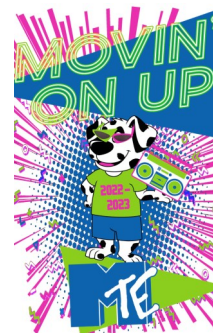




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December NEWS HOUND PTA NEWSLETTER

Dear Maggie Families,

Thank you for an amazing month of November. There is so much to be grateful for when you work with an amazing community. Our first family STEM night was a success. Our Veterans Day was a humbling and an honorary experience. Our unit activities were enriching. The teachers, staff, and families devotion to creating a fun learning environment was extremely evident in the month of November. We have just as much to look forward to in December. We want to ensure you while there will be many fun activities happening at Magnolia Trace Elementary we are still continuing to grow as learners.

In December, our PTA is sponsoring a Science Presentation that will encourage curiosity and creative thinking in our students. We will also be having our teacher luncheon, Terrific Kids Celebration and our PBIS Maggie Stations to celebrate our students continuing to practice the 7 Habits! Our Choir Students and Talented Theater Students will be performing on Wednesday, December 14th at 2:00. Our Spirit Squad is continuing to acknowledge those who are making an IMPACT at MTE! Encourage your students if they recognize someone doing a kind act or see anyone in our school community serving others to acknowledge them by completing an IMPACT form. Students simply have to request a form from their teacher, complete it, and turn it in. Our Spirit squad then chooses a day to recognize this individual.

We are looking forward to ending the 2022 school year with exciting events and lots of learning. We encourage families to continue to read with your children and spend as much time with them as they grow into more responsible creative amazing individuals. Thanks again for all you do!

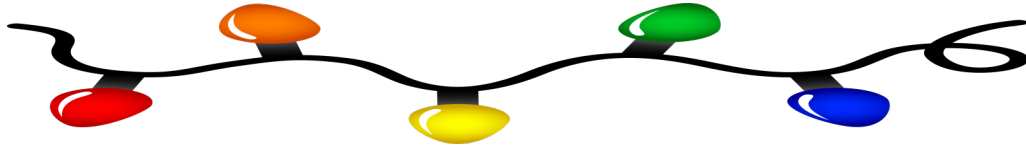
Sincerely,
Jamie Breaux
Principal
Magnolia Trace Elementary
School

Upcoming Events

December 5th - 2:00 PM Science Assembly
December 6th - Dibels Testing
December 8th - Reginelli's Family Day
December 8th - Teacher Holiday Luncheon 1:30
December 14th - Talented Theater 2pm Choir
Concert 2:30 PM at MTE
December 14th - Violin Concert evening time at FJH
December 15th - Terrific Kids
December 15th - Marigny Polar Express - BRING
ON THE CHEER!
December 16th - Maggie Stations PBIS Morning (½
day STUDENTS)
Holidays Dec 19th - Jan. 1st - Return to School Jan.
2nd
January 3rd - Ambassador Meeting
January 5th - Terrific Kids

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Season's Greetings!

As the 2022 winds down, activities start to ramp up...holiday decorations, music, Santa pictures, parties...it's simply the most wonderful time of the year! I can't believe it's the end of 2022, and we have one semester of school under our belts. I know everyone is anxiously waiting to get in the building!

We have a busy December with the Teacher Holiday Luncheon, class parties, and a PBIS play day! And...we have some great events planned for the second half of the year such as Cultural Arts Day, Boosterthon Fun Run, and Teacher Appreciation Week.

We would love for you to get involved! We are looking for a chair and committee members to help us run our biggest fundraiser of the year, Boosterthon. If you are interested, you can send me an email at magnoliatraceelementarypta@gmail.com. We really need more volunteers to help our programs run more smoothly. We welcome anyone and everyone!

Warmest Wishes to you and your family this holiday season!

Ashley Dragon
MTE PTA President



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2022 - 2023
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if you have any questions, concerns,
or suggestions.

Second Grade

November was a very busy month full of fun and learning for our second graders! Our students had a lot of fun with our Olympic Games and Greek meal as we wrapped up our Greek Mythology unit. We also had a wonderful time at Global Wildlife for our first field trip of the year, and our first ever STEM night was a huge success!

In our Reading unit, we have just started learning about an important period in our nation's history- the time during The War of 1812. This will build the foundation for learning about other important periods of American history later in the year.

In Social Studies, our focus is on important leaders in our country's history. We will also learn about various holidays that are celebrated around the world.

In Math this month, we will begin our next module, Addition and Subtraction within 1,000 with word problems to 100. Students will build upon their understanding of place value and extend their work with conceptual understanding of addition and subtraction algorithms, with and without modeling. We will continue to focus on strengthening conceptual understanding and fact fluency.

This month in Science, we will continue to learn about the properties of matter. Students will have the opportunity to investigate, test, and analyze materials and their properties.

Please continue to work with your child on basic addition and subtraction math facts within 20 and reading every night. Reading nightly with your child helps build his/her confidence, fluency, and enjoyment of reading. Thank you for all of your support at home. We hope you enjoy the magic of the holidays with your family and friends!



Third Grade

The third grade students are moving right along and their maturity level is showing every day. They seem to be very happy at school!

In math the students will continue to explore multiplication and division strategies in math and have moved into Module 2. This Module uses place value to unify measurement, rounding skills, and the standard algorithms for addition and subtraction. The module begins with plenty of hands-on experience using a variety of tools to build practical measurement skills and conceptual understanding of metric and time units. Estimation naturally surfaces through application; this transitions students into rounding. In the module's final topics students round to assess whether or not their solutions to problems solved using the standard algorithms are reasonable.

Some suggested activities for math are:
Practice math facts nightly to help with fluency.
Practice telling time on an analog clock.
Bake and cook with real world measurements.
Estimate the weight of various objects and weigh them on a scale.
Estimate the length of various objects and measure them with a ruler, yard stick, or meter stick.

Our second reading unit will entail the students reading literary and informational texts to understand the value of companionship, the joy of finding friends in unexpected places, and the significance of building a community of different perspectives. 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
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

December is Christmas time! It's the most wonderful time of the year. We will be studying the Nutcracker and singing lots of fun Christmas songs.



The MTE Choir Christmas program will be:

December 14th at 2:30pm in the gym.

Loving my job,

Norma Ganucheau

Dear Parents,

We will be enjoying some holiday stories in the library during the month of December. Please encourage your child to read and discuss what they're reading with you whenever the opportunity presents itself. I have been fortunate enough to get to read with several students in the library lately. Many of them are becoming and some already are currently independent readers. This is so exciting. During the weeks following the New Year the children will be exposed to books contained in our library that they may not be aware of. Our hope is that they discover a new author or title that they might enjoy.

"There is more treasure in books than in all the pirate's loot on Treasure Island." – Walt Disney

Thank you so much,

Cheryl Blank and Joanne Santos



Coach's Corner

Since the beginning of the year we have been working on individual movement skills, such as types of movement (walking, running, skipping, galloping, hopping, jumping, and shuffling), directions, levels, and pathways. We will begin to learn manipulative skills (throwing, catching, kicking, and striking) and team building skills.

Coach Dusang, Physical Education Teacher

Volunteer of the Month

The Volunteer of the month of December goes to Tiffany McKibben, someone who has stepped up to a second volunteer PTA position. She produces our fabulous and informative newsletter each month. We appreciate her dedication and commitment to MTE PTA! Thank you, Tiffany!

DECEMBER MTE LUNCH MENU

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
28	29	30	1	2
Chicken Patty Sandwich Lettuce, Fries, Fruit Milk Red Beans and Rice, Spinach, Carrots, Fruit, Breadstick, Milk	Cheeseburger, Tots, Lettuce, Fruit, Milk Nachos Supreme, Lettuce, Salsa, Mexican Beans, WG Nacho Chips, Fruit, Milk	Meat sauce, Green beans, WG Garlic Sticks, Milk	Hot Dog, Broccoli, Fries, Fruit, Milk Pulled Pork Sandwich, Broccoli, Fries, Fruit, Baked Beans, Milk	BBQ Chicken Sandwich Fries, Fruit, Milk Chili Cheese Fries, Carrots, Roll, Fruit, Milk
5	6	7	8	9
Chicken Sandwich, Greenleaf Lettuce, Fries, Fruit, Milk Chicken Tenders, Carrots, Green Peas, WG Roll, Macaroni and Cheese, Fruit, Milk	Nacho Supreme, Mexican Beans, Lettuce, Salsa, Cinnamon Breadsticks, Fruit, Milk Tacos, Lettuce, Salsa, Cinnamon Breadsticks, Fruit, Milk	BBQ Chicken Sandwich, Lettuce, Fries, Cucumbers, Fruit, Milk Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, Fruit, Cucumbers, Roll, Milk	Fish, Baked Potato, Coleslaw, Roll, Fruit, Milk Pulled Pork Sandwich, Cauliflower, Fries, Fruit, Milk	Cheeseburger, Lettuce, Carrots, Fries, Fruit, Milk Hamburger, Lettuce, Carrots, Fries, Fruit, Milk
12	13	14	15	16
Chicken Sandwich, Lettuce, Fries, Fruit Milk Sweet and Sour chicken, Broccoli, Carrots, WG Breadstick, Rice, Fruit, Milk	Hamburger, Lettuce, Fries, Fruit, Milk Nacho Supreme, Lettuce, Salsa, Cinna- mon Breadsticks, Fruit, Milk	Meat Sauce, Spaghetti Pasta, Green Beans, Garlic Breadsticks, Fruit, Milk Turkey Melt Sandwich, Fries, Carrots, Cucumbers, Fruit, Milk	BBQ Chicken Sandwich, Coleslaw, Fries, Fruit, Milk Turkey Roast w/Gravy, Cauliflower, Sweet Potato Casserole, Cornbread Dressing, WG Roll, Fruit, Milk	BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwich, Fries, Carrots, Fruit, Milk Turkey Sandwich with Gravy, Car- rots, Fries, Fruit, Milk
19	20	21	22	23
Winter Holiday Break No School				
26	27	28	29	30
Winter Holiday Break No School				

DECEMBER MTE BREAKFAST MENU

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
28	29	30	1	2
WG Pancakes, Fruit, Juice, Milk	Eggs with WG Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk	WG Biscuit, Sausage Patty, Fruit, Juice, Milk	Egg Patty, Biscuit, Cheese, Raisins, Juice, Milk	Cinnamon Rolls, Pears, Juice, Milk
5	6	7	8	9
WG Breakfast Pizza, Ap- plesauce cups, Juice, Milk	Eggs with Grits, Toast, Peaches, Juice, Milk	WG Biscuit, Sausage, Grapes, Juice, Milk	Breakfast Burrito, Mixed Fruit, Juice, Milk	WG Beignets, Raisins, Juice, Milk
12	13	14	15	16
WG Pancakes, Pears, Juice, Milk	Eggs with Grits, Toast, Ap- plesauce, Juice Milk	WG Biscuit, Sausage, Craisins, Juice, Milk	English Muffin, Egg, Patty, Cheese, Peaches, Juice, Milk	WG Cinnamon Rolls, Raisins, Juice, Milk
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Construction Update:

Final inspection for building two will be complete this week. We will be competing sheetrock in building two. By End of the December all inspections should be done and brick 90% completed. Sheetrock will be 75% completed for building one and two. Windows, window frames and paneling will be completely installed by end of December.

leader
IN ME
7 HABITS



Find your voice...
discover your
talents.



be
PROACTIVE

YOU are in
charge of YOU.



2

begin
with the

END IN MIND



Know what
you want before
you do it.



3

put
first things

FIRST



Work first,
then play.



4

think

WIN-WIN



I win, you win,
everyone wins.



5

think first
to understand,
then to be

UNDERSTOOD



Listen first,
then talk.



6

SYNERGIZE



Work together
to do better.



7

sharpen
the
SAW



Take care of
YOURSELF.



Habit #4

THINK WIN WIN

Everybody can win!

- I can problem solve when an issue comes up with another person.
- I think about what other people want and not just what I want.
- I am kind to others and try to think of ways to help everyone to be happy.



Amiyah Burnette
Gabriel Hernandez
Alexandra Esqueda
Dominic Lechleiter
Laura Pistorius
Emerson Gill
Jazmin Akamine Cortez
Easton Orlando
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Elizabeth Bennett
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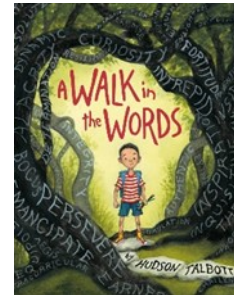
NATIONAL PTA NEWS

National PTA is partnering with Reading is Fundamental to sponsor a program called "Rally To Read" where we are challenged to read 100 books. This month's theme is Diversity and here is the featured Read-Aloud:

Book: *A Walk in the Words*

Author: Hudson Talbott

Illustrator: Hudson Talbott



Join author Hudson Talbott as he reads his book that tells his own inspiring story about the challenges – and ultimately the rewards – of being a non-mainstream kind of learner. Learning to accept the fact that everyone does things in their own unique way, and that was okay, allowed Hudson to thrive and become the fabulous storyteller he is today.

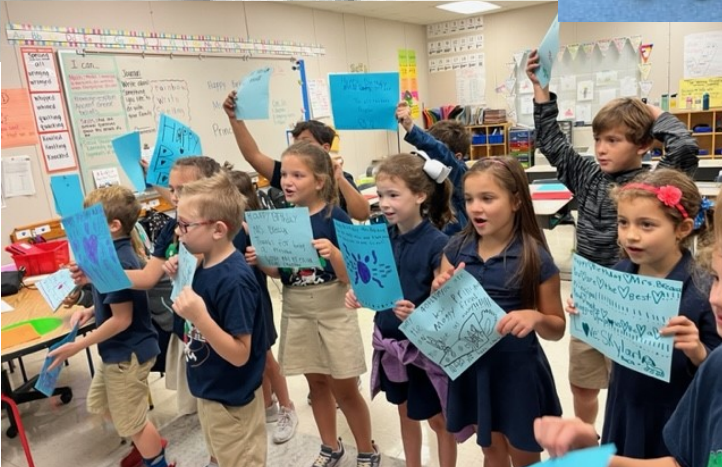
Go to rallytoread.org for more information!

Thank you for your support of the PTA. Your membership helps fund many programs and events that we hold here at Magnolia Trace. We have 571 memberships! Wow!

You can still join. Scan the QR code shown here to join. Thank you!

Theresa Bennett
Membership VP 2022-2023





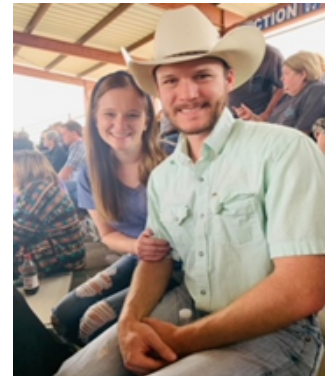
Staff Spotlights

We are thankful for Mrs. Lillie Bunns who is always smiling and bringing sunshine to our school. We are grateful for her ability to keep our school clean, her positive attitude, and adjusting to her new school so easily. We are happy to have her here with us!



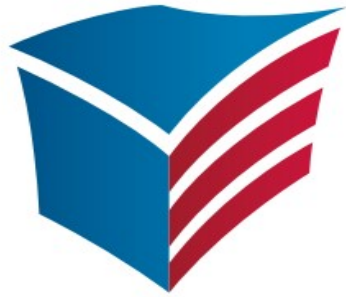
We appreciate Mrs. Kathy and her many roles that she plays at Magnolia Trace. She is always willing to help in any classroom and she loves interacting and working with students. She helps teachers and students in any way she is able. We are grateful for her flexibility and love for our community.

We are beyond excited to have Mrs. Watson as part of our Magnolia Trace Family. She spends a lot of her time creating fun lessons for both her classroom and the entire school. She is our PBIS end of the nine week coordinator and she does a great bringing the fun to Magnolia Trace. Mrs. Watson has a true love for the classroom and is a natural born exceptional teacher!

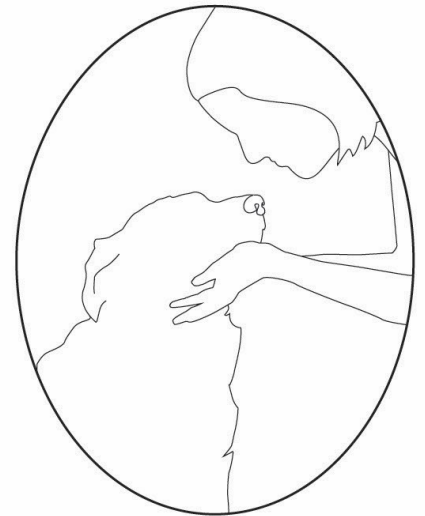


Our hearts smile when we are with Mrs. Banek. She is a phenomenal third grade teacher. Alongside Mrs. Pecoraro and Mrs. Keller, Mrs. Banek executed a heartwarming and touching Veterans Day Program. Daily she manages her classroom with grace and love. She has high classroom expectations and students truly enjoy being in her classroom. We are lucky to have her!

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