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PTA Newsletter

Dear Maggie Families,

Thank you, Thank you, Thank YOU! I cannot say thank you enough for your continuous support this year. We are in our last month and when I reflect on the year I am AMAZED at how much we have accomplished. We had many changes of circumstances throughout the year, and through it all we have remained true to our Magnolia Trace Mission. We will provide a safe and nurturing environment where all students have access to high quality education maximizing student success. Our teachers, faculty, staff, and parents have all come together to give our students the best possible learning environment this year. I am honored to be part of such a thriving community.

This month we are wrapping up our end of the year assessments, celebrating our teachers, our students, and opening up our campus to our new Maggie Families. For all the families both returning and moving on to other schools we want you to know you are always part of our Magnolia Trace Family. You were with us when we started building the foundation of our new building. You are the only ones who can say I went to school when they tore down the old building and started building the new one. The moments you lived this year are treasured stories you can tell all those who walk our halls for years to come.

I've had the privilege of witnessing our students' growth from their pre-kindergarten and kindergarten years to now. It is a complete joy to see the responsible, thriving, loving, kind young gentlemen and ladies I see today. Early literacy and early childhood development is extremely important because it sets the foundation for their future. It's an honor to be able to see the fruits of our labor.

We are looking forward to our PBIS water day on May 13th, our 3rd Grade celebration and Terrific Kids on May 17th, our Teacher luncheon on May 12th, and spending the last month of May preparing our students for the future. We are Building a Brighter Future every day at MTE!

Sincerely,

Jamie Breaux, Principal

Magnolia Trace Elementary

Upcoming Events

May 3rd –NEW Parent and PTA General Meeting @5:30 PM
May 6th – Field Trip (Fradella, Cangiamilla, Barney, Marcks)
May 6th – Blood Drive
May 5th –May 6th – Student led Scheduled Family Tours
May 9th – May 13th – Teacher Appreciation Week
May 9th – DIBELS EOY testing / FIRST GRADE TOURS
May 11th -12th – Chrome Book Pick up
May 12th – Teacher Luncheon
May 13th – 3rd grade Visits (LHMS/MMS)/ PBIS Water Day
May 17th - Terrific Kids 9:45 am/ 3rd Grade Celebration Day
May 20th - ½ day students ½ Day teacher day

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PTA President's Letter

Happy May!

This year has flown by; Only a few more weeks of school left and then the summer fun begins! It has been an amazing year that was filled with so many fun events! Thankful to be getting back to normal!

We had a wonderful time at the Boosterthon Fun Run and raised money imp ortant to PTA to be able to fund new equipment for our school! Thank you to Alicia Sykes for your hard work! We are winding up the year with Teacher Appreciation, Water Day, and 3rd grade picnic! There's still more fun to be had!

I have thoroughly enjoyed being PTA President this year – we have so much to celebrate although part of the year was restricted. We supported our teachers monthly, organized two teacher luncheons, celebrated Cultural Arts day with a cool day of learning about Ghana from our head custodian, Mr. John, ran a successful Boosterthon campaign, and raised more funds than ever with our Square 1 Art program, just to name some of the awesome events we had going on here at MTE! Thank you so much to the team of Executive Board members – Stephanie Cook, Shannon LeDoux, Shannon Holland, Tonya Deville, and Alicia Sykes. The countless hours they've poured into this school can't be matched! They lead with their heart and make decisions with the students as their priority.

I'm sad to have only one more year at MTE before my youngest moves on to middle school – It is such a joy to work with the administration, teachers, and staff here! Looking forward to the best year yet!

I hope you all have a fabulous and safe summer filled of family, friends, vacation, and learning! Keep on reading and exploring! See you next year!

Ashley Dragon
PTA President

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What's Happening at MTE?!?!

2nd Grade

Excitement is in the air as the 2021-22 school year comes to an end! After giving their best all year, the students are ready for summer break. Second grade will finish strong as we continue to prepare our students for third grade.

In reading, we will explore how people's lives can affect the world. Students will continue to determine an author's purpose by identifying what the author wants to answer, explain, or describe. In writing, students will support an opinion with clearly stated facts, details, and a conclusion.

In math, students will extend their understanding of part-whole relationships through the lens of geometry. As students compose and decompose shapes, they begin to develop an understanding of unit fractions as equal parts of a whole. Second graders will apply their understanding of partitioning the whole into halves and fourths to tell time to the nearest five minutes.

We will conclude our units of living things and their habitats in science as well as finish learning about local customs and cultures in social studies.

During the summer break, don't forget to visit the library and sign up for the Kids Summer Reading Challenge. Your child may earn a certificate of achievement as well as a prize! It is really important that children continue to read over the summer. Have them read to you or ask them questions about what they are reading to determine their level of understanding. In order to prevent the summer slide in writing, children can write about their daily experiences in a summer journal. In addition, students should practice their math facts throughout the summer. Write down several three-digit addition and subtraction facts, with and without regrouping, for your child to complete two times each week. These activities will help your child retain the skills they learned throughout the school year. Finally, don't forget to apply sunscreen and have a wonderful and relaxing summer!

3rd Grade

We can't believe we are already in our last month of the school year! We are looking forward to making the most out of our last few weeks. Our third graders did an amazing job during the LEAP 2025 testing week. We are so proud of each of our students. They will be spending the last month of school getting ready for the middle school transition.

In math, they will be taking surveys and creating graphs to show their data. They will also be finishing up the Reading Guidebook unit learning about the Louisiana Purchase. In social studies, they will continue learning about economics.

All of the third grade teachers will be sad to see our "Top Dogs" leave MTE, but we know they are ready for middle school!

MUSIC NOTES

We have reached the end of the year! This month we will be having an end of the year review. We will also be learning about different styles of music. It has been a wonderful year of music and it has been a pleasure teaching our children at MTE!

Loving my job,
Norma Ganucheau

Dear Parents,

We have so enjoyed your child this year. It is our hope that he/she will continue to read throughout this school year and during the summer. Congratulations to our 2nd graders who will soon be 3rd graders. You will now be MTE leaders. 3rd graders, we will miss you, but we know that you will continue to read exceptional books at your new middle school.

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

Thank you,
Cheryl Blank and Joanne Santos

Coach's Corner

Neighborhood swimming pools are opening and everyone is excited to jump in. Swimming is a great no impact exercise that can provide a cardio workout and a total body workout. Even if the kids are not swimming laps, the resistance of the water as they play, can build muscles.

Unfortunately, there are many dangers at a pool. Always be aware of the depth of a pool so you don't dive in the low water or jump into water that is too deep for an inexperienced swimmer. Children, even good swimmers, should always have adult supervision. And don't forget the sun block.

Coach Dusang, Physical Education Teacher

Volunteer of the Month

Special thanks to **Bobby Lynn Myer** for her hard work on our Square 1 Art fundraiser! Bobby Lynn was instrumental in getting the word out on Facebook and coordinating with the teachers and getting all the art work sent off in time for orders to arrive by Mother's Day! We raised almost $3200, almost $1000 more than ever recorded! Great job, and many thanks Bobby Lynn!

Magnolia Trace Elementary
BREAKFAST MENU
May 2022

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2 Dutch Waffles Fruit Chilled Fruit Juice Cold Milk Choices Cereal Choice w/Toast	3 Beignets Fruit Chilled Fruit Juice Cold Milk Choices Cereal Choice w/toast	4 Biscuit Sausage Patty Fruit Chilled Fruit Juice Cold Milk Choices Cereal Choice W/Toast	5 WG Muffins Cereal Choices w/Toast Fruit Chilled Fruit Juice Cold Milk Choices Cereal Choice w/Toast	6 School Made Cinnamon Roll Cereal Choices w/Toast Fruit Chilled Fruit Juice Cold Milk Choices Cereal Choice w/Toast
9 Breakfast Pizza Fruit Chilled Fruit Juice Cold Milk Choices Cereal Choices w/Toast	10 Beignets Cereal Choices w/toast Fruit Chilled Fruit Juice Cold Milk Choice	11 Flaky Biscuit Sausage Patty Cereal Choices w/Toast Fruit Chilled Fruit Juice Cold Milk Choice	12 WG Pop Tarts Cereal Choices w/Toast Fruit Chilled Fruit Juice Cold Milk Choices	13 School Made Cinnamon Roll Cereal Choices w/Toast Fruit Chilled Fruit Juice Cold Milk Choices
16 Snack Bun Bites Cereal Choice w/Toast Fruit Chilled Fruit Juice	17 Beignets Cereal Choice w/Toast Fruit Chilled Fruit Juice Cold Milk Choice	18 Flaky Biscuit Sausage Patty Cereal Choices w/Toast Fruit Chilled Fruit Juice Cold Milk Choice	19 School Made Cinnamon Roll Cereal Choices w/Toast Fruit Chilled Fruit Juice Cold Milk Choices	20 Cereal Choice w/Toast Fruit Chilled Fruit Juice Cold Milk Choices
AVAILABLE Low-Fat White Milk Low-Fat Chocolate Milk Low-Fat Strawberry Milk **OPTIONAL ENTRÉE:** Assorted Cereal w/toast	**BREAKFAST PRICES:** Reduced (PK-12) $0.30 Full Price (PK-6) $0.75 Full Price (7-12) $0.75 Eligible Adults $1.50 Visitors $2.25			

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Magnolia Trace Elementary
LUNCH MENU
May 2022

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2 Chicken w/Gravy Rice Steamed Broccoli Fruit Rolls Chicken Sandwich & Fries	3 Fajitas Greenleaf Lettuce Salsa Fruit Corn Cinnamon Breadsticks Turkey Sandwich & Fries	4 Meat Sauce Green Beans Fruit Rolls Mozzarella Cheese BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwich & Fries	5 Baked Ham Sweet Potato Casserole Fruit Red Beans & Rice Biscuit Turkey/Cheese Melt & Fries	6 Pork Roast Poboy Carrots Fruit Fries Dessert Turkey poboy w/fries
9 Chicken Tenders Broccoli Fruit Mashed Potatoes and Cheese Roll Chicken Sandwich & Fries	10 Beef Tacos Salsa Greenleaf Lettuce Fruit Mexican Beans Cinnamon Bread sticks	11 Turkey w/Gravy & Rice Sweet Potato Casserole Cauliflower Fruit Rolls	12 Pastalaya Broccoli florets Steamed Carrots Fruit Garlic Breadsticks	13 BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwich Fruit Fries Dessert
16 Chicken Tacos Salsa Greenleaf Lettuce Fruit Mexican Beans Cinnamon Bread sticks	17 Turkey Sandwich Broccoli Fruit Carrots Fries	18 Meat Sauce Green Beans Fruit Cauliflower Rolls Mozzarella Cheese	19 Turkey Roast Sweet Potatoes Fruit Rolls Rice & Gravy Fruit	20 Cheese Pizza Broccoli Fries Marinara Sauce Fruit If pizza isn't delivered we will have Sloppy Joe Sandwiches
			AVAILABLE DAILY: Low-Fat White Milk Low-Chocolate Milk Low-Strawberry Milk **OPTIONAL ENTRÉE:** Non-Fat Flavored Yogurt w/Mozzarella String Cheese	Lunch Prices: Reduced (PK-12) $0.40 Full Price (PK-6) $1.30 Full Price (7-12) $1.55 Eligible Adults $3.25 Visitors $4.75

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Building a BRIGHTER future

Magnolia Trace Elementary Staff Appreciation Week 2022

This special week sponsored by the PTA will take place May 9-13, and we need your help to deliver a week's worth of nuts & bolts for our special MTE teachers and staff! They have been hard at work during this difficult year and deserve a week that is loads of fun. Our week will include special breakfast treats, a snack cart, and a yummy luncheon! There are many ways you can help; monetarily, donating gifts/gift cards, donating food, and/or class sitting.

Name:_____ Phone:_____ Email:_____

Child's name: _____ Teacher: _____

☐ I can make a monetary donation.

I would like to be a sponsor. Your child's name will be displayed in the teacher's lounge. Choose a level below. Please make checks payable to MTE PTA or pay online at https://teacher-appreciation-week-may-9-13th.cheddarup.com/

_____ $5 Hammer $15 _____ Hard hat
_____$10 Wrench other $ _____ Dump truck

☐ I can donate items/gift cards to be used in a raffle for teachers.

I own a business and would like to donate an item _____

I would like to donate a gift card to a local store _____ *($10 max)*
(please send cards into school in an envelope clearly marked "PTA Teacher Appreciation")

☐ I can donate food items.

A sign-up genius will be created, and a PTA member can help you sign up for an item(s)

☐ I can class sit for _____ on Thursday, May 12, 1:30-2:45pm

PTA USE ONLY: Date:_____Initials:_____ Check #: _____ Cash amount:_____

BLOOD DRIVE

Sponsored by Magnolia Trace Elementary

FRIDAY, MAY 6TH
1 PM - 6 PM
IN THE BLOODMOBILE

FREE ALUMINUM WATER BOTTLE TO EACH CHILD WHO RECRUITS AN ADUM TO DONATE BLOOD!

AND

THE CLASS WITH THE MOST PARTICIPATION WILL WIN AN **ICE CREAM PARTY**!

ALL BLOOD DONORS WILL RECEIVE A FREE CHOLESTEROL SCREEN AND COVID-19 ANTIBODY TEST

Appointments are Preferred

Scan QR Code wth phone to Schedule an appointment

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NATIONAL PTA® REFLECTIONS®

Magnolia Trace Elementary PTA would like to give a big **CONGRATULATIONS** to our Reflection Contestants who are going to be moving forward to be judged at the National Level. We started at the school level and then we submitted our winners to the state level. Out of the artists we submitted to the state, one received an *Award of Excellence* and two received *The Outstanding Interpretation Award* and will be moving forward to be judged at the national level.

"Zoe's World" a visual art by Zoe Dickens and a photograph "Recycling Helps the Earth" by Morgan Benyard will be progressing to the national level to be judged. They both received the *Outstanding Interpretation Award* from the Louisiana State PTA.

"Diversity Matters" a visual art by Madison Benyard received an *Award of Excellence* from the Louisiana State PTA.

We are so proud of all of our Maggie Artists! Reflections would not happen without contestants and we are thankful to all of our artists who submitted their work of art this year! Thank you!

Magnolia Trace Elementary PTA would like to give a BIG THANK YOU to those who donated. Our goal was $25,000 and we are happy to announce that we EXCEEDED that amount! We are looking forward to purchasing new cafeteria tables, new technology, and classroom supplies. We could not have done this without the energy of our Maggie Runners!

Kiwanis Terrific Kids

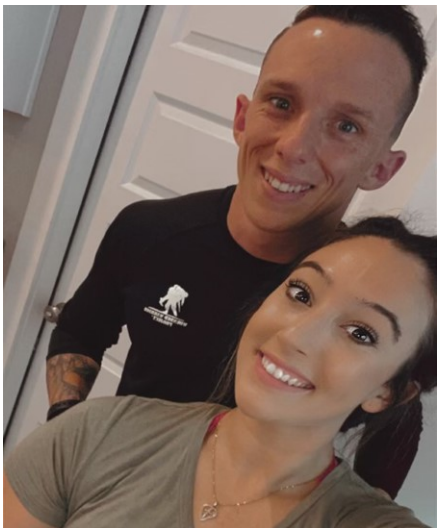
Evelyn Shannon
Sutton Sekelsky
Kenzie Harrison
Celeste Bade
Adelaide Cimento
Landry Olivier
Max Breakfield
Aria Vercher
Marck Farria
Avah Oneal
Annabelle Margavio

Zoe Dickens
Truman "Jack" Sharo
Henry Brady
Christian Savarino
Dustin DJ Gaspard
Ryder Marshall
Aubrey Hebert
Emily Fredrick
Amelie Waller
Leanna Wimer
Jack Schuessler

As we approach summer, we think about how the days can be really long! Here's a list of ideas to keep busy this summer! Enjoy!

Staff Spotlights

Kevin Palazzo, School Resource Officer



Time at Magnolia Trace: I have been at Magnolia Trace for 1 Month

A quote that means something to me: "Greatness of a man is not by how much wealth he acquires, but in his integrity and his ability to affect those around him positively."

An interesting fact people may not know about me: I served in the U. S. Marine Corps from 2015-2019

Gabrielle Unda, Parishwide Assistant Principal

Time at Magnolia Trace: Just got here! I am in my 4th week at MTE.

A quote that means something to me: " People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."

An interesting fact people may not know about me:

I have a two year old, 2 month old, and 2 pups!

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