



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

## April 2021 Newsletter

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

- **School Improvement Day (No student attendance)** Friday, April 23
- **4th Quarter Midterm Grades Available**, Friday, April 23, 5pm
- **Spring Book Fair** Monday, May 3-Friday, May 7 (Details TBA)
- **Bago Art Week** Monday, May 3-Friday, May 7 (Details TBA)
- **Walking Field Trips to "The Scoop"** Either Thursday, May 13 or Friday, May 14
- **Last Day of Student Attendance for both in-person and remote learners** Friday, May 28
  - Dismissal is at the regular time on this day
  - Final report cards available after this day



### **CELEBRATING THE END OF QUITE A YEAR!**

Information will be coming home soon about an end of the year "walking" field trip to enjoy an ice cream treat from The Scoop Ice Cream Shop right here in Winnebago. We are planning to schedule all classes to visit The Scoop on either Thursday, May 13 or Friday, May 14. *Rain dates will be Monday, May 17 or Tuesday, May 18.*



Permission slips for walking field trips were already taken care of during the online registration process last summer. If you would rather not have your child join their class on a walking field trip, please let your child's teacher know by Friday, May 7.

### **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!



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

These tests will be administered again in early May for both in-person and remote students in the areas of ELA and Math and results will be shared with you at the end of the year.

### **STATE IAR TESTING**

Each spring, students in Grades 3-8 students take the Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR) in ELA and Math. Students at McNair Elementary School have been taking these assessments for the last couple of weeks and we couldn't be more pleased with how hard they've worked! 5th grade students will be taking the Illinois Science Assessment (ISA) beginning next week.

### **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.

### **Quick Bites April 2021**



### **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.

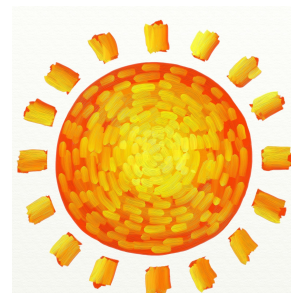
### **Home and School Connection #10**

### **SUMMER IS QUICKLY APPROACHING**

With summer right around the corner, here are some things to check out!

#### **→ 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/>



→ **SCOUTING**

- ◆ Girl Scout Sign Ups are being taken for all levels at this time. Please contact John Jones either by phone at 815-324-0480 or [johnjones@girlscoutsni.org](mailto:johnjones@girlscoutsni.org).
- ◆ There's a new female BSA troop in the Winnebago area, serving girls in grades 5-12 from Winnebago, Pecatonica, Durand, and Dakota. They meet at the First Presbyterian Church in Winnebago twice a month. For more information, visit [Scouts BSA Female Troop 5](#)
  - *This same troop is also planning for a Fun Day for all youth ages 11-17. It will be held on May 1st from 3:00-5:30 on the front lawn of Pecatonica Middle School, 1200 Main Street, Pecatonica.. They would like to invite all boys and girls in 5th-11th grade to this event.*

→ **SUMMER READING SKILLS PROGRAMS**

- ◆ Northern Illinois University is offering Summer Reading Skills Programs for students in all grade levels. Classes are taught by instructors from the Institute of Reading Development and offered through NIU Outreach. Tuition varies by program level, but be sure to ask about their family discount! For more information, flyers are available in the school office, or you may call 1-800-715-2808 M-F 7am-7pm, Sat 7am-5pm, and Sun 9am-4pm.

→ **J & J TUMBLING, TRAMPOLINE, DANCE AND SWIMMING**

- ◆ J & J of Pecatonica has many activities planned for youth this summer. Give them a call at 815-239-1558 or go to [www.jjchampions.com](http://www.jjchampions.com) and click on the Customer Portal.