

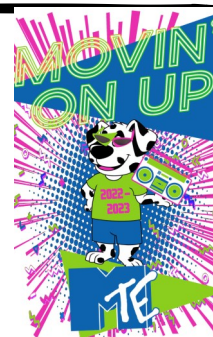


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May NEWS HOUND PTA NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and Guardians,

Our last month of the school year has arrived! I could not be more proud of our students, faculty, staff, and families. We have had an amazing year full of excitement, learning, and lasting memories. We have MOVED ON UP to great things at MTE. The first phase of our new building is near completion. Our teachers will be moving in during our teacher days. We will schedule a time for our third graders this year and our last year fourth graders to come back and see the new building once it is complete.

We are gearing up for our testing week. Please be sure to have students rested and fed a healthy breakfast to help them perform to their full potential. I know our teachers have prepared our students. We do ask that check outs and late check-ins be minimized to only emergencies. If at all possible please send students to school during testing week. The end of the year is a crucial time for students to be in school. In May, we have testing, field trips, Water Day, Teacher Luncheon, trainings for teachers, 3rd grade Celebration, Musical and Talented Theater Performance, Terrific Kids, Violin Concert and our incoming and current second grade parent meeting. Many events taking place in only 2 ½ weeks!

I cannot let the year come to an end without saying THANK YOU! I am in deep gratitude for the opportunity to work with all the students, families, faculty and staff at MTE. We have a very special place with amazing people. It is because of you that I am able to wake up every day with a thankful heart, smiling face, and a passion to do what I do on a daily basis. I love my job, I love the people with which I work, and I love the students who grow and learn at MTE each day. It is with an abundance of appreciation that I sign off on our last newsletter for the 2023-2024 school year.

Sincerely,

Jamie Breaux
Principal – MTE

Upcoming Events

May 2nd - 5:30 PTA meeting and Incoming Parent Meeting
May 3rd - Sonic Night - Hwy 59 - 4:00-8:00
May 4th - Terrific Kids 9:30
May 5th - Chrome Book Collection
May 8th - 2nd Grade Field Trip Swamp (Kuylen, Claus, Chotto, Morgan, Barney, Valentin)
May 8th - Seniors take a walk down Maggie Lane @2:30
May 9th - 3rd Grade Field Trip IMMS
May 10th - 2nd Grade Field trip Swamp (Ownby, Ortiz, Watson, McClure, Dumas)
May 11th - Teacher Luncheon 1:30
May 12th - 3rd Grade Tours
May 12th - PBIS Maggie Water Day
May 15th - First Grade Tours in the Morning
May 16th - 3rd Grade Celebration
May 16th - Tree Dedication
May 17th - Musical 2:00 and Talented Theater Performance
May 17th - Last day for Students

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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 PTA events. Thankful for a great year and sad for it to end, but it's time to Move On Up!

We can announce that we made \$31,000 from Boosterthon! That helps us purchase needed items for the school such as chromebook carts and other curriculum supplies necessary to enrich the education of our little maggies. We hosted Cultural Arts day (coordinated by Casey Trichel, who did an amazing job!) and learned about some of the influences in Louisiana life and culture, treated the homeroom classes to ice cream for reading 100 books in the month of March, and raised funds with our Square 1 Art program, just to name some of the awesome events coordinated by PTA! In the month of May, we will celebrate our Teachers and Staff during the week of May 8-12, be on the lookout for flyers and posts on Facebook as well as assist with Water Day and the Third Grade picnic.

Last but not least, THANK YOU so much to the team of Executive Board members – Theresa Bennett, Casey Trichel, Tonya Deville, Sheri Olsen, and Christine Childress. 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.

This was my last year at MTE as the youngest of my four moves on to middle school – It is such a joy to work with the administration, teachers, and staff here! I've built so many relationships over the past 8 years for which I will be forever grateful.

I hope you all have a fabulous and safe summer filled with family, friends, vacation, and learning! Keep on reading and exploring! Have a great year next year in your new building!

With Gratitude,

Ashley Dragon

PTA President



**Magnolia Trace
2022 - 2023
PTA Executive Board**

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VP of Cultural Arts—Casey Trichel

Secretary—Tonya Deville

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if you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions.

Second Grade

Our second grade Maggie Friends are hard at work to prepare for third grade. We are looking forward to the month of May which will be filled with great learning opportunities and fun filled activities with our friends.

In ELA knowledge, the students are working in Domain 10 learning all about the human body. This domain covers a number of topics regarding the human body. First, it covers concepts regarding cells and how cells form the building blocks of life on Earth. Next, students are taught how collections of cells form tissues, and tissues form organs, and finally how organs work within the various body systems.

In ELA, the grammar portion will include adverbs, run-on sentences, expanding sentences, and parts of speech build and expand sentences with details. Lastly, they will write an opinion paragraph on the War of 1812.

In Math, we will learn how to place data on a line plot as well as interpreting data from a line plot. We will be learning how to tell time by the hour, half, hour, and the quarter hour. We will be learning about shapes as polygons and quadrilaterals.

In Science, we are planning and conducting an investigation to determine if plants need sunlight and water to grow. We will explore by developing a simple model that mimics the function of an animal in dispersing seeds or pollinating plants. We will make observations of plants and animals to compare the diversity of life in different habitats by creating several habitat journals to examine the plants and animals in various habitats.

In Social Studies, we are learning through working our way through the sources to learn the meaning of interdependence between plants and animals. We will be able to answer this question by the end of this unit. What impact does the environment have on local culture? In this unit, we will look at different ways the environment impacts our local culture and how plants and animals depend on each other.

Some more exciting news is that our new building is almost finished!



Third 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 Folktales.

In social studies, they will continue learning about economics. Be sure to keep looking at the End of Year events calendar. There are a lot of activities coming up!

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. Our SuperHeroes musical will be on May 17 th at 2pm. 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,

Your child is learning how to navigate our online catalog – Destiny Discover. He/she can determine their desired book and then locate it in our library. We have so enjoyed your child this year. It is our hope that he/she will continue to read for the remainder of this school year and during the summer to instill a love of reading.

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 and happy reading,
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 Karen Larson for her hard work on our Square 1 Art fundraiser! Karen was instrumental in getting the word out on Facebook, sending flyers home, and coordinating with the teachers to get all the work sent off in time for orders to arrive by Mother's Day! Great job and many thanks, Karen!

MAY MTE LUNCH MENU

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	2	3	4	5
H Red Beans, Rice, Steamed Spinach, Carrots, Fruit, WG Roll, Milk C Chicken Sandwich, Green Leaf Lettuce, Fries, Fruit, Milk	H BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwich, Lettuce, Cauliflower, Fruit, Milk C Hamburger, Green Leaf Lettuce, Fruit, Milk	H Meat Sauce, Green Beans, Cauliflower, WG Breadstick, Fruit, Milk C Deli Turkey Sandwich, Green Leaf Lettuce, Tots, Fruit, Milk	H Fettuccini, Broccoli, Carrots, Fruit, WG Roll, Milk C Hot Dog, Chili, Carrots Tots, Fruit, Milk	H Beef Tacos, Lettuce, Salsa, Corn, Mexican Beans, WG Cinnamon Bread Sticks, Fruit, Milk C BBQ Chicken Sandwich, Green Leaf Lettuce, Tots, Fruit, Milk
8	9	10	11	12
H Chicken Tenders, Broccoli, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Cucumbers, Fruit, WG Roll, Milk C Hamburger, Green Leaf Lettuce, Cucumbers, Fries, Fruit, Milk	H Chicken Tacos, Lettuce, Salsa, Corn, Mexican Beans, Fruit, WG Cinnamon Breadstick, Milk C Turkey Melt Sandwich, Lettuce, Carrots, Tots, Fruit, Milk	H Fish, Coleslaw, Baked Potato, Fruit, WG roll, Milk C BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwich, Tots, Lettuce, Coleslaw, Fruit, Milk	H Fettuccini, Broccoli, Carrots, Fries, WG Roll, Fruit, Milk C Fish Sandwich, Carrots, Tots, Fruit, Milk	H Hamburger, Lettuce, Tots, Cauliflower, Fruit, Milk C Cheeseburger, Tots, Lettuce, Fruit, Milk
15	16	17		
H Chicken Tenders, Broccoli, Carrots, Cucumbers, WG Roll, Mac & Cheese, Milk C BBQ Chicken Sandwich, Tots, Cucumbers, Fruit, Milk	H Deli Turkey Sandwich, Lettuce, Tots, Cucumbers, Fruit, Milk C Deli Turkey Sandwich, Lettuce, Cucumbers, Tots, Fruit, Milk	H Fish, Tots, salad, Carrots, WG Roll, Fruit, Milk C BBQ Pulled Pork, Green Leaf Lettuce, Tots, Fruit, Milk		

MAY MTE BREAKFAST MENU

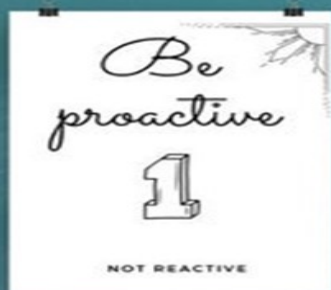
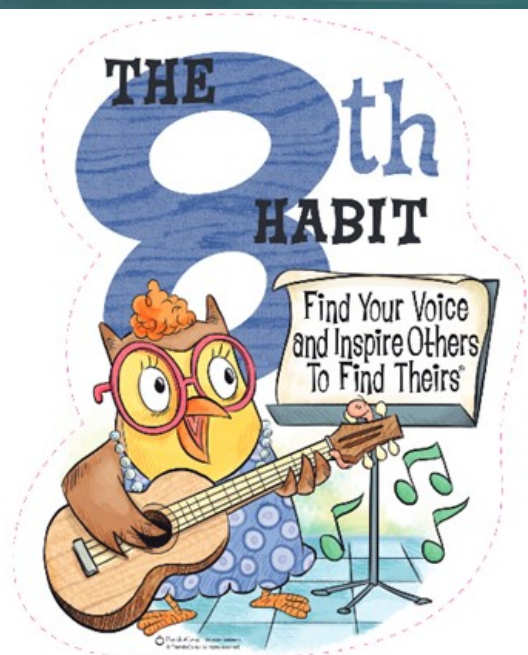
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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WG Donut, Fruit, Juice, Milk	Eggs, WG Toast Fruit, Juice, Milk	WG Biscuit, Sausage, Fruit, Juice, Milk	WG Cinnamon Roll, Fruit, Juice, Milk	Breakfast Burrito, Fruit, Juice, Milk
8	9	10	11	12
SM Muffin, Fruit, Juice, Milk	Eggs, WG Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk	Wg Biscuit, Sausage, Fruit, Juice, Milk	Breakfast Burrito, Fruit, Juice, Milk	WG Beignets, Fruit, Juice, Milk
15	16	17		
SM Muffin Fruit, Juice, Milk	WG Biscuit, Sausage, Fruit, Juice, Milk	WG Poptarts, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, Milk		





Construction Update:

Phase one is near completion. Furniture has been ordered. Final touches being completed this month and punch list will be completed. Teachers may be moving in towards the end of the month. Renovation of our current library has begun. It will be our new music room. Removal of portable buildings and the renovation of the front office area, gym, and cafeteria will take place over the summer.



HABIT 8-FIND YOUR VOICE

Discover your talents!

I have found something I am at good and really like doing.

I recognize and respect others who express their voice in meaningful ways.

I speak up for myself and others in a positive way.

I am proud, but do not boast.



Haya Sheikh
Jasper Ferris
Madison Robertson
Vivian Chinn
Billy Matherne
Chance McDonald
Noah Ammerman
Noah Hoffman
Brooks Thurston
Daniel Cherizol
Daisy Williams

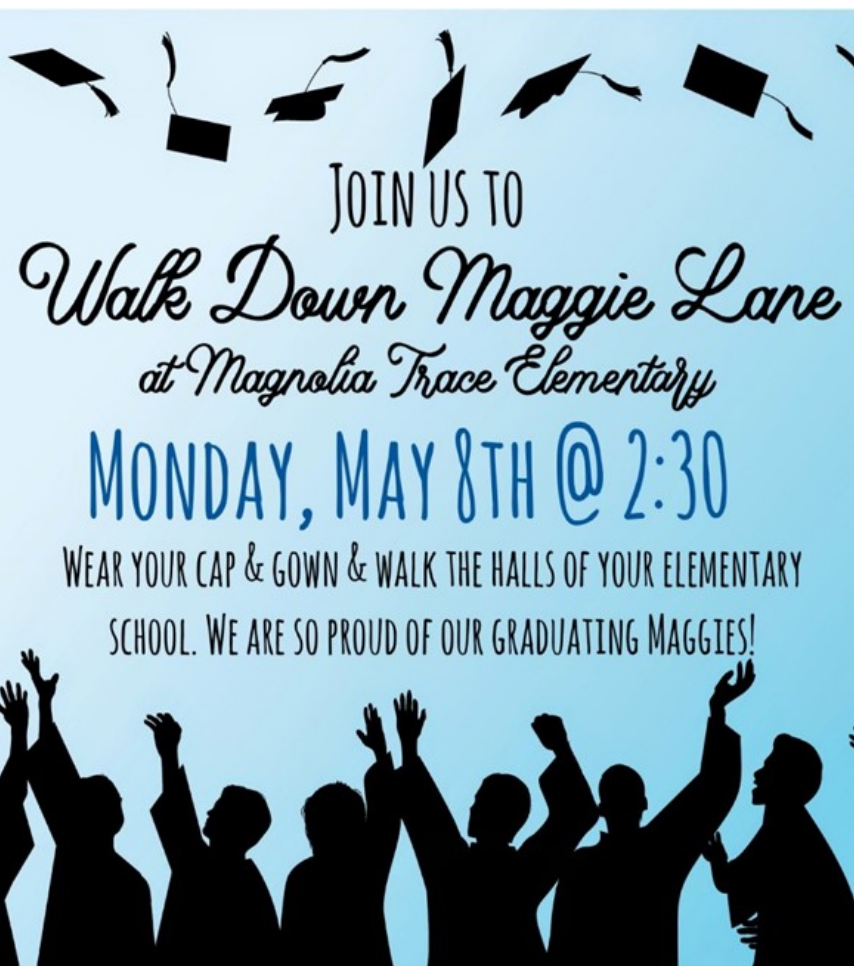


Lilly Gumpert
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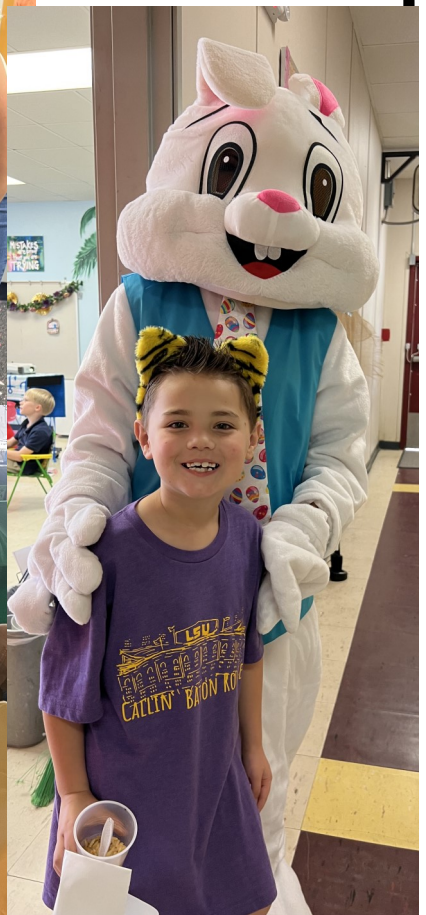
MAY
Find Your Voice

Upcoming Restaurant Night

Wednesday, May 3
4-8:00 pm
Sonic Hwy 59 Location







PTA News

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

SUMMER OVER 100 IDEAS! *bucket list*

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| ☐ Make Tie-Dye Shirts | ☐ Visit National Monuments | ☐ Build a Sand Castle |
| ☐ Catch Fireflies | ☐ Make Root Beer Floats | ☐ Ride a Ferris Wheel |
| ☐ Run Through Sprinklers | ☐ Collect Seashells | ☐ Make Fresh Lemonade |
| ☐ Play Marco Polo | ☐ Go Camping | ☐ Play On a Slip-N-Slide |
| ☐ Homemade Ice Cream | ☐ Color with Sidewalk Chalk | ☐ PJ Movie Day |
| ☐ Drive-in Movie Theater | ☐ Go on a Nature Walk | ☐ Make Friendship Bracelets |
| ☐ Have a Water Balloon Fight | ☐ Bonfire & S'mores | ☐ Make a Blanket Fort |
| ☐ Stargaze | ☐ Visit a Water Park | ☐ Start a Blessings Jar |
| ☐ Have a Picnic | ☐ Fly a Kite | ☐ Play Tag with Friends |
| ☐ Visit a Nursing Home | ☐ Buy from Ice Cream Truck | ☐ Ride your Bike on a Trail |
| ☐ Play at the Park with Friends | ☐ Watch the Sunrise at Beach | ☐ Go Minigolfing |
| ☐ Blow Bubbles | ☐ Eat Breakfast for Dinner | ☐ Jump in Puddles |
| ☐ Eat Watermelon | ☐ Make Wishes on Dandelions | ☐ Plant Vegetables |
| ☐ Read at least 10 Books | ☐ Visit a Zoo | ☐ Write a Soldier a Letter |
| ☐ Watch Fireworks | ☐ Have a Pillow Fight | ☐ Paint Pet Rocks |
| ☐ Dance in the Rain | ☐ Go Swimming | ☐ Donate to Animal Shelter |
| ☐ Play Frisbee | ☐ Eat too many Popsicles | ☐ Family Game Night |
| ☐ Watch the Sunset at Beach | ☐ Climb a Tree | ☐ Make Homemade Pizza |
| ☐ Roast Marshmallows | ☐ Plant Flowers | ☐ Go Bowling |
| ☐ Visit a Farmers Market | ☐ Help Cook Dinner | ☐ Make Handprint Art |
| ☐ Play Hide and Seek | ☐ Host a Scavenger Hunt | ☐ Go Cloud Watching |
| ☐ Make Homemade Playdoh | ☐ Do a Science Project | ☐ Have a Water Gun Fight |
| ☐ Have a Slumber Party | ☐ Play Messy Twister | ☐ Play Bingo |
| ☐ Finger Paint | ☐ Random Act of Kindness | ☐ Make Suncatchers |
| ☐ Eat a Snow Cone | ☐ Attend Free Kids Art Class | ☐ Jump on a Trampoline |
| ☐ Make Recycled Crayons | ☐ Learn Origami | ☐ Go Fishing |
| ☐ Visit Mom or Dad at Work | ☐ Bake Cookies for Neighbor | ☐ Bury a Time Capsule |
| ☐ Play Dodge Ball | ☐ Make Homemade Slime | ☐ Drink a Slurpee |
| ☐ Make Paper Bag Puppets | ☐ Attend Free Kids Workshop | ☐ Go Rock Hunting |
| ☐ Go to the Library | ☐ Make a Bird Feeder | ☐ Start a Summer Journal |
| ☐ Watch a Thunderstorm | ☐ Wash the Family Car | ☐ Play Capture the Flag |
| ☐ Make Story Stones | ☐ Make & Sail Paper Boats | ☐ Go to Chuck E Cheese |
| ☐ Play Flashlight Tag | ☐ Go to Childrens Museum | ☐ Visit an Aquarium |
| ☐ Make Sponge Water Bombs | ☐ Write a Story & Illustrate It | ☐ Go Kayaking |

Celebrate Earth Day with MTE PTA

The PTA is purchasing a Weeping Willow tree to be planted in the month of May in celebration of Earth Day 2023. Planting a tree will benefit the Earth for decades to come! A dedication service will be announced soon. We thank Ms. Eileen for her assistance with getting the tree planted!



Celebrate Earth Day
with our PTA Day of Service

April 22

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





Staff Spotlights

A HUGE shout out to **Mrs. Diana Saenz**. Our school functions effectively and efficiently because of all the behind the scenes work she completes. She is often times the first person to welcome those who come on campus and even the last one to send students off. She works diligently to create a positive learning environment at our school and often thinks about the details that need to be addressed. We are extremely appreciative of her work.



We are super grateful for Mrs. Nation our 3rd grade resource teacher. She has a great amount of patience, creativity, and knowledge of how to work with diverse needs. She loves her students and does everything in her capability to help her teachers and kids. Her support is noticed and appreciated.

Mrs. Torres has been a tremendous support to our English Language Learning students. She has assisted students and teachers alike in understanding one another and the content being taught. Her friendly and kind heart has been a true blessing to Magnolia Trace Elementary.



We are grateful for **Mrs. Janet Thompson** and **Mrs. Kristie Vicknair** for their amazing work with our students. They are our Math and ELA tutors and have been an asset to our tutoring program. The amount of interventions and support our kids get from these ladies is immeasurable. We appreciate all you do.



Mrs. Morgan one of our new second grade teachers this year has really shown a love for teaching and caring for her students. She is constantly thinking of creative ways to reach her students and to make their day a great day. We appreciate her kind spirit.



Staff Spotlights

Mrs. Ortiz is a veteran teacher who keeps up with all the latest and greatest educational topics. She is a huge asset and resource to teachers, students, and administration. She served as grade level chair this year, student teacher mentor, and so much more on campus. Her knowledge, time, and energy is greatly appreciated.



Mrs. Smith is a silent but strong leader. Her flexibility, ability to get volunteers, and her love for her students is admirable. She is a hard worker and has really embraced the third grade curriculum. Many would say she is an ideal team player and partner in the field of education. We are appreciative of her and all she does for MTE.



Our custodians have been there for us all year long. They are constantly answering calls and keeping up our campus. Mrs. Tammy, Mrs. Marlene, and Mr. John have been with us all year even when we were short staffed. With the addition of Mrs. Lillie our team is dynamite. We appreciate their work and we also appreciate our substitute custodian Mr. Jerrick! Our school could not run without our custodial team. We are grateful for you!



Loads of appreciation is sent out to our Arts Department. **Mrs. Watters**, **Mrs. Helliun**, and our Violin Teacher **Mrs. Miranda**. They work with all of our students and build on their creativity. With music and art our lives are enriched in a great and impactful way. They make this world and MTE a more beautiful place! Thanks for all you do!



Mrs. Cantrell is a bright light on our campus. She is always making people smile and is enthusiastic about learning. Her student progress and wellbeing is always important to her. She is constantly teaching rather it be in the classroom, on bus duty, or in the morning. She makes learning fun and is passionate about creating a positive learning experience for students. We are grateful for her many strengths.





Mrs. Kim LittleJohn
Support Person of the Year



Mrs. Lauren McGovern
Substitute of the Year

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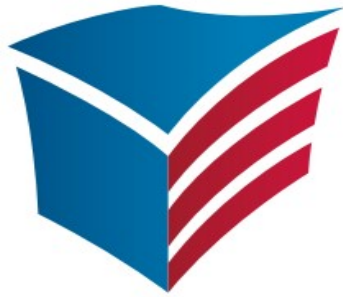
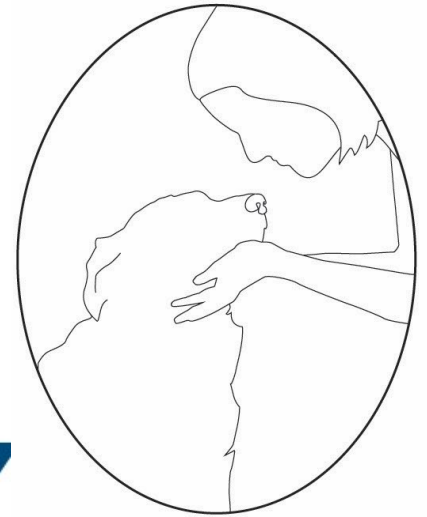


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