

Dear Parents and Guardians!

We are already in the second nine weeks and holiday season! Our students and teachers have been working diligently on mastering the curriculum and life of seven to ten year olds. We celebrated PBIS day, Grandparent/Special Friend week, National Lunch Week, Bus Safety Week, Red Ribbon Week and Trunk or Treat all in one month. We even managed to go on field trips and continue our wealth of learning.

In November we are continuing our learning and focusing on The Seven Habits of Highly Effective Leaders. We are wrapping up Putting First Things First as our monthly habit, and moving into Think Win-Win. As families, I encourage you to look into the book, "The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Families," by Stephen Covey, and see how what we are learning at Magnolia Trace Elementary can also carry over to your family. These exciting researched based habits will surely be beneficial to our future leaders and our community.

We are inviting families to attend our Family STEM night on November 9, 2022. Be on the lookout for a flyer. It will be held in the evening time and families can join in on a variety of STEM activities.

Please check out https://www.stpsb.org/connect/news/impact-awards you will see our Technology Resource Teacher Mrs. Amanda Keller receiving the IMPACT award for our district. We are grateful to have her on our campus. She is the reason for our success and why operations function so effectively. Words from our Superintendent Mr. Frank Jabbia, "Amanda makes a huge difference at her school. She meets the needs of everyone that comes her way with love and care." We could not be more proud and grateful for her!

Have a great November! Sincerely, Jamie Breaux Principal, Magnolia Trace	Upcoming Events November 7 th - K-Kids Meeting November 8 th - Election Day NO School November 9 th - STEM FAMILY NIGHT 5:30-7:30 - PTA GENERAL MEETING November 10 th - Terrific Kids 9:30 November 10 th - Terrific Kids 9:30 November 11 th - Veterans Day Program/Breakfast November 15 th - Picture Retake November 16 th - Kuylen, Claus, Chotto, Morgan, Barney, Valentin, Tabitha Field Trip	Principal's Pen1PTA President2Grade Level Updates3What's Happening at4MTE4Menus5PTA and MTE News6-9
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Dear Maggie Families,

Whew! October was jam-packed with lots of fun! We celebrated many different things – PBIS Day, School Bus Driver Week, Red Ribbon Week, and Storybook Character along with our 2nd annual Trunk of Treat! I hope you had a chance to thank our bus drivers; they carry our precious cargo to and from school every day! Red Ribbon Week was super special because the students picked the themes themselves...they are becoming quite the leaders on campus. We hope you enjoyed seeing pictures of everyone on Facebook, it was nice to see all the school spirit against drugs! Our final two events this month are my favorite; I love how creatively the students represent their favorite books, and of course, who doesn't love some candy and treats! Thank you to all of the parents/guardians who set up a trunk or walked with students...you made everything super fun for our little Maggies!

The MTE PTA sent home a very important survey this month. They are applying for the National School of Excellence Award for the third time. It's a two-year honor that we've carried twice, and it shows that our PTA works closely with the school to create a positive, enriching experience for the children, and we are growing a community that advocates for all children. Please take two minutes to take the survey and send it back to school with your child. The feedback you provide will guide us with future plans. We appreciate your assistance!

We will be hosting a short PTA meeting on Wednesday, November 9th, to kick-off our first STEM Night. We will be sharing a few updates with you. We are excited about STEM night; the teachers and PTA have worked hard to compile a fun-family-learning night at school. We hope you can make it! More details are provided in the newsletter.

As we move into November, let's be mindful of our blessings at MTE. We have fabulous leaders in Ms. Breaux, Mrs. Houston, and our IMPACT Award winning TRT, Mrs. Amanda. We have

awesome support staff...our custodians and cafeteria staff are top notch...and our teachers! They love our children, find any and every way to get through to them and create a positive and encouraging educational environment for them. And finally, the Executive PTA Board as well as all the other Board members and parents who volunteer or participate in all our special events and fundraisers. We appreciate all of you! Magnolia Trace 2022 - 2023 PTA Executive Board

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Grateful, thankful, blessed,

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Second Grade

We had a wonderful first quarter with our 2nd grade rockstars! Our PBIS day last month was such a great way to celebrate all of their hard work. We have lots of fun and exciting lessons and activities planned throughout this month.

In our Reading unit, we have just completed learning all about the ancient Greek civilization. Your students enjoyed learning about the Greek gods and goddesses, as well as the origins of the Olympics and marathons. We are excited to continue learning about Greece in Domain 4: Greek Myths where we are exploring several fictional stories to explain the mysteries of nature and humankind.

In ELA, students will compose an opinion paragraph that uses reasons to support their opinion.

In Math, we have just started our next unit, Addition and Subtraction within 200, with Word Problems to 100. Throughout this unit, students apply their work with place value units to develop conceptual understanding of addition and subtraction within 200. We are moving from concrete, to pictorial, to abstract understanding. Please continue to practice fact fluency at home.

In Science we have been learning about types of water and where water is located on Earth. We are continuing to study life in different habitats and use evidence to prove that some changes caused by heating and cooling can be reversed and some cannot. In Social Studies this month, we will explore key historical figures that have made lasting impacts on our country.

The students have been working very hard and we are excited to see the continued growth and success throughout the school year.



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

November is Thanksgiving time! I am thankful for the wonderful school that I work at, a wonderful staff, the best PTA, and bright students who are eager to learn! In Music class we will be studying the Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra. I am introducing several composers to our students, such as Mozart and Beethoven, and they are loving it. I found a new website that animates the



and Beethoven, and they are loving it. I found a new website that animates the notes of an orchestral piece so that you can SEE sound. We are having a great time in Music class!

Loving my job,

Norma Ganucheau

Dear Parents,

Thank you so much for supporting our September Book Fair. The children had a good time shopping and using their math and reading skills. Due to your generosity, we had our best ever Book Fair to date. We will now be able to purchase several new books for our library with the profits from the sales.

We are so grateful to Miss Eileen who graciously volunteered her time for our students during the Fair. In addition, we would also like to thank those of you who spent time helping the children and parents with the raffle. The raffle winner this year was Adelaide Chimento. Congratulations, Adelaide!!



In the upcoming weeks, we will continue to focus on being a good Digital Citizen. I know that you are modeling responsible use of digital devices for your child at home and in the car.

Please continue to have conversations with your son or daughter about what he/ she is reading. Your interest truly does make an impact.

"The whole world opened up to me when I learned to read" – Mary McCleod Bethune Keep Reading, Cheryl Blank and Joanne Santos

Coach's Corner

Magnolia Trace P.E. is off to a great start. The students have been learning about different movements, pathways, levels, directions and spatial awareness. We will be moving into games that apply what we have learned.

Please remind your child to wear appropriate shoes on days they have P.E. With cooler weather coming, I know boots are popular to wear, but they are dangerous on a gym floor.

Coach Dusang, Physical Education Teacher

Volunteer of the Month

The Volunteer of the Month for November is Casey Trichel! She stepped up from being a room representative to filling a spot on the Executive Board. She has been a tremendous asset to our group and has organized our Trunk of Treat on October 31. When she's not counting candy for Trunk or Treat, she is working in the front office helping out Ms. Julie and Ms. Diana. We are so thankful for you and your dedication to MTE PTA!

NOVEMBER MTE LUNCH MENU						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday		
	1	2	3	4		
	Beef Tacos, Lettuce, Mexican Beans, Salsa, WG Cinnamon Bread Sticks, Fruit, Milk	Pastalaya,Broccoli, Carrots, Garlic Breadsticks, Fruit, Milk	Fish Nuggets, Baked Potato, Cole- slaw, WG Roll, Fruit, Milk	Cheeseburger or Hot Dog, Lettuce, Carrots, Fries, Fruit, Milk		
	Nachos Supreme, Lettuce, Salsa, Fruit, Milk	BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwich, Fries, Fruit, Milk	Deli Sandwich, Fruit, Lettuce, Car- rots, Fruit, Milk			
7	8	9	10	11		
Chicken Tenders, Red Beans and Rice, Broccoli, Carrots, WG Breadstick, Fruit, Milk Chicken Patty Sandwich, Lettuce, Fries, Fruit, Milk	Election Day No School	Meat Sauce, Green Beans, WG Gari Sticks, Fruit, Milk Deli Sandwich, Carrots, Fries, Fruit Milk	Cucumber Slices, WG Biscuit, Fruit,	Pizza, Cauliflower, Marinara Sauce, Fries, Fruit, Milk, Meatball Sub, Fries, Fruit, Milk		
14	15	16	17	18		
Chicken Tenders, Mac and Cheese, Carrots, Peas, Fruit, WG Texas Toast, Milk Chicken Patty Sandwich, Lettuce, Fries, Fruit, Milk	Beef Tacos, Lettuce, Seasoned Ran- chero Pinto Beans, Salsa, Corn, WG Cinnamon Bread Sticks, Fruit, Milk Nacho Supreme, Green Leaf Lettuce, Salsa, Mexican Beans, Fruit, Milk	Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes a Gravy, Cucumbers, WG Roll, Fruit, Milk BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwich,Coleslav Fries, Fruit, Milk	Gravy, Sweet Potato Casserole, Cauliflower, WG Roll, Fruit, Milk	Hamburger, Fries,Lettuce, Carrots, Fruit, Milk Cheeseburger, Tots,Lettuce, Car- rots, Fruit, Milk		
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Chicken Patty Sandwich, Lettuce, Fries, Fruit, Milk	Milk Cheeseburger, Tots, Lettuce, Fruit, Milk					
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	Eggs w/Grits & WG Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk	WG Biscuit, Sausage Patty, Fruit, Juice, Milk	WG Breakfast Burrito, Fruit, Juice, Milk	WG Beignets, Fruit, Juice, Milk		
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WG Mini Pancakes, Fruit, Juice, Milk	Election Day No School	WG Biscuit, Sausage, Fruit, Juice, Milk	School Made Fruit Muffin, Fruit, Juice, Milk	WG Cinnamon Roll, Fruit, Juice, Milk		
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WG Breakfast Pizza, Fruit, Juice, Milk	Eggs w/Grits & WG Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk	WG Biscuit, Sausage Patty, Fruit, Juice, Milk	WG Breakfast Burrito, Fruit, Juice, Milk	WG Beignets, Fruit, Juice, Milk		
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Construction Update:

We are beginning to see more and more changes as our building is Movin on Up. By the end of the month windows will be installed and we will start to see brick. Sheetrock will be installed in the entire building. Approximately 75% of electrician work will be complete.

Habit #3

Work first, then play

. I do the things that I have to do before

I do the things that I want to do.

I stay focused on what I'm doing.

I try to minimize distractions and

• I spend my time on the things

that are the most important.

regroup if I get off task.

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Chloe Parent Luke Dupuy Camille Callais Louise (Lulu) Borsheim Charlotte Esqueda Grace Erisman Adeline Schultz Jackson Haynes Morgan Benyard Mark Farria Kaylee AveLallemant Ella Heath



NOVEMBER Put First Things First Sawyer Nichols Gianna Portillo Leilani Estoque Liam LeBlanc Audrey Wells Evelyn Craddock Taylor Wohlert Emrie Lilly Logan Washington Nora Blakeney Julianna Dawson

NATIONAL PTA NEWS

National PTA is partnering with Reading is Fundamental (RIF) to promote its' program "Rally to Read". The program is aimed at fostering a love for reading among children across the country. It includes 6 months of themed reading, read-alouds, and exciting activities! You as a family can take the "Pledge to 100" where you pledge to read 100 books. This month's theme is Community, and the chosen book is *The Hula-Hoopin' Queen* by Thelma Lynn Godin. Follow this link to check it out: <u>https://www.rallytoread.org/resources</u>.



Thank you to all our wonderful PTA members! With every membership we can help our school a little more. Every member counts! Every member has a voice! It's not too late to join!

You can join by scanning this QR code or sending in the membership form we sent home at the beginning of the year, along with payment. Or simply join by sending \$7.00 in an envelope labeled with your name, email address, child's name, and teacher.



Theresa Bennett MTE VP Membership 2022-2023





Staff Spotlights

Mrs. Missy, Mrs. Shelli, Mrs. Yami, Mrs. Kathy, Mrs. Rachel and Mrs. Lauren for making National Lunch Week amazingly fun. In addition, we appreciate all their hard work providing us with great meals. The environment they create daily is positive and inviting. We are blessed to have an enthusiastic creative cafeteria crew.





Mrs. Ownby for her willingness to serve every child both inside the classroom and outside the classroom. Her management techniques and her high level of effective teaching is greatly appreciated. Mrs. Ownby is always willing to help others and help the school as a whole. We are grateful for all the time, effort and positive intent she puts into everything she does.

Mrs. Hunt for her leadership with our ambassadors and for her enthusiasm in the classroom. Mrs. Hunt is always seen doing hands on activities, and actively involved in every activity put on by the school. She has a positive attitude, a contagious smile, and energy that spreads joy and cheer. She loves teaching and it shows in her daily practices. We appreciate all that she does.





Mrs. Christina "Tina" for her dedication and great ability to work with all children. She has been in our RNC class for this entire year and has truly taken a leadership role in this classroom. She is a constant person, a great teacher inside and outside the classroom, and a person with a huge heart for children. We are tremendously thankful for her help and unwavering loyalty.

