



Magnolia Trace Elementary

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October NEWS HOUND PTA NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Guardians,

September was an amazing month. It was great seeing all of our families at Open House. The students enjoyed sharing all about their classroom with their loved ones. We also have had a very successful Grandparents/Special Friends week. Family engagement is important to us and we will continue to foster this type of environment. In October we will be wrapping up our first nine weeks with a celebration day. Parents are allowed to help run our stations in which all students will participate. We will also have our annual trunk or treat for story book dress up day. Bus Drivers, National School Lunch Week, and Red Ribbon week will all take place in October.

Weekly, students are participating in Leader in me lessons and discussing how they are practicing the 8 habits. Our Lighthouse team members and Third grade ambassadors were able to attend a school board meeting. Our school was spot lighted as a leader in me school. It was a great experience. One of our students Reese continues to get recognition for problem solving and using her voice. We have received over 100 applications for Maggie Manager positions. We will begin implementing more leadership roles school wide so every child can discover their gift of leadership. Thank you to all families who have shared how they are practicing the 8 Habits at home. We encourage you to continue to send those in throughout the year.

The Phase II construction continues at Magnolia Trace Elementary. Currently the construction crew is working on the foundation of the next building. The last part of the building and our courtyard is scheduled to be complete by the end of the year. We are excited about our continued transformation. I want to extend a huge thank you and Shout out to our Faculty, Staff, Parents, and Guardians. Our students are raising the bar academically. We are seeing an overall increase in scores. We are working on a school wide goal for fluency.

We encourage all families to read with their children and allow their children to read to them. We appreciate your continued support.

If at any point you have any questions or concerns feel free to email your child's teacher or myself.

Thank you and Happy Fall!

Sincerely,

Jamie Breaux
MTE Principal

Upcoming Events

October 2nd - Custodian Appreciation Day
October 3rd - Ambassador Meeting
October 4th - Terrific Kids 9:30
October 6th - Parish Fair- NO SCHOOL
October 9th-13th-School Lunch Week
October 12th- Celebration Day
October 13th - NO SCHOOL for Students
October 16th-20th Bus Appreciation Week
October 17th 2nd Nine weeks Ambassador Meeting
October 18th - PTA meeting
October 19th - Report Cards Distributed
October 23rd-31st - Red Ribbon Week
October 27th - Spirit Day
October 31st - Trunk or Treat 12:45-1:35
November 1st - Terrific Kids at 9:30

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Hello families!

What a fun second month of school we've had! The kids are really getting into the swing of things, and I love seeing their smiling faces in the hallway.

Grandparents & Special Friends week was a huge success! The kids loved having the special people in their lives spend some time with them at school and Book Fair. Thank you for your support of Book Fair and we hope everyone loves their new reading material! BIG thanks Theresa Bennett, Amanda Brady, Tiffany McKibben, and Gretchen Carpenter for planning this great event! We couldn't have done it without our volunteers.

Our next school event will be our Trunk or Treat event on October 31st. We're hoping to have a trunk decorated by each class so be on the lookout for an email from your room representative if this is still needed! Don't forget, you can always pair up with someone else and work together! This event will also need lots of candy and treat donations. Each class will be asked to donate something specific. Please help if you can! I've heard a rumor that there might be a candy monster hanging out at MTE so we're going to have to work hard to keep him fed!

October will also be the month where we celebrate our custodians and bus drivers. Check the calendar for these dates! Our first celebration day will also be this month, along with the end of the 9 week term. I can't believe we have been in school for so long. It has been flying by!

As you can see, there is always a lot going on at MTE! There are plenty of opportunities to get involved by volunteering your time or talents to the PTA. We greatly appreciate all that families do to make this a special place and wonderful school experience for our children. If you need anything or have any questions, please feel free to email us at magnoliatraceelementarypta@gmail.com.

Caitlin Ness

MTE PTA President 2023-2024

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if you have any questions, concerns,
or suggestions.

Second Grade

Our second graders are in full swing! They have been hard at work and we couldn't be prouder of the leaders they are becoming! This month we are focusing on Habit 2 of "Begin with the end in mind." Students are practicing this by setting their reading WIGs (Wildy Important Goals) and are tracking their progress. Students are focusing on improving their reading fluency, specifically their words read per minute. We encourage parents and guardians to talk with their students about their WIGs and the action steps they are doing to reach their goals!

In ELA, we will be completing unit 2 on "Bedtime Tales" and unit 3 on "Kids Excel." Students will also be practicing the writing process of drafting, editing, and publishing. Students will continue learning different vowel sounds and spellings and applying these skills. In Knowledge, students will hear stories about ancient Greek civilizations in domain 3 including Mount Olympus, the Olympic Games, the city states of Sparta and Athens, Alexander the Great, and more! We will begin Greek Myths in domain 4.

In math, students will be continuing module 1 on place value concepts. Students will model base-ten numbers within 1,000 with money, compose and decompose with place value disks, and compare two three-digit numbers in different forms. We will begin module 2 on addition and subtraction within 200. We will focus on simplifying strategies for addition.

In science, we will be investigating plant and animal relationships. We will investigate how scientists study habitats, how new plants grow, how plants get the water and sunlight they need to grow, why plants can't always get the sunlight and water they need to grow, and how seeds get to new places.

As a friendly reminder, don't forget to check your child's yellow take home folder daily! Students should also complete math homework and fluency reading each night to practice.

We are excited for all that October will bring! Happy fall!



Third Grade

The third grade students are moving right along and their maturity level is showing every day. They seem to be very happy at school and enjoying our new school building!

In math, the students will complete Module 1 by exploring multiplication and division strategies and will move on to Module 2 soon. This new module uses place value to unify measurement, rounding skills, and the standard algorithms for addition and subtraction. The module begins with plenty of hands-on experience using a variety of tools to build practical measurement skills and conceptual understanding of metric and time units. Some suggested activities for math are:

Practice math facts nightly to help with fluency.

Practice telling time on an analog clock.

Bake and cook with real world measurements.

Estimate the weight of various objects and weigh them on a scale.

Estimate the length of various objects and measure them with a ruler, yard stick, or meter stick.

Our second reading unit will begin in mid to late October. This unit will entail the students reading literary and informational texts to understand the value of companionship, the joy of finding friends in unexpected places, and the significance of building a community of different perspectives. Please keep in mind that reading out loud to an adult who will take the time to listen, correct, and question comprehension of what's being read aloud for 10 minutes will help to develop fluency and comprehension. Immediate feedback will ensure accurate and confident reading habits. Some activity suggestions are:

Choral reading

Partner reading taking turns each paragraph or page

I read to you, then you read to me (Echo reading)

Silent read, followed by an oral read

Silent reading with oral summary

In social studies, students will finish up the unit learning about how the United States became an independent country. They will then move on to learning about the structure of the U.S. Constitution, the federal and state governments, and increase knowledge of U.S. geography. In science, students will complete the unit learning about Balancing Forces. Ask your child how the floating train rises and falls without anything touching it. Next, they will explore the unit on Inheritance and Traits. They will dive deep into exploring patterns in the traits of organisms. We look forward to another amazing month! As always, thank you for your support!

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,

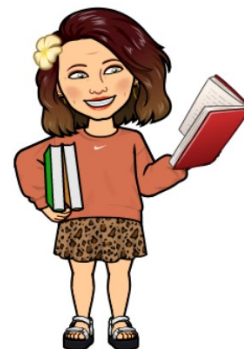
Thank you so much for supporting our September Book Fair. The children had a wonderful time shopping. Due to your generosity, we had our best ever Book Fair to date. We will now be able to purchase several new book collections for our library with the profits from the sales.

In the upcoming weeks, we will begin focusing on Digital Citizenship. We will learn how to be responsible when using digital devices at home and in the car. Please continue to have conversations with your son or daughter about what he/she is reading. Your interest truly does make an impact.

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

"Reading is a Passport to Countless Adventures." – Mary Pope Osborne

Keep Reading, Mrs. Kuylen



Coach's Corner

The students are off to a great start in P.E. They are quickly learning the rules and routine of the gym. We've also been learning some fun new games.

Please remember on P.E. days to send your child to school wearing tennis shoes. Many of our games involve running, and it becomes a little dangerous in the wrong shoes.

Coach Dusang, Physical Education Teacher

ART HAS
THE ROLE IN EDUCATION
OF HELPING CHILDREN
BECOME LIKE THEMSELVES
INSTEAD OF MORE
LIKE EVERYONE ELSE.
-SYDNEY GUREWITZ CLEMENS

WATTERS WORLD: Art News

THE ROLE OF ART:

ART encourages fine motor skills, neural development, and problem-solving abilities and that it can be used effectively to teach and understand other key subjects such as reading, writing, math, and science.

OCTOBER MTE LUNCH MENU

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2	3	4	5	6
H Chicken Tenders, Vegetarian Option, Macaroni & Cheese, Steamed Carrots, Texas Toast, Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk S Hot Dog w/Fixings, Chili, Tots, Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk	S Beef Burrito, Vegetarian Option, Fiesta Black Beans, Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk H Nacho Supreme, Ranchero Beans or Fiesta Black Beans, Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk	H Hamburger Steak w/ Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Vegetarian Option, Fresh Baked Roll, Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk S Turkey Melt Sandwich, Tots, Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk	H Jambalaya, Vegetarian Option, Oven Roasted Squash & Zucchini, Texas Toast, Rice Crisp Treat, Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk S Chicken Sandwich, Tots, Crisp Rice Treat, Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk	PARISH FAIR DAY NO SCHOOL
9	10	11	12	13
H Chicken Tenders, Vegetarian Option, Creamy Red Beans, Biscuit, Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk S Chicken Sandwich, Tots, Red Beans, Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk	H Chicken Taco, Vegetarian Option, Corn, Fresh Baked Cinnamon Breadstick, Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk S BBQ Pulled Pork on Bun, Tots, Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk	H Spaghetti & Meatsauce, Vegetarian Option, Green Beans, Fresh Baked Roll, Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk S Hamburger or Cheeseburger, Tots, Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk	H Breaded Pork Patty, Vegetarian Option, Steamed Spinach, Black-Eyed Peas, Cornbread, Cookie, Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk S Sloppy Joe on Bun, Tots, Cookie, Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY NO SCHOOL
16	17	18	19	20
H Chicken Tenders, Vegetarian Option, Mashed Potatoes, Fresh Baked Breadstick, Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk S Hamburger or Cheeseburger, Tots, Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk	S Beef Tacos with Fixings, Vegetarian Option, Ranchero Beans, Fresh Baked Cinnamon Breadstick, Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk H Nachos Supreme, Ranchero Beans or Fiesta Black Beans, Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk	H Chicken Fettuccine or Chicken Alfredo, Vegetarian Option, Steamed Broccoli, Fresh Baked Roll, Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk S Turkey Melt, Tots, Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk	H Pulled Pork, Vegetarian Option, Baked Potato, Creamy Cole Slaw, Fresh Baked Roll, Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk S Chicken Sandwich, Tots, Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk	S Hot Dog w/Fixings, Tots, Chilled Fruit, Brownie, Cold Milk H Pizza, Tots, Chilled Fruit, Brownie, Cold Milk
23	24	25	26	27
S Chicken Sandwich, Vegetarian Option, Fries or Tots, Red Beans, Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk H Chicken Tenders, Red Beans, Cornbread, Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk	H Pork Nachos with Fixings, Vegetarian Option, Steamed Corn, Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk S Hamburger or Cheeseburger, Tots, Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk	H Spaghetti & Meatsauce, Vegetarian Option, Green Beans, Fresh Baked French Bread, Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk S Meatball Sub, Tots, Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk	H Gumbo, Steamed Rice, Vegetarian Option, Potato Salad, Texas Toast, Fruit Crisp, Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk S Chicken Philly Sandwich, Tots, Fruit Crisp, Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk	H Fish Sticks, Texas Toast, Vegetarian Option, Tots, Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk S Hamburger or Cheeseburger, Tots, Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk
30	31			
H Chicken Tenders, Vegetarian Option, Macaroni & Cheese, Steamed Carrots, Texas Toast, Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk S Fish Sandwich, Tots, Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk	S Beef Burrito, Vegetarian Option, Ranchero Beans or Fiesta Black Beans, Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk H Nacho Supreme, Fiesta Black Beans, Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk			

OCTOBER MTE BREAKFAST MENU

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2	3	4	5	6
Choice of WG Breakfast Pizza OR Cereal w/Toast, Oranges, Cold Milk	Choice of Breakfast Eggs w/Grits & Toast, OR Cereal w/Toast, OR Toaster Pastry Raisins, Juice, Cold Milk	Choice of Flaky Biscuit w/Sausage Patty OR Cereal w/Toast, Apples, Cold Milk	Choice of Breakfast Burrito OR Cereal w/Toast or Toaster Pastry, Banana, Cold Milk	PARISH FAIR DAY NO SCHOOL
9	10	11	12	13
Choice of WG Donut OR Cereal w/Toast, Oranges, Juice, Cold Milk	Choice of Breakfast Eggs w/Grits & Toast, OR Cereal w/Toast, Raisins, Juice, Cold Milk	Choice of Flaky Biscuit w/Sausage Patty OR Cereal w/Toast, Apples, Juice Cold Milk	Choice of Muffin OR Cereal w/Toast, OR Toaster Pastry Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk	Professional Development Day NO SCHOOL
16	17	18	19	20
Choice of WG Breakfast Pizza OR Cereal w/Toast, Oranges, Cold Milk	Choice of Breakfast Eggs w/Grits & Toast, OR Cereal w/Toast, OR Toaster Pastry Raisins, Juice, Cold Milk	Choice of Flaky Biscuit w/Sausage Patty OR Cereal w/Toast, Apples, Juice Cold Milk	Choice of Breakfast Burrito OR Cereal w/Toast or Toaster Pastry, Banana, Cold Milk	Choice of School Made Beignets OR Cereal w/Toast, Diced Peaches, Juice, Cold Milk
23	24	25	26	27
Choice of WG Pancakes OR Cereal w/Toast, Oranges, Juice, Cold Milk	Choice of Breakfast Eggs w/Grits & Toast, OR Cereal w/Toast, OR Toaster Pastry Raisins, Juice, Cold Milk	Choice of Flaky Biscuit w/Sausage Patty OR Cereal w/Toast, Apples, Juice Cold Milk	Choice of Muffin OR Cereal w/Toast, OR Toaster Pastry Banana, Juice, Cold Milk	Choice of School Made Cinnamon Rolls OR Cereal w/Toast, Applesauce, Juice, Cold Milk
30	31	NOVEMBER 1	2	3
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, Juice, Cold Milk	Choice of Flaky Biscuit w/Sausage Patty OR Cereal w/Toast, Apples, Cold Milk	Choice of Breakfast Burrito OR Cereal w/Toast or Toaster Pastry, Banana, Cold Milk	Choice of School Made Beignets OR Cereal w/Toast, Sliced Peaches, Juice, Cold Milk



Catching up with the Counselor

Hey Maggie Friends & Family!

Hello Autumn! Fun fact: this is my favorite time of the year! We have many exciting things coming up this month. October is Anti-Bullying month and we will be discussing this matter throughout the month during counseling lessons. At the end of the month we will be celebrating Red Ribbon Week and this year's theme is Be Kind to Your Mind. Be on the lookout for more exciting things happening in the counseling world coming soon.

We are now working on habit #2: Begin with the End in Mind. Here are a list of books for families that can be read at home in order to learn more about goal setting and making a plan! We hope you try one of these at home.



Number the Stars by Lois Lowry
Amanda's Dream by Shelley Admant
The Three Questions by John J. Muth
Fish in a Tree by Linda Mullaly Hunt
Ramona the Pest by Beverly Cleary
Giraffe's Can't Dance by Gile Andreae and Guy Parker-Rees

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. Our boards are filling up quickly, make sure to turn in the colored Habit Forms to be displayed on the board. If you need more forms let your student's teacher know and we will get them for you.

--- Ms. Jordan

PTA Volunteer of the Month

We would like to congratulate Theresa Bennett as our September Volunteer of the Month! Theresa was our chairperson for Grandparents & Special Friends week and made sure the week went off without a hitch!

Thank you Theresa for working hard to get flyers out, set up for the week-long event, and greet our Maggie friends every day!



Christian Marler
Charlotte Dardis
Reed Olivier
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Reese Czerny
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Laura Pistorius
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Luke Hepting
Will Kuhn



Levi Ness
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Clara Oliveria
Jazmin Akamine-Cortez

October

National PTA News

The Smart Talk

Healthy and safe digital practices will help your family thrive. The Smart Talk is a free tool that helps families set digital safety ground rules together. Check out this website and get started today!

<https://thesmarttalk.org/>



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:



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Kaitlin McCaulley

MTE VP Membership 2023-2024

Student Spotlight

COMING SOON

Upcoming Restaurant Nights

OCTOBER 18TH 3 PM–9 PM

CHUCK E. CHEESE



**CHUCK E.
CHEESE.**

NOVEMBER 2ND 4 PM-8 PM

RAISING CANES

MANDEVILLE LOCATION







MTE STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Cheryl Nation
SWE Teacher

- 6 Years at Magnolia Trace
- 25+ Years in Education
- Dream Vacation: Europe
- Favorite Restaurant: 527
- On weekends I like to: focus on family
- I cheer for: University of Alabama



I became an educator because I want to guide and support students with varied abilities on their learning journey.



MTE STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Missy Singletary
Cafeteria Manager



- 17 Years at Magnolia Trace
- 17 years in Education
- Dream Vacation: Springtime in Paris, all of Europe, and Egypt
- Favorite Restaurant: Deanie's
- On weekends I like to: art and read
- I cheer for: Saints, LSU, and each other

I started working in the cafeteria because I love children. I get to see their smiling faces every morning and it brightens my day. I enjoy getting to know the students and providing healthy meals for them.



MTE STAFF SPOTLIGHT

LaRobyn Houston
Assistant Principal



- 3 Years at Magnolia Trace
- 20 years in Education
- Dream Vacation: anywhere with a beach and blue water
- Favorite Restaurant: Pat's Rest Awhile
- On weekends I like to: sleep
- I cheer for: students and families that feel they have no voice.

I became an educator because I have always wanted to be a teacher. I would make my sister and her friends have "class" at my house. I even sent home graded papers! I became a teacher and a leader to motivate others to see the best in themselves.



MTE STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Susan Pecoraro
3rd grade Math,
Science, Social Studies



- 21 Years at Magnolia Trace
- 21 Years in Education
- Dream Vacation: Italy
- Favorite Restaurant: Impastato's
- On weekends I like to: garden
- I cheer for: everyone

I became an educator to help.



MTE STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Nicole Chotto
2nd Grade



- 2nd Year at Magnolia Trace
- 16 Years in Education
- Dream Vacation: Greece
- Favorite Restaurant: Carretta's, Boulevard
- On weekends I like to: spend time with my family, anything outdoors
- I cheer for: everyone needs a cheerleader sometime!

I became an educator because I wanted to make a difference in children's lives to help build a better tomorrow.



MTE STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Eric Dusang
PE Teacher



- 24 Years at Magnolia Trace
- 29 Years in Education
- Dream Vacation: Cruise through Europe
- Favorite Restaurant: Chimes
- On weekends I like to: kayak and go to the dog park
- I cheer for: The Saints and LSU

I became an educator because to work with kids.



MTE STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Mickayla Watson
2nd Grade



- 2nd Year at Magnolia Trace
- 3.5 Years in Education
- Dream Vacation: Hawaii
- Favorite Restaurant: Chick Fil A
- On weekends I like to: Read Books, Go Shopping, Go for Walks
- I cheer for: Nicholls, Saints

I became an educator because I love working with kids and I am my best self when I am having fun and learning with my students in the classroom.

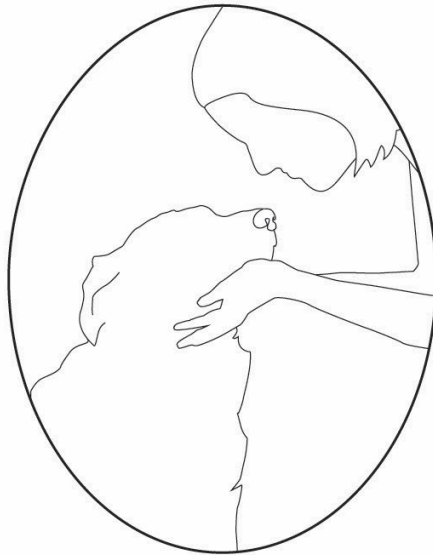
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