



Jean McNair Elementary School  
304 East McNair Road, Winnebago, IL 61088

## March 2021 Newsletter

### IMPORTANT DATES

- **Remote Learning Day (NO in-person learning)** Friday, March 19
- **Third Quarter Grading Period Ends** Friday, March 19
- **Third Quarter Report Card Grades Available** Friday, March 26
- **Spring Break** Monday, March 29-Friday, April 2
- **School Resumes** Monday, April 5
- **School Improvement Day (No student attendance)** Friday, April 23
- **Spring Book Fair** Monday, May 3-Friday, May 7 (Details TBA)
- **Bago Art Week** Monday, May 3-Friday, May 7 (Details TBA)



### 5ESSENTIALS PARENT SURVEY

This is a reminder to participate in the parent survey supplement, part of the Illinois 5Essentials Survey administration. We guarantee that survey responses will *never* be connected to the identity of you or your child. School reports will only present aggregated information of how parents and students responded as a whole.



A parent survey report will be generated if at least 20 percent of parents respond to the survey. While the parent data will not be made public, the parent report will be made available to Mr. Monahan, Principal, and Dr. Schwuchow, Superintendent, and will enable them to make considerations based on the responses given by McNair Elementary School parents. Your participation in the parent survey will help us understand the conditions at your child's school and guide improvement. Again, your identity and individual survey responses will be kept completely confidential and will never be connected to you or your child.

Please visit <https://survey.5-essentials.org/illinois/> to take the parent survey.

If you have any questions about the survey, please contact 5Essentials Customer Support at 1-866-440-1874 or [impact-surveys@uchicago.edu](mailto:impact-surveys@uchicago.edu).

### LET THE WINNEBAGO SOFTBALL PROGRAM EGG YOUR YARD!

Surprise family, friends, or neighbors on Easter morning with a yard filled with eggs. The Winnebago Softball Program will hide fun-filled eggs in your yard on "Easter Eve", April 3.

For \$25.00, you can have 25 eggs hidden and for \$40.00 you can have 50 eggs hidden (local delivery only). Complete the order form <http://bit.ly/385Xx13> and submit payment by Friday, March 26th. Thank you for supporting the Winnebago High School Softball Program.



## **NWEA, or MAP, TESTING**

If your child is an in-person learner, you should have received your child's most recent NWEA Map Test results on Friday, March 5. If you have any questions about your child's mid-year progress on these ELA and Math tests, please reach out to your child's teacher. These tests will be administered again in early May for both in-person and remote students in the areas of ELA and Math.



## **STATE TESTING**

Each spring, students in Grades 3-8 students take the Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR) in ELA and Math. In addition, students in Grades 5, 8, and 11 take the Illinois Science Assessment (ISA). Students at McNair Elementary School will begin these assessments in mid-April and more information will be sent home after Spring Break to both our in-person and remote learners about this year's state assessments and schedule.

## **iBELONG**

If you recall in past years, we've had RAMP Center for Independent Living of Winnebago County bring the iBelong program to McNair for about 10 weeks each year. iBelong is a disability awareness program available to students in grades PreK-6th grade through activities and lesson plans designed to build disability awareness into the school curriculum through active learning experiences, increased knowledge about disabilities, foster positive attitudes toward people with disabilities and promote acceptance of people with disabilities in school and community life while challenging misconceptions about people with disabilities. I am happy to share that while we've had the program in-person for the last three years, we weren't going to let COVID stop us from having it a fourth year since the grade level specific lessons build on each other. We have been bringing the program to our students, both in-person and remote, virtually since mid-February! Our program's presenter sends a Zoom link to the teacher each week and then connects with the class during their scheduled times. A very special thank you to the Winnebago Lions Club and the Winnebago PTO for helping secure funding for this incredible program which is always very well received by teachers and students alike!



## **AFTER SCHOOL PICK-UP**

Just a reminder to continue pulling up in line when picking your child up after school along the sidewalk when the car ahead of you leaves the line. It not only keeps the line moving, it keeps traffic off of McNair Road whenever possible. Students are dismissed this year by grade level, starting with 3rd grade and ending with 5th grade between 1:55 and 2:05.



## **REMOTE LEARNING ATTENDANCE AND WORK COMPLETION**



Just a reminder that it's important that remote learning students check in each morning with Mrs. Wandell to review their schedule for the day, but it's even more important that you be sure to attend Zoom meetings with your ELA and Math teachers to not only get the lesson presented, but to make sure you understand what's being assigned. In addition, it's important to make sure assignments are completed in a

timely manner or they will begin to affect your grades. Attendance is taken for each Zoom meeting, so make sure you're attending each of them!

### **NEWS FROM THE LUNCHROOM**



Winnebago Schools offer both breakfast and lunch for students. Also, if you notice your child's lanyard and ID at home, please make sure they bring it to school and keep it here as it's used to scan when they take a hot lunch or breakfast.

In addition, just a reminder that the Winnebago School District is part of the USDA Free Lunch Program this year, which allows us to provide our students with free lunches. Please watch for additional guidance from Dr. Schwuchow should anything change regarding this program.

### **BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION**

The Winnebago PTO may look a little different this year, but they are still collecting Boxtops for Education through the mobile app that requires no more clipping! More information can be found here, [Boxtops for Education](#)



### **HOME AND SCHOOL CONNECTION**

Here's the latest news from Home and School Connection. Please take a moment to look over the information on Managing Emotions, Reviewing Report Cards, Creative Writing, and other strategies for supporting your child's education.

[Home School Connection #8](#)

[Home School Connection #9](#)

### **WINNEBAGO PARK DISTRICT**



Now that the weather is warming up, be sure to check out the many programs that are available through the Winnebago Park District! You can find more information by calling 815-335-3211 or by going to <https://winnebagoparkdistrict.org/>