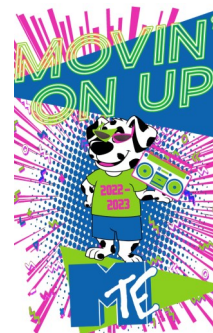




Magnolia Trace Elementary

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January NEWS HOUND PTA NEWSLETTER

Dear Maggie Families,

We are already finished the first half of the school year. It has been a great year thus far. In the year 2022, we started a year of growth, love for learning, and celebration of our students. New this year we introduced the 7 Habits of Highly Effective Leaders, Grade Level Content, STEM Parent Night, Choir Concert, Science Show, Spirit Squad, trained student Ambassadors and so much more. This on top of continuing to teach the curriculum and enhance our student learning at Magnolia Trace Elementary has been a treat to experience. It is our goal to create a safe and fun learning environment. Considering all that was accomplished in the first half of the year we are excited about what is to come for the 2023 school year.

This month we are encouraging students to turn in reflection pieces for our PTA and MLK posters and essays. In the winter season please remember to wear appropriate clothing. In addition, if your child is missing any outerwear please encourage students to look in our lost and found.

We are excited to announce we are an "A" school! This is as a result of dedication, high expectations, and a love for learning. We thank our faculty, staff, students, and families for all their hard work. As a learning community, we will continue to strive to grow! We are excited about our accomplishment! As always we appreciate all you do!

Sincerely,
Jamie Breaux
MTE Principal

Upcoming Events

January 3rd - Ambassador Meeting
January 5th - Terrific Kids
January 5th - MLK Poster and Essay Due
January 6th - Reflections Due
January 9th - SRO Appreciation - Boy Scout Meeting
January 12th - Fieldtrip FHS Play - 2nd Grade
January 13th - Field Trip FHS Play 3rd Grade
January 16th - MLK Day No School
January 24th - Class Group Picture
January 30th - K-Kids
February 2nd - Terrific Kid

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Happy New Year, Maggie families!

Welcome back to school! I hope you all had a fabulous break and enjoyed special time with your family and friends. I can't believe it is 2023...AND we are halfway through school! It has flown by. December was a very busy month for us! The PTA worked with MTE's PBIS committee to host a day full of fun experiments, crafts, and yummy treats! We couldn't have done it without parental support. We also hosted a special holiday luncheon catered by Mandeville Seafood for the teachers and staff and an amazing STEM assembly for all the students.

January is a relatively quiet month for us, just a few meetings; however, we will turn our focus to our principle fundraiser, Boosterthon. We are looking for a team of 4-5 to help us coordinate these special 10 days for our students, completed with the Fun Run on the 10 th day. NO PRIOR experience is required! It's fairly simple, it is just busy each day for 10 days. You will have the full support of the Executive Committee.

Soon we will begin our search for new PTA board members to replace all those moving on to Lake Harbor or Mandeville Middle. It takes many volunteers to make our events come to fruition, so please consider volunteering for MTE PTA in 2023-2024. Grab a friend and join us, it's a great chance to learn more about Magnolia Trace and take part in all the fun events we plan! Feel free to contact me with any questions at magnoliatraceelementarypta@gmail.com.

I can't say thank you enough to everyone who contributes to our wonderful school and PTA. It is only because of you that we can accomplish all that we do!

Cheerfully,

Ashley Dragon
MTE PTA President

Magnolia Trace 2022 - 2023 PTA Executive Board

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if you have any questions, concerns,
or suggestions.



Volunteers of the Month

The Volunteers of the month are Tiffany Bordsheim and Stephanie Cook - the chairs for the Hospitality Committee. They coordinated a beautiful luncheon with yummy food for 70 teachers and staff complete with decor and music. We appreciate their hard work in creating a special time for the teachers and staff to spend together!

Second Grade

Happy New Year and welcome back to school! We hope that your holiday break was a restful time filled with family and fun. It is hard to believe that we are halfway through the school year already! Time has flown by and your children have made tremendous progress in 2nd grade!

Our CKLA Skills lessons this month will finish up Unit 4, The Job Hunt, and will begin Unit 5, Sir Gus. These readers help us continue to practice the skills that we are learning and reinforcing in class. For CKLA Knowledge, we will work on Domain 6, which focuses on Cycles of Nature. Students will increase their knowledge of cycles in nature by learning more about seasonal cycles, and by beginning their study of flowering plants and trees, animal life cycles, and the importance of the water cycle. Students will also learn about the effect seasonal changes have on plants and animals. We are so excited to learn about these new and interesting topics!

In math the focus will be on building mastery of renaming place value units and expanding our work with conceptual understanding of the addition and subtraction algorithms to numbers within 1,000. The students will continue to have the option of modeling with materials or drawings and choosing a strategy that works best for them. When possible, continue to encourage your child to explain his/her mathematical thinking when solving a problem.

In science, our students will plan and conduct investigations to describe and classify different kinds of materials by their observable properties. They will analyze data obtained from testing different materials to determine which materials have the properties best suited for an intended purpose. They will also make observations to construct an evidence-based account of how an object made of a small set of pieces can be disassembled and made into a new object.

In social studies, students will learn about local government, how citizens' needs are met, and the role they can play in being a responsible citizen. Please continue to read to and with your child for at least 15 minutes each night. They need to also continue practicing basic addition and subtraction facts to 20 in order to become more fluent. The work that you do at home with your child is very important and we appreciate your help!

Third Grade

December was a short, but busy school month! We want to thank everyone who helped to make the holiday parties enjoyable! We hope you enjoyed your holidays, and we wish you a very happy new year!

3rd graders worked so hard during the first semester! Throughout the month of January, they will explore properties of math operations and investigate area of figures. Next they will begin working with fractions, thinking of them as points on a number line. Speaking of fractions, our 3rd graders are halfway to 4th grade! Please encourage your child to continue practicing their math facts using flash cards and fact drills websites. Reflex Math is great for Fact Fluency practice and students can work on at home, too!

Students will read literary and informational texts to learn about the Louisiana Purchase. Students will express their understanding of the Louisiana Purchase by explaining the events leading up to the acquisition of the territory and the results of those events. We will be writing about the Napoleon and Jefferson acquisition of the Louisiana Territory and learning about Lewis and Clark's Expedition.

In Social Studies, students will continue to learn about indigenous people of Louisiana. They will also develop an understanding of the structure and function of state and local government in Louisiana. Additionally, they learn about how Louisiana became a part of the United States while maintaining many characteristics unique to our state.

In Science, it's time to discover that in different climate habitats, organisms can survive or not survive. Students will be able to provide evidence that plants/animals have traits inherited from their parents.

A couple of January reminders: 2nd 9 weeks report cards go home on January 6th. There is no school on January 16th for the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. We have so much learning ahead, and we know 2023 will be a successful year for everyone!



MUSIC NOTES

The Holidays are over but I have to give accolades to MTE's Christmas Choir. Our Christmas Program was fantastic! Thanks again Choir for all of your hard work! It sure did pay off! This month we will be learning about the composer Prokofiev, and Peter and the Wolf.

Loving my job,
Norma Ganucheau



fiev,



Dear Parents,

We hope that you and your family had a wonderful holiday. We have missed the children. We are ready to get back to reading in our library. Our plan for the month is to expose your child to various books/series in the library. Encourage your child to try something new, just as he/she might try a new food. This can surprise them and they might find a new genre of book that is to their liking.

"Once you learn to read, you will be forever free." — Frederick Douglass

Thank you,

Cheryl Blank and Joanne Santos



Coach's Corner

Some call Christmas the "most wonderful time of the year". That is, unless you're a scale. The holidays were the perfect scenario for pounds to sneak onto our bodies. With all of the parties to ruin a diet and lack of schedule to find exercise time, it's tough to stay on track.

Since it gets dark so early and the weather can be a little rough this time of year, it's hard to get out and play. Luckily our area has plenty of facilities that feature rock climbing walls, trampolines, and indoor sports fields. So no excuses, make sure to keep yourself and your children active this new year.

Coach Dusang, Physical Education Teacher

Creativity is allowing yourself to make mistakes.

Art is knowing which ones to keep.

The artists at MTE are finishing up their Neurographic Art... Art based on our neurons: AKA BRAIN CELLS. We are starting our wonderful SQUARE ONE ART projects, using tape resist to add fun to our watercolor designs.

JANUARY MTE LUNCH MENU

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2	3	4	5	6
Chicken Patty Sandwich, Lettuce, Fries, Fruit Milk Chicken Tenders, Mac and Cheese, Carrots, Peas, Fruit, WG Texas Toast, Milk	Beef Tacos, Lettuce, Corn, Salsa, Corn WG Cinnamon Bread Sticks, Fruit, Milk Nacho Supreme, Green Leaf Lettuce, Salsa, Nacho Chips, Corn, Fruit, Milk	BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwich, Broccoli, Fries, Fruit , Milk Meat sauce, Broccoli, Carrots, Fruit, WG Garlic Breadstick, Milk	Chicken Patty Sandwich, Lettuce, Fries, Fruit, Milk Fish Fried, Baked Potato, Coleslaw, Tartar Sauce, Fruit, WG Roll, Milk	Cheeseburger, Fries, Lettuce, Carrots, Fruit, Milk Hamburger, Tots, Lettuce, Carrots, Fruit, Milk
9	10	11	12	13
Chicken Patty Sandwich, Lettuce, Fries, Fruit, Milk Chicken Tenders, Mashed Potatoes w/ Cheese, Salad, Fruit, WG Breadstick, Milk	ChickenTacos, Lettuce, Corn, Salsa, Corn WG Cinnamon Bread Sticks, Fruit, Milk Hamburger, Fries, Lettuce, Carrots, Fruit, Milk	Pastalaya, Broccoli Florets, Carrots, WG Garlic Breadstick, Fruit Milk Turkey Melt, Cauliflower, Fries, Fruit, Milk	Hotdog, Fries, Lettuce, Carrots, Fruit, Milk Pork Roast, Steamed Carrots, Baked Potato, Fruit, WG Texas Toast, Milk	Managers Choice Managers Choice
16	17	18	19	20
NO SCHOOL MLK DAY	Chicken Patty Sandwich, Lettuce, Fries, Fruit Milk Chicken Tenders, Mac and Cheese, Carrots, Peas, Fruit, WG Texas Toast, Milk	BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwich, Broccoli, Fries, Fruit , Milk Salisbury Steak, Cucumbers, Mashed Potatoes	Chicken Patty Sandwich, Lettuce, Fries, Fruit, Milk Fish Nuggets Baked Potato, Cole-slaw, Tartar Sauce, Fruit, WG Roll, Milk	Cheeseburger, Fries, Lettuce, Carrots, Fruit, Milk Hamburger, Fries, Lettuce, Carrots, Fruit, Milk
23	24	25	26	27
Chicken Patty Sandwich, Lettuce, Fries, Fruit, Milk Red Beans and Rice, Steamed Spin-cach, Carrots, WG Breadstick, Fruit, Milk	Hamburger, Fries, Lettuce,, Fruit, Milk Nacho Supreme, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Corn, WG Tortilla or, Nacho Chips, Cinnamon Breadstick Fruit, Milk	Meat sauce, Broccoli, Green Beans,, Fruit, WG Breadstick, Milk Turkey Melt, Carrots, Cucumber, Fries, Fruit, Milk	Chicken Gumbo, Potato Salad, Coleslaw, WG Biscuit, Fruit, Milk Hotdog, Fries, Coleslaw,, Fruit, Milk	BBQ Pulled Pork, Carrots, Fries, Ranchero Beans, Fruit Milk Turkey Sandwich, Carrots, Fries, Ranchero Beans, Fruit Milk
30	31			
Chicken Patty Sandwich, Lettuce, Fries, Fruit Milk Chicken Tenders, Mac and Cheese, Carrots, Peas, Fruit, WG Texas Toast, Milk	Beef Tacos, Lettuce, Corn, Salsa, Corn WG Cinnamon Bread Sticks, Fruit, Milk Nacho Supreme, Green Leaf Lettuce, Salsa, Nacho Chips, Corn, Fruit, Milk			

JANUARY MTE BREAKFAST MENU

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2	3	4	5	6
WG Breakfast Pizza, Fruit, Juice, Milk	Eggs w/Grits & WG Toast, Raisins, Juice, Milk	WG Breakfast Sausage w/Cheese, Fruit, Juice, Milk	WG Breakfast Burrito, Fruit Juice Milk	WG Beignets Pears, Juice, Milk
9	10	11	12	13
WG Pancakes, Fruit, Juice, Milk	Eggs w/Grits, & WG Toast, Raisins, Juice, Milk	WG Biscuit, Sausage, Fruit, Juice, Milk	WG Donut, Fruit, Juice, Milk	WG School Made WG Muffins, Applesauce, Juice, Milk
16	17	18	19	20
NO SCHOOL MLK JR DAY	WG Breakfast Pizza, Fruit, Juice, Milk	WG Biscuit, Sausage, Fruit, Juice, Milk	WG Breakfast Burrito, Fruit, Juice, Milk	WG Beignets Peaches, Juice, Milk
23	24	25	26	27
WG Pop Tarts, Fruit, Juice, Milk	Eggs w/Grits & WG Toast, Raisins, Juice, Milk	WG Biscuit, Sausage, Fruit, Juice, Milk	WG English Muffin, Egg, Cheese, Fruit, Juice, Milk	WG Cinnamon Roll, Mixed Fruit, Juice, Milk
30	31			
WG Breakfast Pizza, Fruit, Juice, Milk	Eggs w/ Grits, WG Toast, Raisins, Juice Milk			

LEADER IN ME

Learn More about Leader in Me by visiting <https://www.leaderinme.org/>
St. Tammany Parish School District has adopted this amazing program. All schools are currently in the training phases. We are looking to implement fully in the Fall of 2023. Magnolia Trace Elementary has already started teaching the habits and incorporating some of the vocabulary into our daily language. We encourage families to look into it further as well. There is more to come and we would love to work together so our students can gain top notch leadership skills.

We believe this will aide in us making an impact that will last a lifetime.

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 5:

**seek first to
understand, then to
be understood**

I am confident in voicing my ideas.

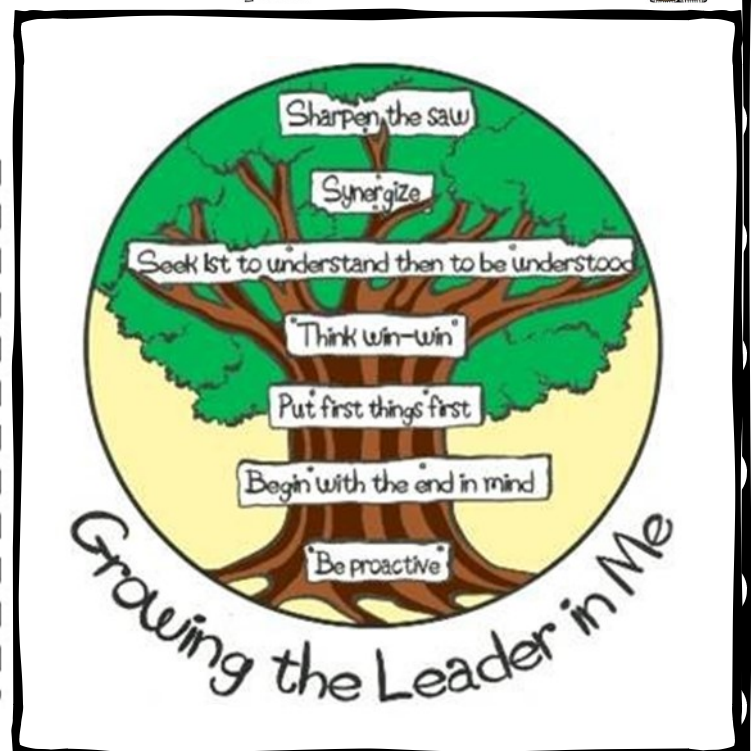
I listen to other people's ideas and feelings.

I look people in the eyes when talking.

I try to see things from their viewpoints.

I listen to others without interrupting.

**Listen
before
YOU talk**



Lilly Lopez
Olivia Meaux
Corbin Larson
Quinn Johnson
James Schwartz
Riggs Chaisson
Anvitha Maligireddy
Presley DeVille
Skylar Baca
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Dylan Cruz
Eisol Witcher



JANUARY
Seek first to understand, then to
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67 | Your Child's Career Exploration Starts Now

Jean Eddy and Elliana Cabellon

We often ask kids what they want to be when they grow up, but how often do we help them figure out the answer? We invited Jean Eddy, Executive Director of the American Student Assistance (ASA) and ASA's "Solve It" contest winner and high school student, Elliana Cabellon to talk about career exploration. They share how families can help kids follow their passions, plan for their futures and explore STEM career pathways.



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



Construction Update:

Completing sheetrock in building two. Inspections are complete. Brick should be completed and Sheetrock by the end of this month. Working on the inside of the building.

Poster & Essay Contest

Deadline

JAN
09 2023



"The change starts today."

Poster contest rules:

- Relate to Dr. King's; this year, we "Dare to Dream."
- Consist of drawing, logo, or other forms of expression.
- It needs to be on posterboard 22 x 28

Essay contest rules:

- The title must be based on the theme.
- The essay can be no more than 250 words typed or printed neatly on 8.5 x 11 white paper.

Drop all submissions at the Planning and Zoning office
at Covington City Hall located at 317 N. Jefferson Ave.

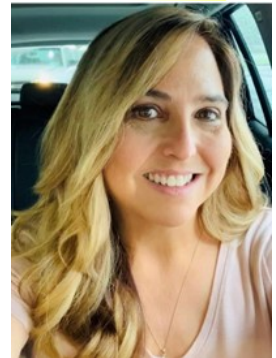
Questions? Ask a teacher!

SCHOOL DEADLINE: Thurs. January 5th



Staff Spotlights

We are super grateful for Mrs. Elaina Roque. She works over and beyond her call of duty. She is consistently taking care of students with care and love. She is inventive and proactive in her approach. She comes to work each day with a smile and a willingness to face challenges. We appreciate her dedication and genuine love for students.



Mrs. Danielle our MHP is often seen with students conferencing and coming up with strategies to help them be successful in class. We also see her in our morning carline smiling, welcoming students, and our fur babies. We are blessed to have her work as part of our Magnolia Trace Team. Her care of her job and students is noticed.

A big shout out to Officer Kevin for helping to keep our school safe. He often helps in carline and bus line. He frequently walks around campus to ensure the safety of our students, faculty and staff. He has a positive attitude and is always willing to help where needed. Thank you Officer Kevin for all you do!

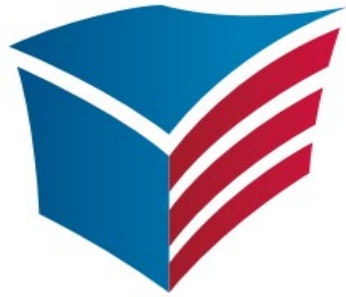


Mrs. Marcks is a third grade teacher who has really embraced the holiday season. Her festive attires and her attention work is appreciated. Mrs. Marcks students often perform very well on district and statewide assessments. Her expectations are high and she helps her students to achieve great things. Thank you Mrs. Marcks for all your work.

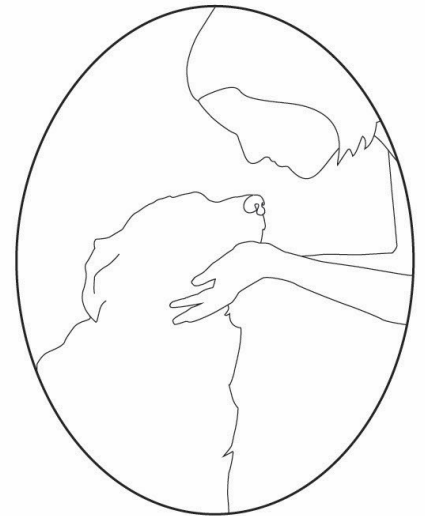
Mrs. Barney has dedicated many years to field of education. She moved from third grade to second grade this year and she is rocking it! She loves her students and is constantly looking out for their best interest. She loves to hear their stories and is often seen encouraging students to continue to do their best.



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