



Magnolia Trace Elementary

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October NEWS HOUND PTA NEWSLETTER



Dear Maggie Families,

I would first like to thank all of you for all your support, love, and enthusiasm for our 2022-2023 school year. We are Movin' on UP at MTE. Students, teachers, staff, and all families have been working hard to provide a positive experience for all students. In August and September we learned our school and classroom procedures, took all initial diagnostic assessments, and actively engaged in learning. We are off to a great start. It was wonderful to see everyone at open house, book fair, and grandparents special friends week. We look forward to continuing to work with you throughout this school year.

October is a very busy month. We are ending our first nine weeks and starting our second nine weeks. We will be having Red Ribbon week, National Lunch week, Bus Safety week, Breast Cancer Awareness activities, our first school wide PBIS event and Trunk or Treat. Teachers are getting really creative with their lessons as the rigor begins to increase. We encourage parents to continue to read with your children and spend time with them outside of school. During school they are working hard, growing as learners and celebrating their successes.

Some changes you will see this year are we are increasing activities available to students on campus. In addition to K-Kids we have class ambassadors who make morning and afternoon announcements. They help with the flag in the mornings and afternoon. They conduct class surveys to get student feedback. These ambassadors change each nine weeks and are considered their class representatives. We are also preparing for our spirit squad. These individuals will help with morning meeting songs, spirit activities, and help to create an enthusiastic environment at MTE. We are going to introduce more clubs and activities as the school year progresses.

We are looking forward to our PBIS Maggie Games on Oct. 7th. Here we will have Fontainebleau High School athletics join our Maggie friends in Maggie Games. Obstacle courses, basketball games, and more to celebrate positive behavior at MTE! We will wear pink this day as well to support breast cancer awareness month! Thank you again for all your support!

Sincerely,
Jamie Breaux, Principal
Magnolia Trace Elementary

Upcoming Events

October 3rd - Custodian Appreciation Day
October 6th - PTA FIRE Prevention Poster Due
October 7th PBIS Maggie Games ½ Day WEAR PINK
October 10th - Ambassador Meeting 4-5 PM
October 10th - 14th - National Lunch Week
October 12th - 14th - 3rd Grade Field Trip
October 14th - Be Kind Anti Bullying Presentation
October 15th -October 21st - Bus Safety Week
October 20th - Chuckee Cheese Night 3-9PM
October 24-28th - Red Ribbon Week
October 28th - Red Ribbon Week Presentation
October 31st - Character Dress Up/Trunk or Treat

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PTA President's Letter

Happy Fall!

Welcome parents!

Happy back to school! I'm super excited for this school year! MTE is a great school where research proves when parents are involved with their child's education, students not only perform better, but there are fewer discipline problems as well. Being part of the PTA can connect you with other parents, give you a voice in PTA activities, and be in the know as to what is going on here at MTE!

We have many fun events planned throughout the year. MTE does a great job of making learning fun and bringing families together with events. Families will be welcomed to join us for Trunk or Treat on October 31st and STEM Night on November 9. These are just to name a few unique ways our school gets everyone involved! We are still looking for coordinators to work with MTE for these events! Please reach out if you are interested in helping!

We have a great group of volunteers, but we're always searching for more! Check out our Facebook page by asking to join Magnolia Trace Elementary PTA. This is a great way to stay connected and obtain information about events and find ways to volunteer at school.

Please feel free to contact me at anytime if you have any questions or concerns. Thanks again for doing what you can to help us Move on Up!

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Magnolia Trace Elementary

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What's Happening at



2nd Grade

Welcome to a new and exciting year at Magnolia Trace! We are "Moving On Up" and off to a great start in second grade! Second graders have been working hard getting used to routines and procedures in the classrooms. As we get settled into our routines, please remember that it is very important that your student be at school and on time. If your child would like to eat breakfast in the cafeteria please make sure your child is at school by 8:30 am in the morning.

We are so excited to be focusing on "The Leader in ME" and the "Seven Habits of Healthy Kids" at MTE this year. Students will learn about each of the seven habits and how to incorporate them into their own learning and positive behavior at school.

We have learned so much about Early Asian Civilization in the past few weeks and we are about to move on to Ancient Greek Civilizations in ELA. In math we learned all about measurement in Module Two. Now, we have moved on to Module Three and are learning about place value, counting, and comparison of numbers to 1000. The students have been excited learning about the different landforms and bodies of water in our science unit. They will also identify different habitats around the world. There is so much amazing learning going on in second grade!



3rd Grade

The third grade teachers enjoyed being able to meet all of our families during open house. The students will continue to explore multiplication and division strategies in math. Please remember to practice math facts nightly to help with fluency.

Our second reading unit will entail reading literary and informational texts to learn that stories and books are important for learning about themselves and others. They will learn that storytelling can be a way to connect them to others and pass on family history and traditions.

Please keep in mind that reading out loud to an adult who will take the time to listen, correct, and question comprehension of what's being read aloud for 10 minutes, will help to develop fluency and comprehension. Immediate feedback will ensure accurate and confident reading habits.

- Some activity suggestions are:
- Choral Reading—together at the same pace
- Partner reading-- taking turns every other paragraph or page
- I read to you, then you read to me (Echo reading)
- Silent read, followed by an oral read
- Silent reading with oral summary

As always, thank you for your support!

MUSIC NOTES

Fall is my favorite time of year! It's harvest time! It's time to pick apples and pumpkins and enjoy the cooler weather! We will be singing songs about this and we will also learn a harvest dance. Our composer this month is Mozart and we will be learning about his life and his best works. Choir is working hard and sounding great!

Loving my job,

Norma.Ganucheau@stpsb.org



Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2022-2023 school year. We are so excited to be back in the library. The first priority of our library is to instill a love of reading in your child. If we work in unison this can happen for all of our students. Please take time to read with your child and discuss what he or she is reading. The impact of your involvement is monumental. Thank you for all your support with Book Fair! It was a great success!

If you have any questions feel free to email me at Cheryl.blank@stpsb.org.

Thank you,
Cheryl Blank and Joanne Santos



Coach's Corner

The students are off to a great start in P.E. They are quickly learning the rules and routine of the gym. We've also been learning some fun new games.

Please remember on P.E. days to send your child to school wearing tennis shoes. Many of our games involve running, and it becomes a little dangerous in the wrong shoes.




Coach Dusang, Physical Education Teacher





Volunteer of the Month

Special thanks to **Theresa Bennett** for her hard work during Grandparents/Special Friends week! Theresa helped to organize a successful grandparents breakfast. She was present everyday during the week and helped to coordinate volunteers. She is also an active Member of our PTA. We appreciate her time and positive impact on our school!

MTE LUNCH MENU

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3	4	5	6	7
Chicken Tender Carrots Green Peas Fruit Roll Mac and Cheese Milk	Tacos, Beef Mexican Beans Green leaf Lettuce Salsa WG Cinnamon Breadsticks Jalapenos Milk	Salisbury Steak Mashed Potatoes & Gravy WG Roll Fruit Milk	Chicken Gumbo WG Rice Coleslaw Roll Fruit Milk	Offer Both Hamburger OR Cheeseburger Tots Lettuce Carrots Fruit Milk
Chicken Patty & Fries	Nachos Supreme	BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwich & Fries	Chicken Patty & Fries	
10	11	12	13	14
Red Beans & Rice Steamed Broccoli Carrots WG Breadstick Carrots Fruit Milk	Nachos Supreme Lettuce Salsa Corn Fruit Milk	Meat Sauce Green Beans WG Garlic Sticks Fruit Milk	Turkey Roast Salad Sweet Potato Casserole WG Biscuit Fruit Milk	BBQ Pulled Pork OR Turkey Sandwich Carrots Fries Fruit Milk
Chicken Patty & Fries	Cheeseburger & Fries	Del. Sandwich & Fries	Chicken Tender Sandwich & Fries	
17	18	19	20	21
Chicken Tender Carrots Green Peas Fruit Texas Toast Mac and Cheese Milk	Tacos, Beef Lettuce Salsa Mexican Beans Corn WG Cinnamon Stick Fruit/Milk	Pastalaya Broccoli Carrots WG Garlic Breadstick Fruit Milk	Chicken Gumbo Green Beans Salad WG Roll Fruit Milk	Hamburger OR Hotdog Tots Lettuce Carrots Fruit Milk
Chicken Patty & Fries	Nacho Supreme	BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwich & Fries	Chicken Patty & Fries	
24	25	26	27	28
Chicken Tender Mashed Potatoes Salad Fruit WG Breadstick Fruit Milk	Nachos Supreme Mexican Beans Lettuce Salsa Fruit Milk	Lasagna Green Beans WG Garlic Breadstick Fruit Milk	Pulled Pork AuGratin Potatoes Broccoli Florets Fruit Milk	WG Pizza OR Meatball Sub on WG Sub Roll Mannara Sauce Cauliflower Fruit Milk
Chicken Patty & Fries	Hamburger & Fries	Del. Sandwich & Fries	Hotdog w/Chili & Fries	
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Chicken Tenders Mac & Cheese Carrots Peas WG Texas Toast Fruit Milk				
Chicken Patty & Fries				

MTE BREAKFAST MENU

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3	4	5		7
WG Breakfast Pizza Fruit Juice Milk	Eggs w/Grits WG Toast Fruit Juice Milk	WG Biscuit Ham w/Cheese Fruit Juice Milk	WG Breakfast Burrito Fruit Juice Milk	WG beignets Fruit Juice Milk
Cereal w/Toast	Cereal w/Toast	Cereal w/Toast	Cereal w/Toast	Cereal w/Toast
10	11	12	13	14
WG Pancakes Fruit Juice Milk	Eggs & Grits WG Toast Fruit Juice Milk	WG Biscuit Sausage Patty Fruit Juice Milk	Ham & Cheese Wrap Fruit Juice Milk	WG Cinnamon Roll Fruit Juice Milk
Cereal w/Toast	Cereal w/Toast	Cereal w/Toast	Cereal w/Toast	Cereal w/Toast
17	18	19	20	21
WG Breakfast Pizza Fruit Juice Milk	Eggs w/Grits WG Toast Fruit Juice Milk	WG Biscuit Ham & Cheese Fruit Juice Milk	WG Breakfast Burrito Fruit Juice Milk	WG Beignets Fruit Juice Milk
Cereal w/toast	Cereal w/Toast	Cereal w/Toast	Cereal w/Toast	Cereal w/Toast
24	25	26	27	28
WG Mini Pancakes Fruit Juice Milk	Eggs & Grits WG Toast Fruit Juice Milk	WG Biscuits Sausage Patty Fruit Juice Milk	Ham & Cheese Wrap Fruit Juice Milk	WG School Made Muffin Fruit Juice Milk
Cereal w/toast	Cereal w/Toast	Cereal w/Toast	Cereal w/Toast	Cereal w/Toast
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WG Breakfast Pizza Fruit Juice Milk				
Cereal w/Toast				

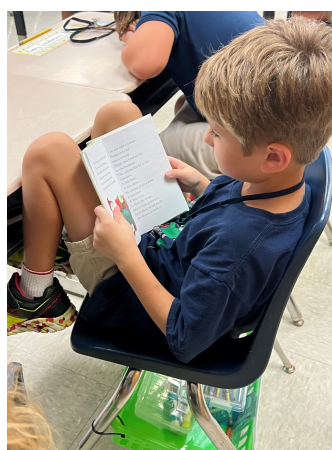
Sending Gratitude out to TIFFANY BORSHEIM:

We want to recognize Tiffany Borsheim as the September Volunteer of the Month! She organized a Back to School luncheon 80's style for Teachers and Staff the first week of August - which means she started working and preparing during summer time! We appreciate her efforts to put together a wonderful event to kick the year off on the right step! It was a great first step as we Move on Up here at MTE! Thanks, Tiffany!

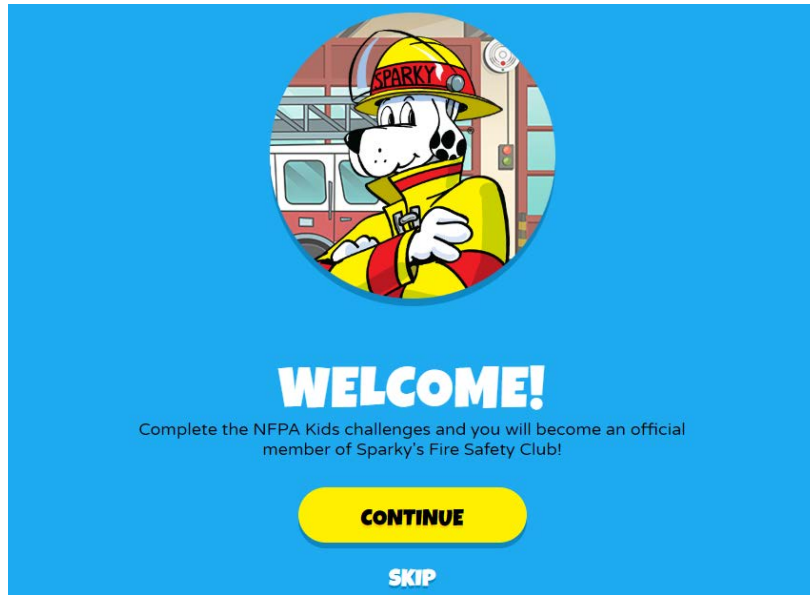


State PTA News:

Louisiana State PTA hosted their annual Leadership Training for all local PTAs in St. Tammany Parish and their Executive Committees on August 20th. Each member attended educational forums to assist in keeping our MTE PTA organized and informed. Currently we're in the middle of our Membership Drive where we are trying to build a PTA that reflects all of our MTE families and school community.



Fire Prevention and Safety Week is October 9th-16th
Visit the this website for fun activities: <https://sparky.org/>

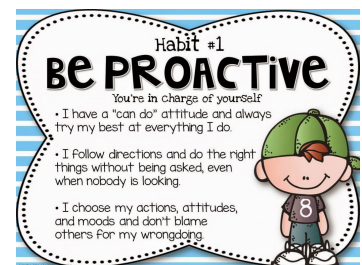


STPSB UPDATES

New District Wide School Websites! All schools have new websites that make it easier for parents to navigate and stay connected. IMPACT is our district theme. We encourage families and students to find ways to have a positive impact on their community, school, and families. Please share your stories!



Exterior Sheeting done on building two and 90% done on building one. Metal stud walls completed on inside. Roof is being placed. Projected completion date for phase one is at the beginning of December.



Riley Adorno
Bryce Leblanc
Oliver Carpenter
Phoebe Chappius
Sara Mammadova
Maya Kohls
Natalie Bertheau
Ethan Pezant
Brana Laizer
Bentley Beals
Jayceon Scott
Everett Surrence



September
Proactive

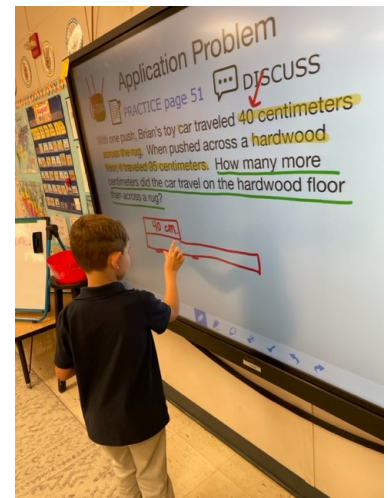
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Cole Phelps
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Jaxton Forjet
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Grace Diaz

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October
Begin with the End in Mind

Mirsa Pena
Camille Burt
Soren Ledig
Travis Schillesci
Charlotte Dabdoub
Jordan Silvan
Briggs Commare
Caiden Larsen
Riley Klein
Mollie Harrell
Griffin Knott



PTA for your child!

Hello! Another exciting school year has started and an important part of Magnolia Trace Elementary is our PTA. MTE PTA supports many events and activities throughout the school year; Grandparents Week, Cultural Arts and Teacher Appreciation just to name a few. We invite you to join, and PTA for your child, because increasing membership makes it possible for us to do these things.

There is no wrong or right way to be involved. Anything you can give, whether it is time or money, will support your child's potential. We invite you to join because we can do more together than apart.

***Theresa Bennett
MTE VP Membership 2022-2023***



Staff Spotlights



Mrs. Kristi Gassen our school counselor for embracing the Leader in me Program and teaching the 7 habits of highly effective leaders to our students. Her lessons are engaging and effective. We appreciate you instilling leadership in our school!



Ms. Nicole Chotto one of our new teachers on campus! She has been helpful in the successful implementation of our new reading curriculum. She has used her experience with the curriculum to lead professional development for our teachers. Thank you for sharing your expertise!



Mrs. Laura Cangiamilla for her enthusiasm and leadership in multiple organizations. She brings community service, citizenship, and being a Maggie to life with her involvement in K-Kids, Boy Scouts, Yearbook, and Grade Level Chair. We value her energy and willingness to serve in any role.



Mrs. Amanda Keller for her overwhelming amount of knowledge, organization, and energy. She is behind everything curriculum, intervention, enrichment, and academics. She helps to lead professional learning for our MTE team as well as the daily practices in our classrooms that enhance student learning. She leads our assessment teams so that we are able to identify the needs of all students. Our performance and growth is impacted greatly by all of her efforts and passion to help students and teachers. We are grateful to have her as part of our team.



Mrs. Julie Bright for her friendly smile and welcoming spirit. She leads our hospitality team and takes care of the many operations that help our school run efficiently. We are extremely blessed to have her.



Mrs. Blank and Mrs. Santos for a great job with our BOOK FAIR and grandparents/special friends week. They are consistently bringing a love for reading to our school and students. We are grateful for their continued support and love for our students.



Mrs. Katie Lamonte our 2022-2023 Teacher of the Year. Her work with the students and the many activities she supports at school is appreciated. She gives our instructional team valuable insights. Her creativity and effectiveness is appreciated.



Mrs. Dumas for always being there for her team, our school, and her students. She is frequently organizing materials and plans for others and has valuable insights in curriculum and operations. She always has the best interest of the school and students at heart. Her willingness to serve and be part of the bigger vision of our school is recognized.

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