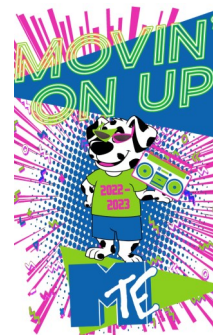




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February NEWS HOUND PTA NEWSLETTER



Dear Maggie Families,

We are excited about the start of our 2023 school year. We were able to honor several students in morning meeting for the reflection contest, yearbook contest, MLK contest, and for being good citizens. Our spirit squad has been actively giving out IMPACT awards on our campus to teachers, staff, and students who make an impact. We are beginning to give tours to new students and incoming families. Winter Special Olympics took place on January 25th and our athletes did great. Our spirit squad was there to cheer them on and it was a fun experience. I am looking forward to watching our Louisiana videos submitted for our next PTA contest.

Teachers and students are consistently serving and growing as learners. We are continuing our learning walks which enhances our knowledge on how to actively engage students. We are learning with and from each other. The support we have from our district, our community, and each other is truly a gift. In February we have a group of teachers and staff who will be attending Leader in Me Symposia in Dallas, Texas to learn from schools across the country who have effectively implemented this program. We have two days over the summer of training for our entire staff and we are also participating in a book study. We are humbled and excited to implement a highly effective program that will build on our school positive school culture, academics, and leadership. To find out more about the program you can visit their website at <https://www.leaderinme.org>.

In the months to come we will have many celebrations, LEAP preparations, our Boostethon Fundraiser, possibly moving into our new building, and learning for all. Magnolia Trace Elementary is truly a great place to be! If you have any questions, praises, or concerns please never hesitate to email me at jamie.breaux@stpsb.org.

Forever grateful,
Jamie Breaux
MTE Principal

Upcoming Events

February 2nd - Terrific Kid at 9:30
February 6th - Counselor and MHP appreciation
February 10th - Black History Presentation at Morning Meeting
February 13th - 17th - BOOK FAIR
February 14th - Valentines Breakfast/Fire Drill
February 15th - SRO appreciation day
February 16th - 1:30 Parade Marigny Parade
Mardi Gras Break Feb. 20th - 24th
March - Reading Month



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Hi, Maggie families!

It's February already! January was a great month for us – a little quiet – time for us to recharge our batteries to finish this spring out strongly! We appreciate your support at our Sonic Restaurant night; they donated over \$200 to PTA! If you are on Facebook, you probably also noticed the Jump UP for January bar set up by our Hospitality chair, Tiffany Borsheim. The teachers and staff loved all the donuts and coffee.

In December PTA held the Reflections art contest coordinated by the VP of Awards, Christine Childress. There were several school level winners that were presented at a morning meeting a few weeks ago. Some scored high enough to move on to the State competition. As soon as we hear those results, we will announce the exciting news! Thank you to Christine for doing a fantastic job! Each participant received a small gift and certificate for dedicating time to an extra art project! Congrats to all of them!

We're beginning to look at filling positions for the PTA Board next year. If you are interested in volunteering, please email me at magnoliatraceelementarypta@gmail.com. I will have a list of available positions. If you know anyone from Marigny coming to MTE and think they would be a great addition or is ready to be involved, please share this information with them. It is such a rewarding position; I've enjoyed the days in previous years seeing them in the hall. They appreciate you and the staff does, too!

Mardi Gras Break is coming up. Once we get back, we will have a busy March, April, and May! We look forward to a fabulous end to the school year! Thanks again to all parents who keep our little Maggies and their teachers!

Cheerfully,

Ashley Dragon
MTE PTA President



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2022 - 2023
PTA Executive Board**

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if you have any questions, concerns,
or suggestions.

Second Grade

Second graders are in full-swing of the third nine-weeks! They have been focused and excited to learn. Thank you for working alongside us to help make our students successful. We are looking forward to carnival season and all the fun activities that go along with it!

At the end of January, we started Knowledge Domain 7: Westward Expansion. We have been learning about the history and geography of the United States prior to the early nineteenth century. Students are stepping into the shoes of those who traveled along the Oregon Trail in the 1800s. Students will be able to describe the invention of the steamboat and what it was like to travel along the Erie Canal. We will learn about various modes of transportation and what it was like to work on the transcontinental railroad. We will also explore the connection between westward expansion in the United States and Native Americans living in the West.

In our ELA Skills lessons, Unit 5, we are continuing to work on alternative and tricky spellings of common sounds. Students are focusing on grammar components such as identifying adjectives, subjects and predicates. We are using our reader, Sir Gus, to reinforce the skills taught throughout the lessons.

In math, we have started to develop conceptual understandings of multiplication and division by making equal groups with concrete materials. We will use pictorial representation to illustrate a repeated addition equation. Students will use repeated addition to find the total number of objects arranged in rectangular arrays.

During this month, we will be focusing on science. In this unit, we will be looking at different events that happen on land and water. We will explore what causes volcano eruptions, earthquakes, and other natural occurrences. We will compare solutions that are designed to slow or stop wind and water from changing the shape of land. We will create models that represent that land and water in our area. Lastly, we will be making observations of plants and animals to compare the diversity of life in different habitats.



Third Grade

Third graders are looking forward to a fabulous February! For Valentine's Day, students may bring Valentine cards and ONLY individually wrapped items that have been wrapped from the manufacturer. Individual names do not need to be written on each card. Each teacher will decide how and when their Valentine exchange will take place.

In math, students will explore fractions. Students will understand that fractions are part of a whole. They will also place fractions on number lines. Please continue to have your child practice their math facts! Students can work at home on Reflex Math.

In ELA, students are reading 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 find out how major explorers from European countries and leaders contributed to the early development of Louisiana, how and why the possession of Louisiana changed over time, and how the Acadians contributed to Louisiana's heritage. Also, students will learn how Louisiana became a part of the United States, while maintaining many characteristics that are unique to our state.

In science, students will study evidence that plants and animals have traits inherited from their parents. They will also discover that traits can be influenced by the environment. Students will be able to explain that in a particular habitat some organisms can survive well, some survive less well, and some cannot survive at all.

We hope that each student continues to remain focused and always do their best work as we progress through the school year. LEAP Testing takes place April 26, 27, 28 and May 1, and 2. Please do not schedule any trips or appointments for your child on these dates, if at all possible.

Thank you!

MUSIC NOTES



Students will be learning about jazz from its beginning in New Orleans to modern jazz today.

Loving my job,
Norma Ganucheau

Dear Parents,

It is such a treat watch your child grow as a reader this year.

We are excited to let you know that we will be holding our Book Fair during the week of February 13th – 17th. We will have the library set up for the Book Fair the week prior to the Fair. That week will give your child will have an opportunity to complete a wish list. Your child will be doing his/her actual shopping during their library time and day. Please consider using an e-Wallet for your child. This method works very well in light of the fact that our bookfair is now cashless.



Please read with your child whenever time permits you to.

"There are many little ways to enlarge your world. Love of books is the best of all." – Jacqueline Kennedy

Thank you,

Cheryl Blank and Joanne Santos

Coach's Corner

In P.E, we have been working on our throwing, catching, and kicking skills. We have practiced the correct motions and have used the skills in games. Since we have been playing games lately, we have also had plenty of discussion about "good sportsmanship". It's not always the easiest thing for young children to understand, but we are working on it.

Unfortunately, a lot of jackets get left in the gym. The students come in wearing a jacket, get hot while we are playing, and leave without grabbing their jacket. I make it a point to mention "grab your jackets from the stage", but it is not always heard. If a jacket is forgotten I usually leave it on the stage for the owner to return. Also, parents, please help your children remember which days they have P.E. and make sure they wear appropriate shoes. Boots are dangerous to run around in and damage the gym floor.

Coach Dusang, Physical Education Teacher

Volunteer of the Month

This month we would like to recognize Tonya Deville! She serves as Secretary, therefore she attends every meeting and takes minutes. This is only a snippet of what she does. She attends all events PTA and has a big voice that advocates for all children! She is a huge asset to MTE PTA and we wouldn't survive without her! Thank you Tonya, for your valued commitment to MTE PTA!

FEBRUARY MTE LUNCH MENU

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1	2	3
H= Hot S = Sandwich Option		H: Breezy Mac, Broccoli, Carrots, Fruit, WG Roll, Milk S: BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwich, Broccoli, Coleslaw, Fries, Fruit, Milk	H: Fish Strips, Baked Potato, Cole-slaw, Fruit, WG Roll S: Chicken Patty Sandwich, Lettuce, Fries, Fruit, Milk	H: Hamburger OR Cheeseburger, Tots, Lettuce, Carrots, Fruit, Milk S: Fish Sandwich, Tots, Lettuce, Carrots, Fruit, Milk
6	7	8	9	10
H: Chicken Tenders, Mashed Potatoes w/gravy, Carrots, Fruit, WG Breadstick, Milk S: Chicken Patty Sandwich, Lettuce, Fries, Fruit, Milk	H: Fetticini, Steamed Broccoli, Carrots, Cucumbers, Fruit, WG Breadstick, Milk S: Hamburger Or Cheeseburger, Fries, Lettuce, Carrots, Fruit, Milk	H: Meat Sauce, Green Beans, WG Garlic Sticks, Fruit, Milk S: Turkey Melt, Carrots, Fries, Fruit, Milk	H: Chicken Gumbo Potato Salad, Cole Slaw, WG Biscuit, Fruit, Milk S: Hotdog, Fries, Lettuce, Carrots, Fruit, Milk	H: Fish Sandwich, Tots, Lettuce, Carrots, Fruit, Milk, S: Turkey Melt Sandwich, Tots, Lettuce, Carrots, Fruit, Milk
13	14	15	16	17
H: Chicken Tenders, Mashed Potatoes w/gravy, Carrots, Fruit, WG Roll, Milk S: Chicken Patty Sandwich, Lettuce, Fries, Fruit, Milk	H: Nacho Supreme, Green Leaf Lettuce, Salsa, Nacho Chips, Mexican Beans, Fruit, Milk S: Beef Tacos, Lettuce, Mexican Beans, Salsa, Corn, WG Cinnamon Sticks, Fruit, Milk	H: Salisbury Steak, Cauliflower, Mashed potatoes, & Gravy, WG Roll, Fruit, Milk S: BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwich, Carrots, Fries, Fruit, Milk	H: Jambalaya, Carrots, Salad, WG Roll, Fruit, Milk S: Chicken Patty Sandwich, Lettuce, Fries, Fruit, Milk	H: Fish Sandwich, Tots, Lettuce, Carrots, Fruit, Milk, S: Ham and Cheese Melt Sandwich, Tots, Lettuce, Carrots, Fruit, Milk
20	21	22	23	24
Mardi Gras Break No School				
27	28			
H: Red Beans and Rice, Steamed Spinach, Fruit, WG Breadstick, Milk S: Chicken Patty Sandwich, Lettuce, Carrots, Fries, Fruit, Milk	H: Chicken Tacos, Lettuce, Salsa, Mexican Beans, Corn, WG Cinnamon Bread Sticks, Fruit, Milk S: Hamburger or Cheeseburger, Tots, Lettuce, Carrots, Fruit, Milk			

FEBRUARY MTE BREAKFAST MENU

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1	2	3
		WG Biscuit, Ham w/cheese, Fruit, Juice Milk	WG Breakfast Burrito, Fruit, Juice Milk	WG Beignets, Fruit, Juice, Milk
6	7	8	9	10
WG Pancakes, Fruit, Juice, Milk	Eggs w/WG Toast, Grits, Fruit, Juice, Milk	WG Biscuit, Sausage, Fruit, Juice, Milk	WG School Made Muffin, Fruit, Juice, Milk	WG Cinnamon Roll, Fruit, Juice Milk
13	14	15	16	17
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
20	21	22	23	24
Mardi Gras Break No School				
27	28			
WG Donut, Fruit, Juice, Milk	Eggs w/WG Toast, Grits, Fruit, Juice, Milk			



Construction Update:

Our building is well on its way. Brick will be completed this month. Painting will be complete in Building 2 and 50% complete in Building 1. All sheetrock is hung. Roof will be on in whole building. Bathroom tiles will be completed. Media room will be painted by the end of this month.

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.



Seek First To Understand, Then To Be Understood



I listen to other people's ideas
and feelings.

I try to see things from their
viewpoints.

I listen to others without
interrupting.

I am confident in voicing my ideas.

I look people in the eyes when
talking.



Habit 5:

**SEEK FIRST TO
UNDERSTAND, THEN TO
BE UNDERSTOOD**

I look
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the eyes
when
talking.

**Listen
Before
YOU Talk**



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National PTA News

Reading Resources

This Month's Theme: **Wellness**

Featured Read-Aloud

www.rallytoread.org/resources



Book: *Brave Every Day*

Author: Trudy Ludwig

Illustrator: Patrice Barton

Join social-emotional learning expert Trudy Ludwig as she reads her book about managing anxiety and finding the courage to stand up for yourself and others. This tale of courage and compassion will embolden readers to face their own fears.



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Celebrate **Earth Day**
with our PTA Day of Service

April 22, 2023

Plan Earth Day activities to help build a better environment in your community.

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PTA.org/EarthDay





PTAs will activate Earth Day activities on Saturday, April 22, 2023, and build a better environment in their local community and have fun! Your PTA Day of Service project can be an Earth Day event already being planned or something new. What's most important is that the event is meaningful to your PTA community.

How to Prevent Winter Allergy and Asthma Flare Ups

By Kisha DeSandies Lester

It seems like no matter how you try to prevent it, you can't escape cold and flu season. And this year, drastic changes in climate have increased allergy and asthma flare-ups. For parents, it's hard to tell if your child is suffering from a simple cold or an allergy and asthma because of the similar symptoms.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, allergies and asthma flare-ups can be triggered by more than dust, smoke and mold. Colds and flu, sinus infections, breathing cold air and hyperventilation are also triggers.

We talked to adult and pediatric allergist and immunologist Dr. Purvi Parikh with the [Allergy & Asthma Network](#) to help understand what we should know about winter-time asthma and allergies and how can it be treated.

Why does winter and cold weather cause asthma and allergies to flare up?

Because the cold air (which is also dry) can irritate lungs and nasal passages and cause them to produce mucus and inflammation just like an asthma attack or allergies. Consider these three factors:

There are new allergens in the air ragweed pollen lingers in fall until the first frost and then eventually goes away. However, dust mites, mold and pets arguably affect people more in the winter when we spend more time indoors.

Speaking of being indoors, the forced air heating and radiators blow allergens into our rooms that have been accumulating in the vents all summer.

All the cold and flu viruses not only make allergies and asthma worse but also leave you feeling bad with similar symptoms.

How do you know if your child's symptoms are allergy/asthma or cold/flu related?

A lot of people don't know that asthma can be triggered by a virus or an allergy. Usually, bouts of the cold/flu are limited to 5-7 days and can be accompanied by a high fever—over 100.4 degrees. Allergies and asthma can last weeks to months, usually without a fever. If you notice a seasonal pattern it may be allergies too. The best way to be sure is to be tested by a board-certified allergist.

What are signs of asthma and asthma flare-ups for kids?

Coughing is the most common, so don't ignore a dry cough. Other signs include wheezing in your child's chest, tightness or pain in their chest and shortness of breath.

What should children with asthma or allergies do to prevent winter asthma flare-ups?

Vaccines are a must—the flu shot and for some kids, the pneumonia shot, is crucial to prevent getting ill. Talk to your child's doctor about controller medications for your child to prevent seasonal illness. This can vary, based on symptoms.

Encourage your child to breathe through their nose, not your mouth. This will help in cold air because the nose warms up the air for the lungs. Also, dress your child appropriately for outside play. Have them wear water repellent clothes for playing in the snow and a scarf or ski/face mask to help warm and humidify the air they breathe.

What are some preventive home remedies for children?

Steam inhalation, such as during a hot shower or from a boiling pot can help open your passages. Also, saline rinses can help tremendously. Drink extra fluids in the winter. Water and soups can help reduce the mucus in your child's lungs and body. However, keep in mind, these remedies provide temporary relief. If your child experiences severe symptoms and does not get better, contact your child's physician.

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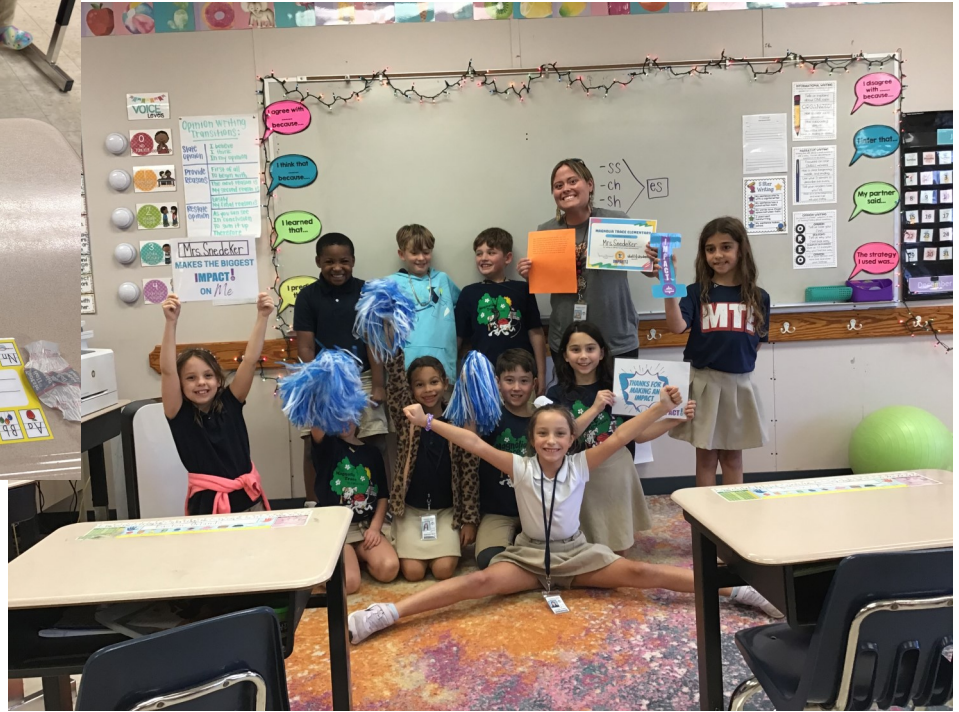
Thank you to all our wonderful PTA members! With every membership we can help our school a little more. Every member counts! Every member has a voice! It's not too late to join!

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

We are thankful for Mrs. Valentin. She is always so kind and gentle with the students. She takes time to listen to each child and has the patience of a saint. She keeps a smile on her face and her chin up through the many challenges that life throws her way. We are blessed to have this positive spirit on our campus.



Our gratitude for Mrs. Fradella goes a long way. She helps us with our monthly Terrific Kids meetings, and with our K-kids meetings. She is big on community involvement and she is a great teacher. She loves her students and is always a burst of energy on our campus.

Mrs. Snedeker deserves a big shout out. She is a team player and she holds each child very close to her heart. She works hard each and every day to provide the best educational experience for each child. Along with teaching she is furthering her own education by taking college night courses. We are very proud of her and all she is striving to become. She is an asset to our school family.



We would like to spotlight Mrs. Cherie for all the support she gives MTE. She is diligent with her duty in the afternoons never failing to be there regardless of how late the busses may come. She also takes great care of several different students on campus. She is willing to help when we need her in different classrooms and we are super grateful for her.

Staff Spotlights

Continued



We thank Mrs. Houston for all of her work, kindness, and organization. She manages many meetings, discipline, busses, supervising, and so much more. We love her enthusiasm for our birthday celebrations and wheels on the bus. She is consistently meeting with families to try to do what is best for students and we know she is making a great impact here at MTE.

Thanks to our Sponsors!

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

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05. 

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Candice Laizer
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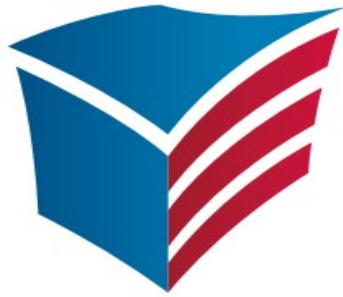
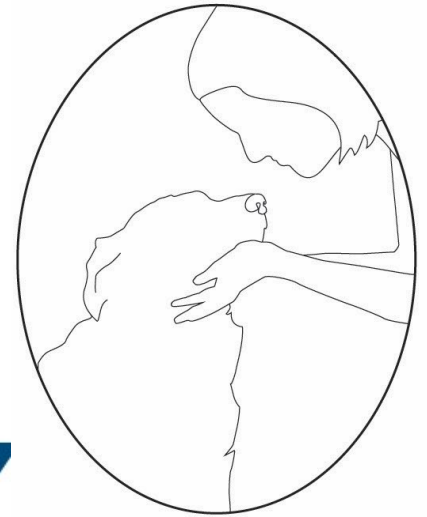


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