

MANHATTAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Quarter 2





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LETTER FROM SUPERINTENDENT AYERS

Dear Staff and Community Members,

As we close the second quarter of the 2025–2026 school year, Manhattan Schools continue to thrive thanks to the dedication of our staff, the achievements of our students, and the support of our community.

High school students are finishing semester exams, and K–8 students are completing the second quarter. Teachers continue to engage in professional development focused on instruction, curriculum, school culture, and student success, helping ensure high-quality learning across all grades. We are also proud to share that Ms. Fulp, our Middle School Principal, has been selected by School Administrators of Montana (SAM) to present at the upcoming Montana Principals Conference. Ms. Fulp will share her expertise on school culture, highlighting the positive environment our staff and students work hard to create each day.

The athletic complex project is currently in an informational phase as the District works to gauge community support for a potential bond election to either build a new facility or renovate the existing one. Regardless of the outcome, the District has the responsibility and a legal requirement



to address an Office for Civil Rights complaint alleging disability discrimination due to limited access at the current football and track facility. Architectural renderings, cost estimates, and frequently asked questions are being shared through our website, newsletters, and community events so residents can stay informed and provide feedback. Necessary upgrades to the bleachers, track, and related areas will be completed to ensure accessibility for individuals with disabilities. We encourage anyone with questions or concerns to reach out directly to my office. We also ask that community members avoid posting information on social media that is not based on verified facts, so that discussion remains accurate and productive.

The Broadway Culvert Project is nearly complete, with only the paving of the road remaining, which is scheduled for this spring. The District is grateful to the Town of Manhattan for facilitating this project efficiently, with minimal disruption to the elementary school. We also sincerely thank parents and community members for their patience and understanding throughout this work. Student activities and athletics continue to shine. Fall sports celebrated a state championship in football, and winter sports—basketball, wrestling, and speech and drama—are now underway. To better support student transportation, the Board approved a second activities bus, which is scheduled to arrive in March.

The out-of-district application for Manhattan Schools for the 2026–2027 school year is now open. Current out-of-district students enrolling for next year should submit the FP-14 form by the deadline. Applications will be considered at monthly School Board meetings from February through May, based on space availability. To ensure consideration for a particular month, complete applications must be submitted by 4:00 PM on the Tuesday before that month's Board meeting. For more details and to apply, visit the Enrollment link under the District channel on our website.

Thank you for your continued support and engagement. Together, we are ensuring every Manhattan student has access to a strong, vibrant educational experience.

Sincerely,
Superintendent Ayers
Manhattan School District



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Want more information on the Manhattan Athletic Complex project? click 📌

[Athletic Facility Assessment](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

Upcoming Events

SUPERINTENDENT ADVISORY MEETINGS

Parent and Community Superintendent Advisory Council meeting will be held the second Tuesday of every month from 5:30-6:30pm in the High School Activities Room. The Superintendent Advisory

Council provides the opportunity for parents and community members to ask questions and provide input on issues that are important to the school and community.



ADULT EDUCATION

The Manhattan Adult Education Classes 2026 registration is LIVE!! Be sure to check out the class options for this year and sign up [here](#). There are still several classes with slots available. Check them out! Any questions, please contact Ginny Francis 406-581-6843.



POTATO FESTIVAL COOKBOOK

The annual Potato Festival Cookbook committee, in conjunction with the Manhattan Museum and Historical Society, are putting together a cookbook to celebrate the upcoming 40th anniversary of the Potato Festival!

Categories for recipes:

POTATO DISHES---MAIN DISHES---SALADS---DESSERTS---CANDIES---BAKED GOODS---any of your favorites!

If your ranch has a "brand" please submit a recipe with your brand and a brief explanation of what your brand is!

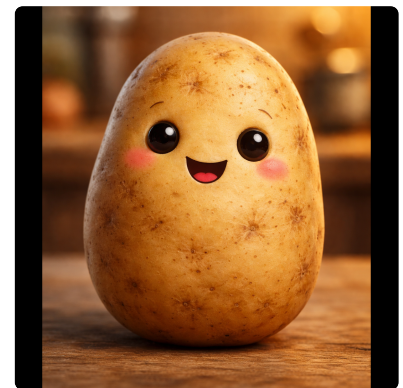
Type up your recipe, proofread it, and email or mail it to the committee.

Mail: Manhattan Museum PO BOX 800 MANHATTAN, MT 59741

Email: phebner@bresnan.net 406-599-7455

Submissions can also be dropped off at the Manhattan Bank.

Please submit your favorite recipe(s) by the end of March.



School Board Trustee Election

The Manhattan School District will hold its Annual School Elections on Tuesday, May 5, 2026, to fill two Board of Trustee seats. Both seats are for three-year terms, and candidates for the high school seat must live in the Amsterdam School District. Trustee candidate petitions are due to the District Office by 4:00 PM on **Monday, February 9, 2026**, earlier than in previous years due to a change in law. Please reach out to Courtney Overbaugh with any questions coverbaugh@mhstigers.org.





Congratulations Mr. Pat Lynch on your induction into the Montana Athletic Director Hall of Fame!

TIGER CARE CLOSET



Our High School is in the process of building a Tiger Care Closet to support our students. Items in the closet will be available to all and will include clothing, hygiene, food, and other basic necessities.

We would greatly appreciate any and all donations to help grow the contents of our Care Closet. These donations can include second-hand clothing, monetary donations, food donations, etc. We have also organized an [Amazon wish list](#) for anyone willing and able to purchase items from there. Donations can be dropped

off at the High School office. Please reach out to the HS office should you have any questions! Thank you for helping us care for our Tigers!

Join the PTO!

Join us for our February PTO meeting! We would love to meet you! Meeting to be held February 3rd 6:30pm at 406 Brewing in the back room (with pool tables).



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