



Magnolia Trace Elementary

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April NEWS HOUND PTA NEWSLETTER



Dear Maggie Families,

Thank you so much for your tremendous amount of support in the month of March. We had a fabulous month of learning, reading, and fundraising. The students in homeroom classes read over 100 books as class meaning at MTE we read over 2,100 books in the month of March!!!! We enjoyed our Dr. Seuss reading week and our Drop Everything and Read activities. We also had a blast for our PBIS day in early March where kids danced, made Leprechaun traps and made art work for our cafeteria. We even had a picnic with our class. Our PTA Boosterthon Fun Run was a huge success! We also enjoyed seeing our families for our LEAP parent night.

A new leadership training, given by Action Community Resources, took place on Saturday, March 25th . We had approximately 70 students from MTE attend where we learned leadership skills through fun and engaging activities. It was a huge success and it is something we will incorporate next year to give more students an opportunity to participate. Our ultimate goal is to develop leaders in each child so they can build on their strengths to make a positive impact on themselves, their community and this world!

As we move into April we are continuing to Motivate, Teach, and Engage. LEAP testing will occur at the end of April. Between now and the end of LEAP testing it is imperative that students come to school. LEAP testing is April 26 th – May 3 rd . We ask that you refrain from scheduling doctor appointments for all students if at all possible during this window of time. This includes second grade because we will be operating as a testing site. We want to limit distractions and interruptions. Some district assessments will be given to second grade while 3 rd grade is doing their LEAP testing. It is an important time for us to get feedback on student's current academic standing. We ask that parents and guardians have students get an adequate amount of rest during this time. We want students performing their best. The teachers have prepared the students. Please encourage students to try their best and build their confidence by praising the students and telling them you know they will do a great job! We are blessed with a very strong faculty, staff and community. It is our time to shine and I know we will.

Cultural Arts Day is our next big day. This will take place on April 6 th . Incoming parent night and second grade night will be May 2nd at 5:30 PM. Please mark your calendars!

Students will be leading this night.

I genuinely want to express my gratitude for the continued support. Our community is one of the greatest! If you have any questions please feel free to email me at jamie.breaux@stpsb.org.

Sincerely,
Jamie Breaux
Principal
Magnolia Trace Elementary

Upcoming Events

April 4th - EOY Dibels /Para Appreciation
April 5th -Raising Canes Night Mandeville Location 4-8
April 6th - Louisiana Cultural Arts Day
April 7th -16th-Spring Break
April 2th - Terrific Kids 9:30
April 21st - LEAP PepRally
April 24th - Secretaries Appreciation
April 26th - May 3rd - LEAP Testing
May 2nd -Incoming Parent & 2nd Grade Meeting 5:30PM
May 3rd - Sonic Night - Hwy 59 - 4-8
May 4th - Terrific Kids 9:30
May 5th - Chrome Book Collection

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Happy Spring, Maggie Families!

March was a fun month! Each class was challenged to read 100 books collectively! We also ran our hearts out at Boosterthon Fun Run! We want to thank Alicia Sykes, the Chair of Fun Run; She stepped up in a big way this month. The kids really enjoy the experience of Boosterthon because of the focus on fitness, leadership, and character. The run is the best part - students dance, skip, hop and run 30-35 laps to high energy music. I do want to share that I know we met our goal of \$25,000, which is fabulous. We will have final numbers to report in our next newsletter.

Our next big event is Cultural Arts Day, which has a new spin! We are focusing on countries and groups of people that have had a big impact on Louisiana life and culture. Our Chair this year is Casey Trichel. To volunteer please check Facebook as there is a link to a sign-up genius. It's going to be a fun day of learning and creating. We appreciate and welcome all the help we can get!

Last, but not least, Staff Appreciation week is coming up in May. Our planning for a week-long celebration of their dedication to MTE and the education and lives of our children begins now. Be on the look-out for donation and volunteer opportunities. Our theme is "Movin' on UP"—which we have all seen this year as the new building comes to completion!

We've had a great year so far, and I can't believe there are only 2 months of it left! We are currently looking for volunteers to serve on Executive Board. If you are interested, or know someone who is, please email our nomination committee chair Casey Trichel - casey.trichel@gmail.com. It is so rewarding for not only us, but for our children and school as well.

Cheerfully,
Everything the PTA does makes an impact on students' lives at MTE!

Ashley Dragon

MTE PTA President

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**Magnolia Trace
2022 - 2023
PTA Executive Board**

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if you have any questions, concerns,
or suggestions.



Second Grade

Here we are in the 4th nine weeks! Where has the year gone? Second graders have been super busy in the month of March. They have studied insects and the Civil War. They have learned about fast and slow land changes and the government. There have been science experiments, a glow dance party for PBIS, leprechaun traps and boosterthon. April will bring about more fun activities and learning opportunities. We will have a busy April with Spring break starting on April 7th and returning on Monday, April 17th.

In ELA knowledge lessons we are going to learn about the human body. This domain covers a number of topics regarding the human body. The students will learn how cells form the building blocks of life on Earth. They will learn how cells form tissue and tissues form organs. They will learn about the digestive and excretory systems and how important nutrition is to good health.

In ELA Skills, spelling alternatives: /f/, /er/, /k/, /o/, /□/ will be taught as well as tricky spelling: ea, i, a. Some of the tricky words that will be taught are: *Great Britain, Europe, signature, imagine, soldier, iron, special, shoe, early, whose, and new.* In grammar, adverbs, run-on sentences, building sentences, and parts of speech will be introduced. The students will work on spelling one and two-syllable words. Finally they will write an informational paragraph and an opinion paragraph.

In math, after learning about graphing data and money, the students will learn about measurement in inches, feet, and yards as well as line plots and real world word problems encapsulating all of these concepts.

In science, students will focus on relationships in habitats. They will be able to identify what plants need to survive and how plants depend on animals. In social studies, we will be learning about our community and its economics as well as its culture.



Third Grade

Third graders are looking forward to an amazing April. We have lots of interesting things to learn in all subjects.

In Math, students will begin studying Module 6, Collecting and Displaying Data. Students apply their knowledge of fractions from Unit 5 as they estimate lengths to the nearest halves and fourths of an inch and record that information in bar graphs and line plots. Students answer "how many more" and "how many less" questions about scaled bar graphs. Please continue to practice flash cards at home to help ensure their multiplication fluency.

In ELA, students will study the elements of Cajun folktales with *Lapin Plays Possum*. While exploring literary and informational texts, students will learn how storytelling can be entertaining, as well as, educational. Students will learn more about Louisiana history and culture, as well as, character and theme development. Students will write stories modeled after Tall Tales and Folk Tales.

In Social Studies, students investigate the relationship between different economic concepts and the role of individuals in the economy. Students will be discussing economic vocabulary. They will be participating in discussions on how our choices play a role in economics.

In Science, students will begin their study of fossils. Students will develop models to describe that organisms have unique and diverse life cycles but all have in common birth, growth and death. Our school year has really flown by and spring fever will be creeping in soon. Please continue to remind your child to work hard and stay focused.

LEAP Testing will be April 26-May 3. Please do not schedule appointments for these dates.



MUSIC NOTES

This month we are investigating different styles of music and their corresponding instruments:

- Jazz and the saxophone
- Celtic and the fiddle
- Blues and the guitar

And many more!

Loving my job,

Norma Ganucheau



Dear Parents,

We have purchased several new titles for our library with the profits from the Book Fair. Many of our students had input on what we purchased. Thank you again for supporting our February Fair. Congratulations to Presley and Liam, our raffle winners!

During the remainder of the school year the children will be using the online catalog to help them locate a book in the library. We will also be reading books of different genres aloud to expose your child the amazing titles we have in our MTE library. Please continue to have conversations with your child about what he/she is reading. Your interest truly does make a difference.

"The whole world opened up to me when I learned to read" – Mary McCleod Bethune

Thank you,

Cheryl Blank and Joanne Santos



Coach's Corner


With the weather changing for the better, it is a great time of year to explore a wonderful resource available to us in St. Tammany Parish, the Tammany Trace. This railway turned to bike path is 31 miles long, running from Covington to Slidell. It has several trailheads along the way and plenty of beautiful scenery. So air up those bike tires and get to pedaling.

Coach Dusang, Physical Education Teacher

Volunteer of the Month

This month I would like to recognize the entire Fun Run Committee - Lindsay Guidry, Tonya Deville, Theresa Bennett, Sheri Olson, Michelle Baca, Gretchen Carpenter, and Alicia Sykes. They were at MTE everyday handing out prizes, rolling the snack cart, working teacher duties, and cheering our little Maggies on during the Fun Run. Thank you for your dedication to MTE!

APRIL MTE LUNCH MENU

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|---|---|--|--|---|
| 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| H Chicken Tenders, Carrots, Peas, Macaroni and Cheese, Fruit, WG Roll, Milk C Hamburger, Green Leaf Lettuce, Fries, Fruit, Milk | H Beef Tacos, Lettuce, Salsa, Corn, Ranchero Beans, WG Cinnamon Breadstick, Fruit, Milk C Deli Sandwich, Green Leaf Lettuce, Fruit, Milk | H Turkey Roast, Sweet Potato Casserole, Broccoli, WG Roll, Fruit, Milk C Hamburger, Green Leaf Lettuce, Tots, Fruit, Milk | H Fish Squares, Baked Potato, Salad, Fruit, WG Roll, Milk C Turkey Roast Sandwich, Lettuce, Tots, Fruit, Milk | SPRING BREAK |
| 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| SPRING BREAK | | | | |
| 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| H Chicken Tenders, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Carrots WG Breadsticks, Milk C BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwich, Green Leaf Lettuce, Tots, Fruit, Milk | H Chicken Nachos, Green Leaf Lettuce, Corn, Refried Beans, Fruit, WG Cinnamon Sticks, Milk C Hamburger, Green Leaf Lettuce, Fries, Fruit, Milk | H Meat Sauce, Green Beans, WG Breadstick, Fruit, Milk C Turkey Melt Sandwich, Lettuce, Carrots, Tots, Fruit, Milk | H Chicken Gumbo, Salad, Baked Potato, Fruit, Milk C Fish Sandwich, Tots, Lettuce, Carrots, Fruit, Milk | H Cheeseburger, Carrots, Fries, Green Leaf Lettuce, Fruit, Milk C Hot Dog, Chili, Carrots, Tots, Fruit, Milk |
| 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| H Chicken Tenders, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Carrots WG Breadsticks, Milk C Hamburger, Tots, Lettuce, Fruit, Milk | H Nacho Supreme, Green Leaf Lettuce, Salsa, Corn, Ranchero Beans, Fruit, WG Cinnamon Sticks, Milk C Beef Tacos, Green Leaf Lettuce, Salsa, Corn, Ranchero Beans, Fruit, WG Cinnamon Sticks, Milk | H Fish Strips, Mashed Potatoes, Cucumbers, WG Roll, Fruit, Milk C Sloppy Joe, Cucumbers, Tots, Fruit, Milk | H Pastalaya, Salad, Carrots, WG Roll, Fruit, Milk C BBQ Pulled Pork, Green Leaf Lettuce, Tots, Fruit, Milk | H Hamburger, Green Leaf Lettuce, Tots, Fruit, Milk C Turkey Melt Sandwich, Lettuce, Carrots, Tots, Fruit, Milk |
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APRIL MTE BREAKFAST MENU

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|--|--|---|--|--------------------------------------|
| 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| WG Breakfast Pizza, Fruit, Juice, Milk | Eggs, Grits, WG Toast Fruit, Juice, Milk | WG Biscuit, Sausage, Fruit, Juice, Milk | Breakfast Burrito, Fruit, Juice, Milk | SPRING BREAK |
| 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| SPRING BREAK | | | | |
| 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| WG French Toast Sticks, Fruit, Juice, Milk | Eggs w/ WG Toast, Grits, Fruit, Juice, Milk | WG Biscuit, Sausage, Fruit, Juice, Milk | WG Banana Muffin, Fruit, Juice, Milk | WG Cinnamon Roll, Fruit, Juice, Milk |
| 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| WG Breakfast Pizza, Fruit, Juice, Milk | Eggs w/ Grits & WG Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk | WG Biscuit, Sausage, Fruit, Juice, Milk | WG Breakfast Burrito, Fruit, Juice, Milk | WG Beignets, Fruit, Juice, Milk |
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Construction Up- date:

Cabinets are being put into classrooms and boards hung up. Furniture is beginning to come in. Lights and fixtures being installed. Move in date will be mid to the end of May.

leader
IN ME
7 HABITS



be
PROACTIVE

Find your voice...
discover your
talents.



YOU are in
charge of YOU.



2 begin
with the
END IN MIND



3 put
first things
FIRST



Know what
you want before
you do it.



Work first,
then play.



4 think
WIN-WIN



5 think first
to understand,
then to be
UNDERSTOOD



I win, you win,
everyone wins.



Listen first,
then talk.



6
SYNERGIZE



7 sharpen
the
SAW



Work together
to do better.



Take care of
YOURSELF.



Habit 7:

**Sharpen the
Saw**

I take care of
my body by
eating right,
exercising, and
getting sleep.

**Balance
Feels
Best**



I find
meaningful
ways to help
others.

I spend time
with family and
friends.

I learn in lots of
ways and
places, not just
at school.

Habit 7 : Sharpen the Saw

**I take care of my body by eating right,
exercising, and getting sleep.**

I spend time with family and friends.

**I learn in lots of ways and lots of
places, not just at school.**

**I take time to find meaningful ways
to help others.**



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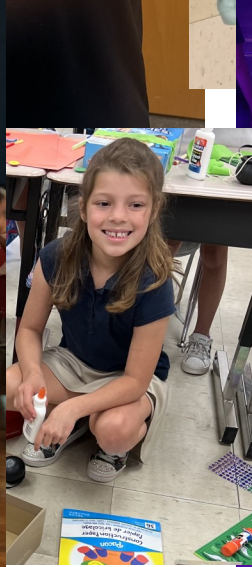
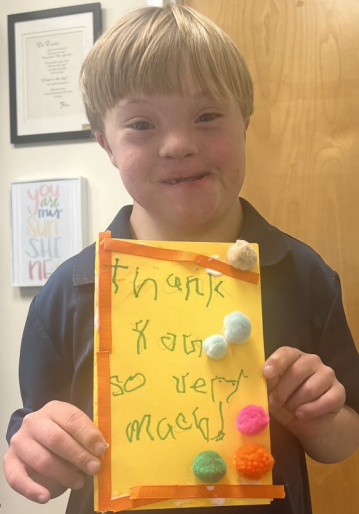
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Natalya Moss
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National PTA News

How to Add Mindfulness to Your Child's Day

By Meghan Crowley from *Our Children* magazine

Many adults are able to recognize feelings of anxiety, stress and frustration, but when children and teenagers experience these emotions, they are often less equipped to deal with them.

As we as parents and caregivers work to manage and reduce stress in our everyday life, we should help our children do the same. Mindfulness is often taught in schools to help students navigate their feelings and emotions and you can also practice mindfulness at home to reduce stress and anxiety.

Although the idea may seem abstract at first, weekly practice and modeling can help your child learn how to manage their thoughts, feelings and emotions. It will also help bond your relationships and provide more moments for open conversation.

Here are a few activities you can do as a family to adopt mindfulness into your daily routine.

The Mind Jar Snow Globe

Help your children avoid emotional blizzards with this mindfulness practice. First, have them imagine their thoughts and worries are like snowflakes being shaken in a snow globe. Guide them in breathing slowly and visualizing their negative feelings falling down.

As the snowflakes begin to rest on the ground, so too settles their mind. Finally, enjoy spending a mindful minute to remember and imprint these feelings of positivity and serenity.

Listening to the Rain

Simple sounds like rain drops falling through the trees can be calming and relaxing. This mindfulness practice uses a guided meditation to clear your head and bring awareness to your surroundings. Whenever your child appears overwhelmed or agitated, try listening together to audio of falling rain.

Rainbow Walk

Helping children become aware of what's going on around them at any particular moment can help strengthen their focus and calm their mind. Provide them with time to really explore their environment, noticing the details of their surroundings, indoors or outdoors. Ask them to make a list (verbally or on paper) of objects they see, and have them organize them by color, so that they make their own version of a rainbow.



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Join the dedicated group of making MTE great for our kids! Interested?
Email magnoliatraceelementarypta@gmail.com or casey.trichel@gmail.com



Moving on to Lake Harbor Middle School or Mandeville Middle School next year?

PTA positions are also open.

Lake Harbor PTA : pta.lakeharbor@gmail.com

Mandeville Middle PTA : mandevillemiddlespta@gmail.com



Call for Nominations 2023-2024

- 🐾 I want MTE to be the best school!
- 🐾 I want my child to have a great positive learning environment!
- 🐾 I want to help decide how PTA support MTE!
- 🐾 I want all students to be successful!

Our nomination committee will contact each nominee and based on their findings they will create a slate of executive board members to be voted on at our next PTA General Meeting. These positions will be for the 2023-2024 school year. Magnolia Trace is an amazing place to partner with for student success and we would love for you to be part of our team.

If you would like to nominate yourself or someone else please complete the attached form and return by Tuesday, April 4, 2023. If you have any questions email casey.trichel@gmail.com.

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| President | Serve as leader and key contact for PTA. Presides over all PTA meetings, coordinates the work of the association, acts as a liaison between Magnolia Trace Administration and PTA and the State PTA. Serves as ex-officio on all committees and appoints chairpersons for committees. Duties are present year around. |
| VP of Membership | Acts as an aide to the President, performs duties in Presidents absence. Maintains spreadsheet of all members and works closely with the treasurer. Duties are present first two months of school |
| VP of Cultural Arts | Coordinates all Cultural Arts activities. Duties are present around the time of Cultural Arts. |
| VP of Awards | Coordinates all awards such as the National PTA reflections program and any contest created by state and school PTA. Duties are present throughout the school year. |
| Secretary | Records all business transactions at each Executive Board and General PTA meeting and presents the minutes for approval. Maintains a calendar of events for the PTA. Duties present all year around. |
| Treasurer | Responsible for and have custody of all funds. Makes disbursements as properly authorized. Present at All PTA events where money will be collected. Prepare financial reports for all PTA meetings. Duties are present all year around. |

PTA NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Please fill out the form below and return to school with your child by
Tuesday, April 4, 2023

Name: _____

Person you are Nominating (put your name if it is you) _____

Person being nominated phone number: _____

Person being nominated Email: _____

I would like this person to be considered for the following position(s) on the PTA executive board. (Circle all that apply)

| | | |
|-----------|------------------|---------------------|
| President | VP of Membership | VP of Cultural Arts |
| Secretary | VP of Awards | Treasurer |

You can nominate a person for more than one position – If chosen by nomination committee that person will only serve in one of the chosen positions

Explain why this person would be a good candidate for the position(s) listed above.

Thank you for your continued support of MTE PTA!

2023-2024 School Year will be AMAZING because of YOU chose to serve!

Any questions please email Casey Trichel at casey.trichel@gmail.com

Staff Spotlights

A HUGE shout out to Mrs. Siobhan Campo for exceeding all expectations in her new role as SWEDL. She has done an exceptional job at managing data, organizing meetings, running small groups, and supporting our students with exceptionalities. We are super grateful for all her hard work and dedication to our school.



Nurse Michelle has truly been there for our kiddos and our staff. She takes good care of all the scrapes and bruises and even helps to heal the heart when kids are homesick. Her work with our kids and with our staff on all emergency procedures is greatly appreciated.

Thank you Mrs. Ganucheau for embracing the music curriculum at MTE. By the end of the year she would have put on a choir concert and a musical. She also helps with all events. She is always willing to help when needed.



Kimberly LittleJohn is very influential to a variety of students at MTE. She is dependable and impactful. She is a silent and strong force in our school. She works many times in small groups and one on one with students. She is always willing to help when needed and exceeds expectations. We appreciate her ability to reach and educate students.

Coach Dusang is an awesome coach. He is always willing to adjust when needed, He also does a great job engaging students in physical activity. He is always smiling and has a positive attitude. MTE is blessed to have him on our team.



Staff Spotlights

Our speech teachers Mrs. Brigitte and Mrs. Melissa are AMAZING! We often see these ladies all over school offering to help whenever needed. They wear a smile and cheer on all students. They are our go to people who help make things happen. We are appreciative of all they do!



Mrs. Claus is appreciated for her creativity and willingness to serve. She is on several committees and is always willing to go over and beyond. Her classroom is filled with fun experiments and engaging activities. She is excited about learning and excited to be at MTE. We are grateful for her positive spirit!

Mrs McClure brings lots of cheer to MTE. She is the leader of our spirit squad who constantly acknowledge those around us for their positive impact on MTE. In addition, she teaches daily with a smile and enthusiasm. She is very understanding of the diverse needs of students. She loves every child as her own and we are appreciative of her loving cheerful heart.



Tabitha Breazeale works tremendously well with students with special needs. She has a special gift in identifying student needs and meeting them. She is constantly working and on call for all students. She wears a smile and works really hard to keep the positive momentum going in her classroom. We are thankful for her!

Mrs. Ross is new to third grade but not new to MTE. She has done an exceptional job embracing the 3rd grade curriculum and moving students towards success. She is very conscious about her teaching and her student work. She cares for the whole child and is very dedicated to her job! We love and appreciate Mrs. Ross.



Upcoming Restaurant Nights

Wednesday, April 5:
Raising Cane's 4-8:00 pm



Wednesday, May 3
4-8:00 pm
Sonic Hwy 59 Location



Thanks to our Sponsors!

If you could give a child in your life one gift for the future, what would it be?

Here are **five reasons** why whole life insurance is the one gift that can help shape a child's future: Whether a grandchild, niece, nephew, or godchild, the gift of life insurance offers financial security, protection, peace of mind, and more.



01. 
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02. 
It's a gift that will span the child's lifetime.

Life insurance offers constant protection and living benefits.

03. 
It won't lose value.

In any economic environment, life insurance remains valuable.

04. 
It's guaranteed to grow.

Guaranteed cash value growth means the living benefits of whole life insurance increase over time.

05. 
It keeps giving.

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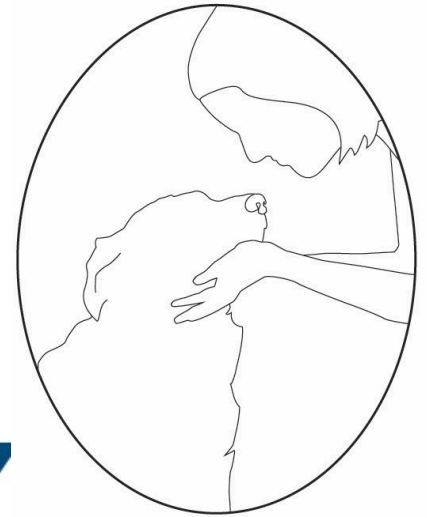


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