



Magnolia Trace Elementary

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September NEWS HOUND PTA NEWSLETTER

Dear Magnolia Trace Families,

What a wonderful way to start our 2023-2024 school year with a beautiful building! We are looking forward to full completion this summer. I want to first thank all of you for your continued support. We have received great news this month! We are tied for the top Elementary school in our district due to our outstanding LEAP scores. We are in the top five schools in our entire district and our Special Needs Population increased their scores in every subject area on state wide testing. We have met or surpassed all of our school advancement plan goals and our school received an A score. All this proves that the hard work and dedication of our teachers, students, guardians, and district leaders is paying off.

We have fully embraced the status of Leader in Me School. Leaders Light the Way at Magnolia Trace Elementary is our school theme this year. You are going to be hearing about many leadership opportunities in the coming months. We currently have 18 student light house members and an ambassador that represents each homeroom. Ambassadors will be chosen by teachers once a nine weeks. Later this month we will be introducing Maggie Manager opportunities which will be school wide jobs. Students can pick up their applications on the bulletin board by the cafeteria. We will be announcing these positions this month. At Magnolia Trace we feel it is our mission to communicate the worth and potential in our students and teachers so clearly so that they are inspired to see it in themselves. Inspired by Stephen R. Covey and the 7 habits of highly effective people we have begun implementing the 8 habits through the Leader in Me Program. We encourage families to be involved and show us how you are living out the 8 habits. A form will go home this month. Any time during the year your family is practicing one of the eight habits we would like you to take a picture, write a brief description and send it back to school. We will post on our bulletin boards so families can inspire other families to continue practicing the eight habits. We truly appreciate your engagement in living the habits.

We have completed many of our beginning of the year assessments. We will be using this data to specialize our instruction in class. In the month of September, we will be having our first Terrific Kids ceremony, Grandparent and Special Friend week, Begin our Hispanic Heritage month, and start our spirit squads, K-kids, and Ambassador Meetings!

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Parents are allowed to begin eating lunch with their students this month. Reminder no fast food will be allowed this year. I am truly appreciative of the amazing things that have already happened to start our school year off bright! At any time you have any questions, praise or concerns email me at jamie.breaux@stpsb.org. Great things to come in the 2023-2024 school year.

Sincerely,

Jamie Breaux

Principal, Magnolia Trace

Upcoming Events

August 30th - OPEN HOUSE

PTA 5:30PM

Classrooms 6-7 PM

September 4th - No School- Labor Day

September 11th - 14th -

Grandparent/Special Friend Week

and Book Fair Week

September 28th - School and

Individual Pictures

October 6th - No School- Parish Fair

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Welcome back to school!

I am so excited for this new school year. It's going to be a great one! The students have been exploring the new building and are doing a great job navigating their way around. I'm sure it's been an exciting time for both students and staff! If you haven't had the chance to see the new building you'll get your chance during Open House. We look forward to seeing you there! The PTA meeting will take place in the gym at 5:30pm before you head to your child's classroom.

We have many fun events planned throughout the year. MTE does a great job of making learning fun and bringing families together with these events! There will be so many volunteer opportunities for you to participate in this year, both in planning events and helping during events. We would love to see you all on campus! A few of the events coming up are Grandparents & Special Friends' Week, which takes place September 11th-15th, and Trunk or Treat, which takes place on October 31st. Grandparents' Week sign ups will be going out soon for help during the event, and Trunk or Treat still needs volunteers to form the committee for planning! PTA cannot do what we do without your help, and we appreciate whatever you can do!

We have many ways to get connected and stay connected this year! Please join our new PTA website, mte.ptboard.com. This is where you'll find access to the school calendar, all of our payment links for various things such as membership, the sign-up link for PTA emails, volunteer sign ups, among other things. We also have our Magnolia Trace Elementary Facebook page, so please join that as well!

We look forward to working with all of you this year.

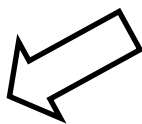
It's going to be PAWesome! 

Please contact me at any time if you have questions, concerns, or want to be involved. Thanks again for doing what you can to help us LIGHT THE WAY at MTE!

Caitlin Ness

MTE PTA President 2023-2024

magnoliatraceelementarypta@gmail.com



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Please email us at
magnoliatraceelementarypta@gmail.com
if you have any questions, concerns,
or suggestions.

Second Grade

Welcome Maggie Families to Magnolia Trace Elementary.

Second grade leaders are "Lighting the Way" to an amazing school year! It is a great time to be a Maggie! We have a beautiful new school, new classrooms and new memories to be made.

Our second grade leaders are becoming familiar with the Seven Habits. We are working on the first habit, "Be Proactive". This habit teaches students how to be responsible, take initiative and choose their actions. It helps them to develop good attitudes and moods. Along with our first habit, students have been practicing routines and procedures in the classroom and around our new school.

We are diving into our math, ELA, social studies and science curriculums. Our students are doing an amazing job and all the second grade teachers are so proud of all their hard work.

Communication is key for success - so make sure to check those yellow "take home" folders daily. We are ready for a great year and we hope everyone has a Paw-Riffic day!



Third Grade

Welcome parents and students to third grade where Leaders Light the Way!

We are looking forward to an enriching and successful year. Third grade brings new adventures, more responsibility, and unlimited potential in our beautiful new building!

Students are off to a good start as they explore the concepts of multiplication and division with Units of 2, 3, 4, 5, and 10 in math.

We will be reading The Stories Julian Tells this 1st Nine Weeks. This novel will give students the opportunity to make connections between literature and the lessons that we can learn.

Third graders are also discovering details about the 13 Colonies in social studies. In science, classes will investigate Balanced and Unbalanced forces.

Let's work together to make third grade an engaging, educational experience for our students. MTE third graders certainly are excited about learning to be leaders around MTE!

MUSIC NOTES



Welcome Back to MTE Music! Have you seen the new Music Room? It is amazing! We are starting the year forming teams to work with our Maggie Mansions.

In addition, we will rotate through stations this year:

1. Worksheet Station 2. Piano Station 3. Listening Station 4. Drum Station 5. Reading Station

We will start auditions for our 2nd and 3rd grade Christmas Choir. Choir will run from now through December concluding with a wonderful Christmas Program. In January, we will start another 2nd and 3rd grade musical. It is a pleasure to work at MTE!

Loving my job,

Norma.Ganucheau@stpsb.org

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2023 - 2024 school year. We are so excited about all the wonderful new things we have going on in our new library.

The first priority of our library is to instill a love of reading in your child. If we work in unison, this can happen for all of our students. Please take time to read with your child nightly and discuss what he or she is reading. The impact of your involvement is monumental. The children have been excited to see all the new and exciting things they will soon get to experience in the new library. One of the special things the library will be offering this year is our Makerspace area. The kids will be able to utilize this area during special times during the school year.

If you have any questions feel free to email me at Julie.kuyen@stpsb.org

Thank You,

Julie Kuylen and Joanne Santos



Coach's Corner

Welcome to a new year of P.E. I look forward to having a great year with your children and teaching them about Physical Education. We will be learning about movement, spacing, various athletic skills, being physically fit and sportsmanship.

Please try to remind your child to wear tennis shoes on P.E. day. Also, if your child needs to sit out for P.E., please send a note.

Coach Dusang, Physical Education Teacher

WATTERS WORLD: Art News

Wonderful new year brings a wonderful new room.

Our first project will be for the St Tammany Parish Fair Booth,

The theme this year is **"We are the Future of St. Tammany!"**

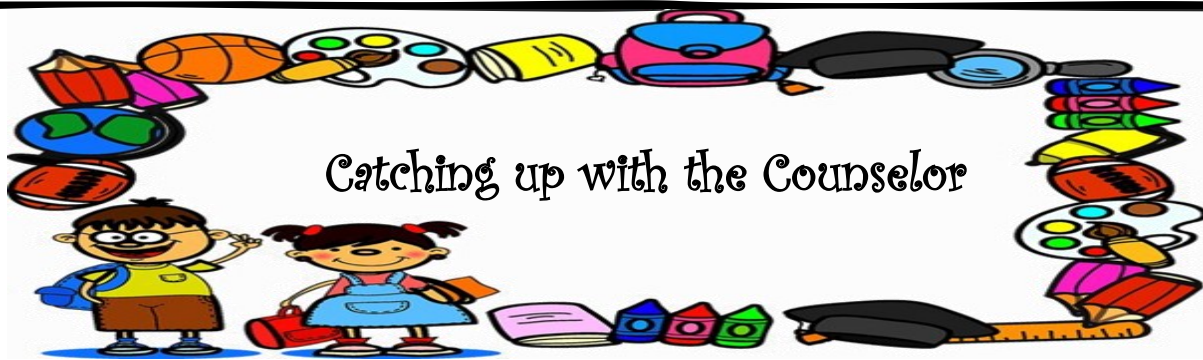
Please chat with your child about how to blend the theme with the 8 Habits.

SEPTEMBER MTE LUNCH MENU

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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				Corn Dog, Vegetarian Option, Tots, Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk Hamburger or Cheeseburger, Tots, Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk
4	5	6	7	8
LABOR DAY NO SCHOOL	Beef Burrito, Vegetarian Option, Tots, Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk Nacho Supreme, Ranchero Beans or Fiesta Black Beans, Chilled Fruit, Milk	Salisbury Steak w/mashed potatoes/gravy, Vegetarian Option, Fresh Baked Roll, Chilled Fruit, Milk Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Sweet Potato Fries, Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk	Jambalaya, Vegetarian Option, Mixed Vegetables, Texas Toast, Rice Crisp Treat, Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk Chicken Sandwich, Tots, Crisp Rice Treat, Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk	Hamburger or Cheeseburger, Vegetarian Option, Tots, Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk BBQ Pulled Pork on Bun, Tots, Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk
11	12	13	14	15
Fish Squares, Vegetarian Option, Creamy Red Beans, Biscuit, Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk Chicken Sandwich, Tots, Red Beans, Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk	Chicken Taco, Vegetarian Option, Corn, Fresh Baked Cinnamon Breadstick, Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk Pulled Pork on Bun, Tots, Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk	Lasagna, Vegetarian Option, Green Beans, Texas Toast, Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk Hamburger or Cheeseburger, Tots, Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk	Breaded Pork Patty, Vegetarian Option, Baked Potatoes, Pork-n-beans, Cornbread, Cookie, Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk Sloppy Joe on Bun, Tots, Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk	Pizza, Vegetarian Option, Tots, Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk Hot Dog w/Fixings, Tots, Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk
18	19	20	21	22
Chicken Tenders, Vegetarian Option, Mashed Potatoes, Fresh Baked Breadstick, Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk Hamburger or Cheeseburger, Tots, Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk	Beef Tacos with Fixings, Vegetarian Option, Fiesta Black Beans, Fresh Baked Cinnamon Breadstick, Chilled Fruit, Milk Nacho Supreme, Fiesta Black Beans, Chilled Fruit, Milk	Manager's Choice Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Tots, Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk	Pulled Pork, Vegetarian Option, Baked Potato, Creamy Coleslaw, Fresh Baked Roll, Brownie, Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk Chicken Sandwich, Fries or Tots, Brownie, Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk	Hot Dogs w/fixings, Vegetarian Option, Tots, Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk Pizza, Tots, Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk
25	26	27	28	29
Chicken Sandwich, Vegetarian Option, Tots, Red Beans, Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk Chicken Tenders, Red Beans, Cornbread, Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk	Pork Nachos with fixings, Vegetarian Option, Steamed Corn, Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk Hamburger or Cheeseburger, Vegetarian Option, Tots, Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk	Spaghetti & Meatsauce, Vegetarian Option, Green Beans, Fresh Baked Garlic Sticks, Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk Meatball Sub, Tots, Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk	Gumbo, Steamed Rice, Vegetarian Option, Baked Potato, Texas Toast, Fruit Crisp, Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Tots, Fruit Crisp, Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk	Corn Dog, Vegetarian Option, Tots, Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk Hamburger or Cheeseburger, Tots, Chilled Fruit, Milk

SEPTEMBER MTE BREAKFAST MENU

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1
				Choice of School Made Cinnamon Roll OR Cereal w/Toast, Chilled Fruit, Chilled Fruit Juice, Cold Milk
4	5	6	7	8
LABOR DAY NO SCHOOL	Choice of Breakfast Eggs w/Grits & Toast, OR Cereal w/Toast, Raisins, Chilled Fruit Juice, Cold Milk	Choice of Flaky Biscuit w/Sausage Patty OR Cereal w/Toast, Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk	Choice of Breakfast Burrito OR Cereal w/Toast or Toaster Pastry, Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk	Choice of School Made Beignets OR Cereal w/Toast, Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk
11	12	13	14	15
Choice of Mini Pancakes OR Cereal w/Toast, Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk	Choice of Breakfast Eggs w/Grits & Toast, OR Cereal w/Toast, OR Toaster Pastry Raisins, Chilled Fruit Juice, Cold Milk	Choice of Flaky Biscuit w/Sausage Patty OR Cereal w/Toast, Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk	Choice of Muffins OR Cereal w/Toast, Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk	Choice of School Made Cinnamon Roll OR Cereal w/Toast, Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk
18	19	20	21	22
Choice of Hot Breakfast Pizza OR Cereal w/Toast, Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk	Choice of Breakfast Eggs w/Grits & Toast, OR Cereal w/Toast, OR Toaster Pastry Raisins, Chilled Fruit Juice, Cold Milk	Choice of Flaky Biscuit w/Sausage Patty OR Cereal w/Toast, Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk	Choice of Breakfast Burrito OR Cereal w/Toast, OR Toaster Pastry Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk	Choice of School Made Beignets OR Cereal w/Toast, Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk
25	26	27	28	29
Choice of Dutch Waffles OR Cereal w/Toast, Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk	Choice of Breakfast Eggs w/Grits & Toast, OR Cereal w/Toast, OR Toaster Pastry Raisins, Chilled Fruit Juice, Cold Milk	Choice of Flaky Biscuit w/Sausage Patty OR Cereal w/Toast, Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk	Choice of Muffin OR Cereal w/Toast, OR Toaster Pastry Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk	Choice of School Made Cinnamon Roll OR Cereal w/Toast, Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk



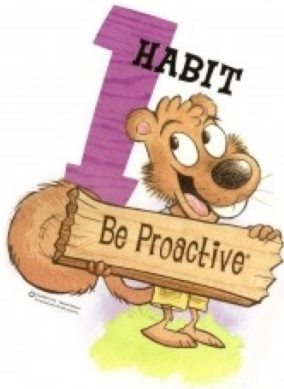
Catching up with the Counselor



Hey Maggie Friends & Family!

Welcome back! I know most of you are excited for all the new things this year: new building, teachers, classmates, friends, coursework, and ME, your new Counselor! I look forward to getting to know each one your students as well as the families and friends that build our Magnolia Trace Community! This year we will be diving into all things Leader in Me. Make sure to check out all the contributions the students will make throughout the year to reflect our growth as LEADERS. Each week the students will be sent home with a Leader in Me Question of the Week to discuss with you all what they learned about being a leader that week.

We will begin by working on habit #1: Be Proactive. Here are a list of books for families that can be read at home in order to learn more about being PROACTIVE! We hope you try one of these at home.



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On My Honor by Marion Dane Bauer
Amazing Grace by Mary Hoffman
Jeremy Thatcher, Dragon Hatcher by Bruce Coville
Hoot by Carl Hiaasen
Brave Irene by William Steig
Seedfolks by Paul Fleischman
Abel's Island by William Steig
Hatchet by Gary Paulsen
Rocky Road by Rose Kent
Picture Book of Jesse Owens by David A. Adler
The Most Magnificent Thing by Ashley Spires

We will be highlighting students and their families Leader in Me in the community on bulletin boards displayed in the main hallway. As we work throughout the year we would love your contribution to our boards. Ways to contribute: fill out the colored sheet Habit Form sent home with your student and return once completed. If you need more, please have the student let their teacher know.

PTA Volunteer of the Month

We would like to congratulate Ariella Heintz as our August Volunteer of the Month! Ariella reached out to us over the summer. She is new to the Magnolia Trace community and wanted to jump right in! She has taken on many leadership roles already, such as Hospitality Chair and Trunk or Treat. She did a wonderful job coordinating the food for our welcome back luncheon and our room representative meeting. We are so happy to have Ariella on our team this year. Thanks for all your hard work!



Harper Venezia
Kenny Pena
Tessa Futch
Eloise (Ellie) Berger
Ryan Ledet
Reagan Casey
Ellis Katner
Charlie Mayerhafer
Andrell Gant
Mia Perdomo
Makih Farria



Brett Tierney
Lois Conley
Jasper Ferris
Dariana Watts
Carter Thornton
Skylar Baca
Anya Gesser
Natalie Bertheau
Jacob Bell
Isaac Ponce

September

National PTA News

Did you know?

**National PTA has three pillars:
Healthy Minds, Healthy Bodies, and Healthy Earth.**

Take a minute to go to the link below to learn more about each one.

<https://www.pta.org/home/programs/Healthy-Lifestyles>

Healthy Minds*: Our goal is to try and make mental health a priority every day. Find strategies to help your children manage their emotions and give your children the tools they need to thrive.

Healthy Bodies: Find ideas, such as Family Tasting Nights, to help encourage a well-balanced diet, tips on hydration, and the importance of staying active!

Healthy Earth: Let's help make a Healthy Earth a priority! Here you'll find kid-friendly information about climate change, the science behind composting, and what you can do to help the Earth!

**The Healthy Minds materials include translations into Spanish, Tagalog, Somali, and Mandarin*

Don't forget to join the PTA! A small fee of \$7 goes a long way.

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 going to this link:

<https://mte-pta-membership-envelope-2023-24.cheddarup.com/>



Kaitlin McCaulley

MTE VP Membership 2023-2024

Student Spotlight



Upcoming Restaurant Nights

SEPTEMBER 20TH 4 PM–9 PM

LAGOS MEXICAN



OCTOBER 18TH 3 PM–9 PM

CHUCK E. CHEESE







MTE STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Amelia Taranto
2nd Grade

- First Year at Magnolia Trace
- First Year in Education
- Dream Vacation: Hawaii
- Favorite Restaurant: Habanero's
- On weekends I like to: Go to Target
- I cheer for: LSU

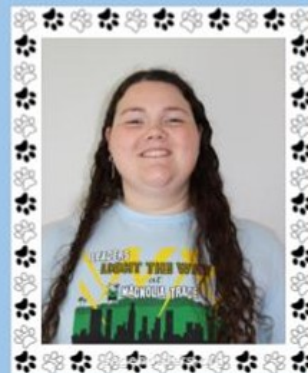


I became an educator because I want to create a loving community where all students feel welcomed and loved. It is important to me that all of my students feel valued and heard.



MTE STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Fallon Headrick
Multiple Abilities Program Teacher
(MAP Teacher)



- 1st Year at Magnolia Trace
- 4 Years in Education
- Dream Vacation: New Zealand to visit my best friend
- Favorite Restaurant: Texas Road House or a bubble tea place
- On weekends I like to: Hang out with my friends and cuddle with my cats.

I became an educator because I wanted to follow in the footsteps of the amazing teachers I had when growing up, and help other students grow in their own educational journeys. I also want to be able to help my SWE babies reach their full potential every day while spreading positivity about everyone being different.



MTE STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Stephanie Longman
TRT



- 12.5 Years at Magnolia Trace
- 19 Years in Education
- Dream Vacation: Paris
- Favorite Restaurant: Texas Roadhouse
- On weekends I like to: Spend time with my daughter, Sadie
- I cheer for: Team Maggie 🐾 (also LSU and Saints, of course)

I became an educator To make a difference in kids' lives, but to also work with teachers, so that I could reach more kids.



MTE STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Jordan Traub
Counselor



- 1st Year at Magnolia Trace
- 1st Year in Education
- Dream Vacation: Alaska
- Favorite Restaurant: Rusty Pelican
- On weekends I like to: relax, explore new places, be outdoors
- I cheer for: LSU

I became an educator to be the person someone can go to no matter their stage in life and provide a safe space for growth.



MTE STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Heather Raymond
Instructional Coach



- 7 Years at Magnolia Trace
- 14 years in Education
- Dream Vacation: Italy
- Favorite Restaurant: Lola
- On weekends I like to: read and cook
- I cheer for: Ole Miss and Alabama

I became an educator to make a positive impact in the lives of my students.



MTE STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Rene Simmons
Paraprofessional



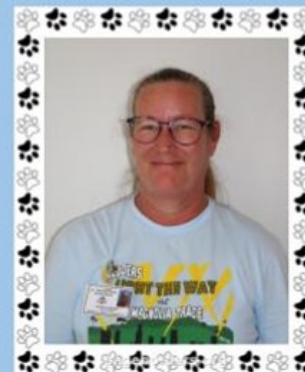
- 1st Year at Magnolia Trace
- 20 years in Education
- Dream Vacation: Rio at Carnival time
- Favorite Restaurant: McDonald's, Chili's, Cracker Barrel
- On weekends I like to: bead, paint, make shirts
- I cheer for: Saints, LSU

I became an educator because I love the children. Teaching them is so rewarding. Knowing them personally is the best.



MTE STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Crystal Freeman
Custodian



- 3 Years at Magnolia Trace
- Dream Vacation: beach
- Favorite Restaurant: Kazoku
- On weekends I like to: chill at home
- I cheer for: LSU

I became a custodian to help keep everything clean.

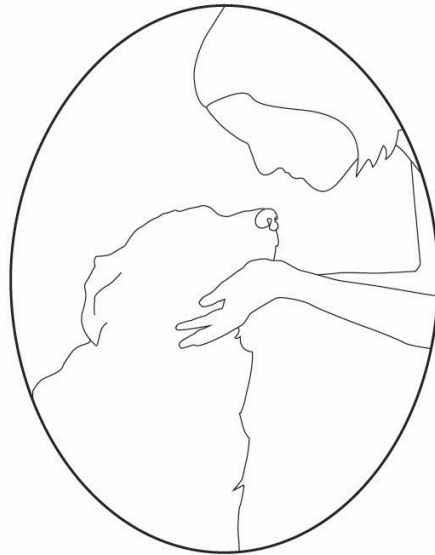
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