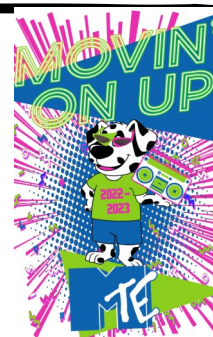




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March NEWS HOUND PTA NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents,

Thank you for spreading cheer all month long. In February we had our Book Fair, Valentine's day break-fast, Safety day, Mardi Gras Festivities and so much more. We had several important guest come visit us. Mr. Jabbia came to spread kindness in our K-Kids Meeting. Mrs. Thibault and Mrs. Dupre from Woodlake Elementary came over to read their very own Mardi Gras Book, and a new graduate from LSU/former student of Magnolia Trace, Hayden came visit and dance on Mrs. Pecoraro's desk to celebrate his success. We also collected beads for Fontainebleau High School SWE department. We are continuing to strive to build strong leaders in our students by exposing them to community outreach, bringing the community to us, and incorporating leadership skills in the classroom.

We are looking forward to our Positive Action Jr. Leadership Training on March 25, 2023. More information will be sent home with students who are selected to attend. If you want to know more information about this feel free to email me at jamie.breaux@stpsb.org. A group of teachers and staff from Magnolia Trace Elementary attended Leader in Me Symposia over the Mardi Gras Break and another group of teachers visited a Light House School who is currently implementing Leader in Me. We are excited to use what we learned and bring it to our school community. Many new and exciting things to look forward to at the end of this year and beginning of next year!

In March we will also host our school fundraiser Boosterthon. This is a fun event that is a win-win for everyone. Students have fun while raising money for the school. Funds will go towards new chrome book carts for classrooms, STEM and classroom activities, and materials that support the positive learning environment at MTE. Our 3rd Nine week PBIS Maggie Dance Party will take place on March 10th to reward students for living out the 7 Habits of Highly Effective Leaders. We are also focusing on reading, reading, reading! We want to build our student's fluency! We will have school wide incentives for reading this month!

We have many events and activities happening at Magnolia Trace Elementary. We are grateful to have a supportive community, great teachers, wonderful staff, and exceptional students. Thank you parents and guardians for all you do to make our learning experience a great one!

Sincerely,
Jamie Breaux
MTE - Principal

Upcoming Events

March - Reading Month
March 9th - Terrific Kids 9:30
March 9th - PARENT LEAP NIGHT PRESENTATION 5:30 PM
March 10th - PBIS MAGGIE dance Party -
March 11th - Elem. Fitness Meet Lakeshore
March 13th - Ambassador Meeting/Fire Drill
March 14th - Spring Casual Pictures
March 15th - Boosterthon Kick off
March 17th Speech Appreciation day
March 24th - Boosterthon Fun Run
March 25th - Positive Action Jr. 10-12 MTE Gym
March 27th - K-kids meeting
March 31st - Volunteer Luncheon

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Hi, Maggie Families!

February and Mardi Gras season are behind us; spring is on its way! February was a fun month with Valentine's and Mardi Gras celebrations. We appreciate your support of our February restaurant night at Papa John's – it is always nice to take a night off in the kitchen!

We have several events going on in March, including celebrating National Reading Month, a PTA General Meeting on March 9th, and Boosterthon, everyone's favorite fundraiser! To celebrate National Reading Month, the PTA is sponsoring the "100 Book Challenge". The challenge is simple: each homeroom needs to read 100 books collectively. Each teacher will receive a poster to chart their classes' progress. Those classes that read 100 books will receive an incentive! At the PTA General meeting we will give an update as well as vote on the Nominating Committee for the 2023-2024 PTA year.

We will host Boosterthon in March with the kick-off being March 15 culminating with the Fun Run on Friday, March 24. Boosterthon, our final fundraiser of the year, is a fundraising campaign that centrals around a fun run and the students take pledges based solely on participating or by the number of laps they run. We will need volunteers on the day of the fundraiser, so be sure to check out Facebook for those opportunities! It's truly an exciting time for the kids because they love completing the nightly challenges for prizes! Last year we raised over \$32,000 and we'd love to take in that much, if not more this year and purchase chromebook carts for teachers, STEM supplies for students, and other much needed classroom supplies.

It's that time of year where we look to find people to fill the Executive Board positions – if you are interested in being more involved, please email me or send me a message on Facebook at any time! We truly have a great time being a huge part of the school and planning fun events for the kids. I'm sure I can find some way you can share your talents with us and the school! Be on the lookout for more information soon!

Cheerfully,

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

Our second graders are looking forward to a magnificent March. They have been working really hard and we are so excited to see the progress they are making.

In the beginning of March, students will begin their journey into Knowledge Domain 8 where they will learn all about insects. This domain will introduce them to the largest group of animals on Earth. Students will learn the characteristics of insects, the life cycles of insects, how insects can be categorized as solitary or social, and how insects are viewed as both helpful and harmful. Next, they will travel back in time to Domain 9 where we will introduce students to an important period in the history of the United States- The U.S. Civil War. In this Domain, students will learn about this war and how the end of the war also meant the end of slavery. They will also learn about some women and men who were significant during this time.

In our ELA Skills lessons, students will finish up Skills 5 with learning about alternative and tricky spellings of common sounds, verb tenses, and alphabetizing. They really enjoyed reading the funny stories about "Sir Gus the Fearless" and his mishaps. Then, the students will build upon their knowledge of centimeters and meters and explore measuring using other units of length, inches and feet.

In Social Studies, students will learn about the role producers and consumers play in economics, and how economics can be affected. They will learn more about goods and services, services offered in the community, the process it takes for goods to get from a factory to a consumer, and all about banking.

We highly encourage all students to continue reading daily to help increase reading fluency. As the year continues, we hope that each child continues to remain focused and always do their best work. Thank you for all that you do to help in your child's education!

2nd Grade
ROCKS



Third Grade

"In Like a Lion and Out like a Lamb", that is how March and April are described, but it is really about the weather. The last three months of school might be like a lion, but not because of the weather. It would be describing all that third grade has to do before the end of school.

When we start the month of March, we will be finishing fractions. We went from thinking of fractions as area or parts of a figure to points on a number line. Our next unit will consist of geometry and measurement with word problems. Please make sure you are reviewing all multiplication facts with your child. Because everyone learns in a different way, you can help your child figure out the best way for them to learn their facts. Some children prefer listening to music for the multiplication facts, while others prefer writing them over and over, and some like playing games to learn the facts. Regardless of the way, all third graders need to know their facts, 0-12 tables.

In ELA we 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, Unit 4, 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 collect and combine information to describe climates around the world. Students will also use evidence to construct and support arguments stating that in different climate habitats, organisms can survive or not survive. They will apply this information and use data to provide evidence that plants/animals have traits inherited from their parents and variations of these traits exist in groups of similar organisms. Students will also use evidence to explain how the environment can influence these traits.

As Dr. Seuss says "The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." Please encourage your children to read. It is so important for the **LEAP testing, April 26-29 and May 1-3**, and also for life.

MUSIC NOTES

We are learning about the composer Camille Saint-Saens and his most famous work, *The Carnival of the Animals*. The piece is written for a symphony orchestra and has fourteen different movements that cleverly use sounds created by instruments to mimic the sounds of different animals. Through this study, students will learn about the different musical elements of this piece including tempo, timbre, pitch, and rhythm.



Loving my job,
Norma Ganucheau

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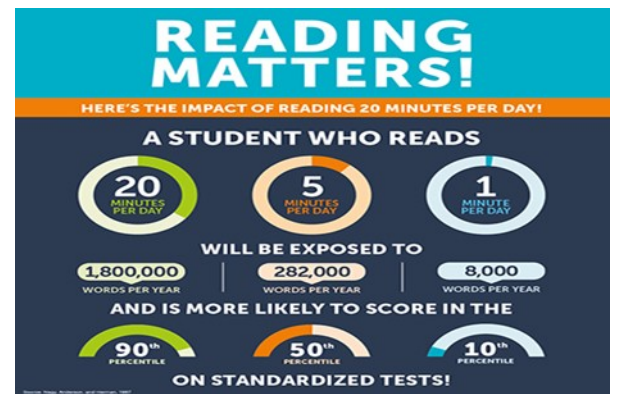
Thank you so much for your support at our recent Book Fair. We had many wonderful titles included in our Fair. Our goals for the upcoming weeks are to assist your child in learning where to find books in the library independently and to discover the amazing variety of great titles we have here at MTE.

Reading develops your brain, provides a window into the world around you and helps you do better in all school subjects.

Just look at the statistics!

"You can find magic wherever you look. Sit back and relax all you need is a book!" – Dr. Seuss

Thank you,
Cheryl Blank and Joanne Santos



Coach's Corner

This month we will continue to apply skills we've learned throughout the year into games. We will be playing baseball/softball in a modified version to accommodate class size and space. We may have some future ball players that haven't realized their potential.

For some of the games we play, we keep score. It is a good way to teach the kids good sportsmanship. It is important for the students to learn how to win and lose, and still

Coach Dusang, Physical Education Teacher

Volunteer of the Month

Thank you to Kim Collins, our Restaurant night coordinator! She works hard at finding restaurants to participate and scheduling dates that work best for our school. This provides extra income to the PTA that helps support our programs and events! Thank you, Kim, for your commitment to MTE PTA!

MARCH MTE LUNCH MENU

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1	2	3
		H Meat Sauce, Green Beans, WG Breadstick, Fruit, Milk C Deli Sandwich, Cucumbers, Fries, Fruit, Milk	H Fettuccini, Steamed Broccoli, Carrots, WG Garlic Breadstick, Fruit, Milk C Hotdog, Tots, Lettuce, Carrots, Fruit, Milk	H Pizza, Marinara Sauce, Carrots, Tots, Fruit, Milk C Pizza, Marinara Sauce, Carrots, Tots, Fruit, Milk
6	7	8	9	10
H Chicken Tenders, Mac and Cheese, Carrots, Peas, Fruit, WG Texas Toast, Milk C Chicken Patty Sandwich, Lettuce, Tots, Fruit, Milk	C Beef Tacos, Lettuce, Corn, Salsa, Black Beans, WG Cinnamon Bread Sticks, Fruit, Milk H Nacho Supreme, Green Leaf Lettuce, Salsa, Nacho Chips, Corn, Black Beans, Fruit, Milk	H Breezy Mac, Broccoli, Carrots, Fruit, WG Roll, Milk C BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwich, Broccoli Florets, Fries, Fruit, Milk	H Fish, Fried Strips, Baked Potato, Cucumbers, Tartar Sauce, Fruit, WG Roll, Milk C Chicken Patty Sandwich, Lettuce, Tots, Fruit, Milk	H Hotdog, Tots, Lettuce, Carrots, Fruit, Milk C Fish Sandwich, Tots, Lettuce, Carrots, Fruit, Milk
13	14	15	16	17
H Chicken Tenders, Mac and Cheese, Carrots, Peas, Tots, WG Texas Toast, Milk C Chicken Patty Sandwich, Lettuce, Tots, Fruit, Milk	H Chicken Nachos, Green Leaf Lettuce, Salsa, Refried Beans Nacho Chips, Corn, Fruit, Milk C Hamburger, Tots, Lettuce, Fruit, Milk	H Meat Sauce, Green Beans, WG Breadstick, Fruit, Milk C Fish Sandwich, Carrots, Fries, Fruit, Milk	H Turkey Roast, Sweet Potato, Rice, Gravy, WG Texas Toast, Fruit, Milk C Hamburger, Broccoli, Tots, Fruit, Milk	H Fish Sandwich, Carrots, Tots, Fruit, Milk C BBQ Turkey Poboy, Carrots, Tots, Fruit, Milk
20	21	22	23	24
H Chicken Tenders, Mac and Cheese, Carrots, Peas, Fruit, WG Texas Toast, Milk C Chicken Patty Sandwich, Lettuce, Carrots, Fries, Fruit, Milk	C Beef Tacos, Lettuce, Seasoned Ranchero Beans, Salsa, Corn, WG Cinnamon Bread Sticks, Fruit, Milk H Nacho Supreme, Green Leaf Lettuce, Salsa, Nacho Chips, Seasoned Ranchero Beans, Fruit, Milk	H Salisbury Steak, Cauliflower, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, WG Roll, Fruit, Milk C BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwich, Cucumbers, Fries, Fruit, Milk	H Turkey Roast, Rice, Gravy, Salad, Carrots, Fruit, WG Roll, Milk C Chicken Patty Sandwich, Lettuce, Carrots, Fries, Fruit, Milk	H Fish Strips, Tots, Salad, WG Roll, Fruit, Milk C Fish Strips, Tots, Salad, WG Roll, Fruit, Milk
27	28	29	30	31
H Red Beans & Rice, Steamed Broccoli, Carrots, Fruit, WG Breadstick, Milk C Chicken Patty Sandwich, Lettuce, Carrots, Fries, Fruit, Milk	H Chicken Tacos, Lettuce, Salsa, Corn, Black Beans, WG Cinnamon Bread Sticks, Fruit, Milk C Hamburger, Tots, Lettuce, Carrots, Fruit, Milk	H Meat Sauce, Green Beans, WG Breadstick, Fruit, Milk C Deli Sandwich, Cucumbers, Fries, Fruit, Milk	H Fettuccini, Steamed Broccoli, Carrots, WG Garlic Breadstick, Fruit, Milk C Hot Dog w/Chili, Carrots, Fries, Fruit, Milk	H Fish Sandwich, Carrots, Fries, Fruit, Milk C Turkey Melt, Carrots, Fries, Fruit, Milk

MARCH MTE BREAKFAST MENU

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1	2	3
		WG Biscuit, Sausage, Fruit, Juice, Milk	WG Pop Tarts, Fruit, Juice, Milk	WG Cinnamon Roll, Fruit, Juice, Milk
6	7	8	9	10
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
13	14	15	16	17
WG French Toast Sticks, Fruit, Juice, Milk	Eggs w/ WG Toast, Grits, Fruit, Juice, Milk	WG Biscuit, Sausage, Fruit, Juice, Milk	WG Banana Muffin, Fruit, Juice, Milk	WG Cinnamon Roll, Fruit, Juice, Milk
20	21	22	23	24
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
27	28	29	30	31
WG Donut, Fruit, Juice, Milk	Eggs w/ WG Toast, Grits, Fruit, Juice, Milk	WG Biscuit, Sausage, Fruit, Juice, Milk	WG English Muffin, Egg, Cheese, Fruit, Juice, Milk	WG Banana Muffin, Fruit, Juice, Milk



Construction Update:

The first and second floor will have power this month. Classrooms will be painted. Ceiling grid will be installed.

All tile flooring will be installed. Cabinetry coming in the middle of the month.

We are getting closer to moving in the building!

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.



WHAT IS SYNERGY?

Synergy happens when a group of people work together to come up with a more effective solution than just trying to solve it on their own. It creates a better, higher way to achieve something



Habit 6:

SYNERGIZE

TOGETHER IS BETTER

I value other
people's
strengths and
learn from
them.

I get along well
with others,
even people who
are different
than me.

I work well in
groups.

I seek out
other
people's
ideas to solve
problems
because I
know that by
teaming with
others we
can create
better
solutions
than any of
us can alone.

I am humble.



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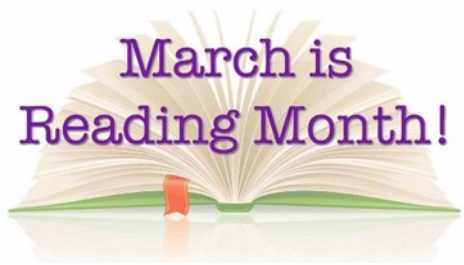


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National PTA News



March is National Reading Month! National PTA is committed to helping families support their child's development of literacy skills and encourage a love of reading through access to books, particularly those that reflect the diversity of our world. Studies show...

Just like going for a jog exercises your cardiovascular system, reading regularly **improves memory function** by giving your brain a good workout.

Reading books about different people, places and experiences is critical to **healthy child development** and should be a priority, particularly in early literacy.

A **parent's understanding** of each element at play in their child's school reading life will support their personal growth, and their advocacy can serve the greater student community.

MTE PTA is sponsoring the Rally To Read 100 Challenge this year, a program from the non-profit Reading is Fundamental. The challenge is simple: each homeroom needs to read 100 book collectively, marking a special poster each time a student reads a book. Classes that read 100 books will receive a special incentive from PTA!



 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.



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



JOIN THE PTA EXECUTIVE BOARD

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Join the dedicated group of making MTE great for our kids! A call for nominations will be sent out in April. More information to come!

Interested? Email magnoliatraceelementarypta@gmail.com





Magnolia Trace families!

We are excited to kick off our Magnolia Trace Fun Run on 03/15/2023.

Our goal is to raise \$25,000 for Chromebook carts, STEM materials & campus supplies and to strengthen our school community.

Our school has always relied on fundraising to provide exceptional opportunities to enhance student learning and we need YOUR HELP registering your student(s) and sharing with friends and family.

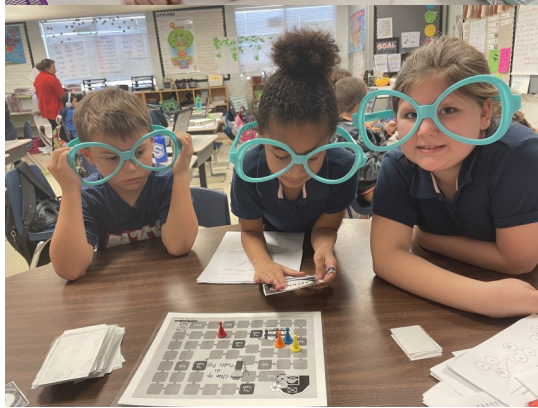
Mark your calendars for the Magnolia Trace Fun Run fundraiser kicking off soon!

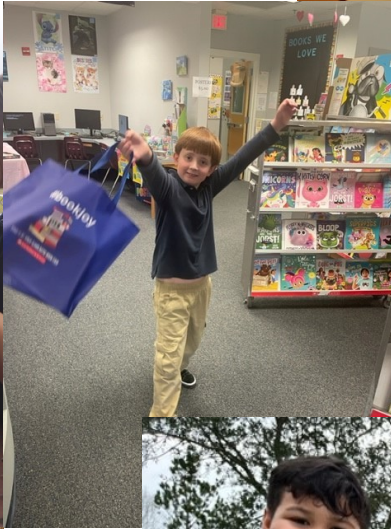
Key dates to remember:

- **REGISTRATION OPENS** - 03/01/2023
Register on [MYBOOSTER.COM](https://mybooster.com)
- **Magnolia Trace Fun Run Kick Off** - 03/15/2023
- **Event Day** - 03/24/2023

We are grateful for our Magnolia Trace family! Thank you for your support this year.







Staff Spotlights

Sue Pecoraro is a ray of sunshine on our campus. We are grateful for the fun traditions she builds and the in depth learning that happens in her classroom. The students and colleagues love her because she is full of energy and knowledge. She is always encouraging students to learn more and inquire more about the world around us. We are truly blessed to have her as a teacher at MTE.



We are grateful for Mrs. Yami. Her cheerful personality and her acts of kindness are noticed. She makes students feel comfortable, smile, and laugh every day. She brings joy to her job and those around her. She is an excellent café worker and member of the MTE Team! We are thankful for her and all she brings to MTE.

Mrs. Kuylen is a champion for reading and engaging students in meaningful activities. She recently wrote a Grant for Makers Space so students can have hands on manipulatives to express their learning. It is also a space to create new learned questions and ideas. We are appreciative of her hard work and dedication.



Mrs. Gleason is always engaging her students and expanding their knowledge. This nine weeks students have created a school wide Trivia Pursuit focusing on Louisiana Facts and Black History. Classes are enjoying interacting with one another and learning fun facts! She also assist with many task beyond the classroom and we are appreciative of her loyalty and hard work.

Upcoming Restaurant Nights

Wednesday, March 8:
Lago's Mexican 4-9:00 pm
(2 Locations)



Wednesday, April 5:
Raising Cane's 4-8:00 pm



Thanks to our Sponsors!

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that will span
the child's lifetime.

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constant protection
and living benefits.

03. 
It won't
lose value.

In any economic
environment,
life insurance
remains valuable.

04. 
It's
guaranteed
to grow.

Guaranteed cash value
growth means the
living benefits of whole
life insurance increase
over time.

05. 
It keeps
giving.

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and dividend potential
are just some of the
benefits of whole
life insurance.

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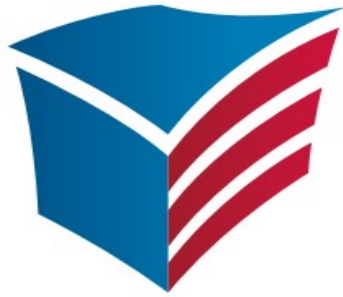
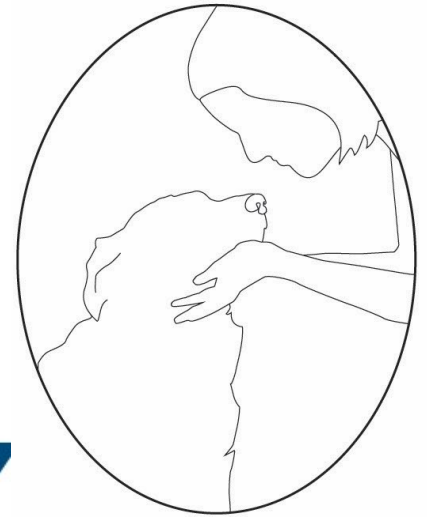


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