by email and on the MSD114 website.)

Parents and Guardians,

November 2020

This year in District 114 we are celebrating **Red Ribbon Week** during the week of November 9<sup>th</sup>. We will be continuing our theme, 'Say 'Yes' to Making Healthy Choices', as we celebrate the importance of living drug-free lives. There will be a spirit week the entire week where students and staff are encouraged to participate in daily themes. The spirit week is as follows:



<b>Monday</b>	Say 'yes' to a healthy heart and body - wear red!
<b>Tuesday</b>	Say 'yes' to play and exercise - wear active wear!
<b>Wednesday</b>	Make healthy choices to show good character and pride - wear something patriotic for Veteran's Day!
<b>Thursday</b>	Team up to stop unhealthy choices - wear your favorite team's gear!
<b>Friday</b>	Dream about a kind world- wear your pajamas for World Kindness Day!

Activities for Red Ribbon Week are suspended for this school year due to Covid-19 restrictions and safety precautions. Each building will receive an age-appropriate lesson related to living a drug-free, healthy life.

Thanks very much for all your support!

Ms. Moss & Mrs. Tatar, Wilson Creek School  
Mrs. Ciurej, Anna McDonald School  
Mrs. Ostergren, Manhattan Junior High School

## Yearbook Picture Days

Please look out for information coming soon from each building about yearbook photos. Our first opportunities to have your child's photo taken for school yearbooks and purchase will be on November 23rd and 24th. If you are unable to bring your child to be photographed on either of those two days, there will be one or two more days during in-person learning that will be used for retakes and first time photos.



## District Issued iPads

Thank you for take such great care of the iPads your children are using for in-person and remote learning. Please continue to let us know if you have any problems. You may find that you are prompted to run updates on the device. The password is H0peDale (that is a ZERO.) We have also learned that you

may be prompted to create a password following and update.  
If that is the case, please use 1111.

As always, please do not hesitate to reach out if we can help clarify anything, provide direction, or do our best to answer questions that you have. We are here for you.

Sincerely,  
Kim Maher, Principal



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