



Magnolia Trace Elementary

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November NEWS HOUND PTA NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We have had a great first nine weeks. We are well into our fall season and second nine weeks. In the season of Thanksgiving I send my gratitude to our amazing community. I thank you for entrusting us with your most precious gifts. Thank you for preparing our students for school and for all the activities. We are grateful to you and the success of our students is because of the support we have from our community.

We would also like to celebrate our teacher of the Year Mrs. Ownby! Her dedication to our students, our school, and this community is beyond expectation. She is a teacher that seeks first to understand then to be understood. She is a true testament of this habit and so many more. Watching her enrich the lessons with enthusiasm and at a level in which the kids are able to obtain is a beautiful thing to witness. Mrs. Ownby works with all students at all levels. Each student gets her undivided attention and love. She is a dynamic teacher and we are so proud to have her represent Magnolia Trace as Teacher of the Year for the 2023-2024 school year.

We are looking forward to November. We are going to be having our annual STEM night on November 8th for families to attend. There will be fun interactive STEM activities from community partners and teachers. We are excited about this event as well as our Veterans Day program which will be on November 10th. Thanksgiving break is from November 20th-24th we hope you enjoy time with your family and friends.

Leader in Me is alive and active at Magnolia Trace Elementary. We now have our second week Ambassadors serving as a voice for their class. We have Maggie Managers who are running school wide operations. We have a Spirit Squad that is broken up into three groups. We have a Birthday Brigade who will be celebrating student birthdays in classrooms. We have a Celebration Squad who will be celebrating students meeting goals and going over and beyond. We also have MTE Cheerleaders who will be performing at a few events. Ambassadors and Maggie Managers are chosen every nine weeks. Spirit Squad serves for the rest of the year. If parent or guardians would like to help implement and be part of our Leader In Me Program please reach out to Mrs. Breaux jamie.breaux@stpsb.org.

Magnolia Trace is a great place to be. Thank you again for being supportive and for being part of the best school community.

Jamie Breaux
MTE Principal

Upcoming Events

November 1st - Terrific Kids at 9:30 am
November 2nd - Field Trip 2nd Grade
November 3rd - Fire Drill - 2nd Grade Field Trip
November 8th - STEM night 5:30-7:30 pm
November 9th - Picture Retakes
November 10th - Veterans Day
November 14th - Instructional Coach Day
November 15th - Interims
November 17th - Substitute Day

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Dear Maggie Families,

October was jam-packed with lots of fun! We celebrated many different things –Celebration Day, Bus Driver Appreciation Week, Custodian Appreciation Day, Red Ribbon Week, and Storybook Character Day along with our 3rd annual Trunk of Treat! A huge thank you goes out to all of the parents and guardians who set up a trunk, walked with students, or donated candy and treats for our Trunk or Treat. You made everything fun for our little Maggies!

The MTE PTA sent home a very important survey last month. We are applying for the National School of Excellence Award. It's a two-year honor that we've carried twice, and it shows that our PTA works closely with the school to create a positive, enriching experience for the children, and we are growing a community that advocates for all children. Thank you to all who took the survey and sent it back to us. The feedback you provide will guide us with future plans. We appreciate your assistance!

We have a few fun events coming up this month! We have another restaurant night at Raising Canes, and we are so excited about STEM night on November 8! The teachers and PTA have worked hard to compile a fun-family-learning night at school complete with pizza. We hope you can make it!

As we move into November, let's be mindful of our blessings at MTE. We have fabulous leaders in Ms. Breaux and Mrs. Houston, other administrators and office staff, we have excellent support staff...our custodians and cafeteria staff are wonderful...

and our teachers are just phenomenal. They love our children and create a positive and encouraging educational environment for them. Finally, the Executive PTA Board as well as all the other Board members and families who volunteer or participate in all our special events and fundraisers. We appreciate all of you!

With thanks and appreciation,

Caitlin Ness

MTE PTA President



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2023 - 2024
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or suggestions.

Second Grade

"The key is not to prioritize what's on your schedule, but to schedule your priorities." By Stephen Covey

MTE is focusing on Habit 3, **Put First Things First**. Our second graders are learning how to prioritize and manage their time so that first things come first, not last. Habit 3 is the habit of will-power (the strength to say yes to your most important things). It is a great habit for our students to learn when is the right time to do their homework when they get home from school. They will learn how to schedule and prioritize their work, before they go play.

Our second graders had so much fun with the rest of the students at MTE, during our celebration day! We were able to synergize and work together during fun team building activities! Students were able to meet other students from their colored mansion and celebrate how great of a first nine weeks we have had growing in our leadership skills! What a great day it was! Here are some activities that my students loved....**Harper** enjoyed "Who Am I", and **Wyatt** liked the game "4 Corners". **Christopher** liked the "Hoola Hoop" game, along with **Jackson, Christian, and Croix** who liked Bingo. **Amorra** like "2 Truths and a Lie" but also had fun with **Victoria, George, Evie, Mia, Molly**, playing Jeopardy. Medals were passed out, along with popsicles. **Remas, Lucy, and Hensley** loved meeting new people. It was a great day for everyone.

In math, students will use the properties of operations, the relationships between numbers, and place value understanding to add and subtract within 200. They will apply these operations to representing and solving various word problems.

In ELA Reading we will be completing Domain 3, which introduced students to an ancient civilization whose contributions can be seen in many areas of our lives today. They learned about the gods and goddesses of the Ancient Greeks and the likenesses and differences of Sparta and Athens. Our next domain builds on the Ancient Greek Civilization domain and will introduce students to several well-known Greek myths and many well-known mythical characters. Students will learn that the ancient Greeks worshiped many gods and goddesses, and that the twelve they believed lived on Mount Olympus, the home of the gods, were the most powerful. Students will learn the definition of a myth: a fictional story, once thought to be true, that tried to explain mysteries of nature and humankind. They will also learn about myths that include supernatural beings or events, and that myths give insight into ancient Greek culture. Students will hear about Prometheus and Pandora, Demeter and Persephone, Arachne the Weaver, the Sphinx, and Hercules, among others.

For our ELA skills we are working on Unit 3, Kids Excel, and the Spelling alternatives: /ae/, /oe/, /ie/, /ue/, /aw/; Tricky spelling: a, o, and i. In grammar, we will study common nouns, proper nouns, capitalization, plural nouns, synonyms, antonyms, and action verbs. In writing we will be covering word and sentence writing, and respond to text, and personal narrative writing.

In Science, we will be completing our unit on habitats, plant and animal relationships, and how plants get the water and sunlight they need to grow.

We will be moving on to social studies in November. Students will learn about the first peoples of North America by studying how they lived and contributed to the culture of the United States. Students will explore the movement of people and goods throughout and into the United States and learn about colonial North America. Additionally, students will learn about national holidays, monuments, and symbols and their importance in the United States.

Third Grade

Our third grade students completed their first nine weeks and are continuing to grow both socially and academically. The first celebration day was a huge success! Students enjoyed celebrating with their color houses and spending time with teachers and students from other classrooms and grade levels.

In Math the students are in Module 3 and are moving back into multiplication and division with units of 0, 1, 6, 7, 8, 9. Students will explore patterns to identify strategies for multiplying and dividing. To culminate the module, students will use place value models, the properties of operations, and familiar facts to multiply multiples of 10 by one-digit numbers.

Some suggested activities for math are:

Practice math facts nightly to help with fluency.

Practice skip counting.

Play multiplication games at home using dice and cards.

Build arrays using objects from home.

We have moved into our second reading unit, "Because of Winn-Dixie," students are reading literary and information texts that explore the value of companionship, the joy of finding friends in unexpected places, and the significance of building a community of different perspectives. Third grade is also continuing to focus on reading fluency, which is reading rate, accuracy, and expression. Each student has their personal WIG (Wildly Important Goal) that they are trying to reach by December, as well as action steps to help them reach this goal. Ask your student about their WIG and what their action steps are. Many students added goals such as reading at home, listening to someone read, or reading to a younger sibling as part of these action steps.

Some suggested activities for reading are:

Choral reading

Partner reading taking turns every other paragraph or page

Echo reading

Silent reading with oral summary



MUSIC NOTES

November is Thanksgiving time! I am thankful for the wonderful school that I work at, a wonderful staff, the best PTA, and bright students who are eager to learn!



In Music class we will be studying the Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra. I am introducing several composers to our students, such as Mozart and Beethoven, and they are loving it. I found a new website that animates the notes of an orchestral piece so that you can SEE sound. We are having a great time in Music class!

Loving my job,

Norma.Ganucheau@stpsb.org

Library Check it out!

We have purchased several new titles for our library with the profits from the Book Fair. Many of our students had input on what we purchased. Thank you again for supporting our September Fair.

During the month of October, the students will begin learning how to use the online catalog to help them locate a book in the library. We will also be reading books of different genres aloud to expose your child with the amazing titles we have in our MTE library.

"The whole world opened up to me when I learned to read" – Mary McLeod Bethune

Thank you,

Julie Kuylen and Joanne Santos

Magnolia Trace Library



Coach's Corner

With daylight-saving time ending, it will be getting dark earlier in the evening. If you go out to exercise, you should have reflective material on your clothes or a light so you can be seen by people driving cars. Just because you can see the cars, doesn't mean the cars can see you. And don't forget a reflective collar for your dog to keep them visible to drivers.

Coach Dusang, Physical Education Teacher

WATTERS WORLD: Art News

Art is the only serious thing in the world. And the artist is the only person who is never serious."
Oscar Wilde

We will be working in the style of Artist Jeff Koons in creating our wonderful SQUARE ONE ART projects. I am looking forward to our leaders helping create the ideas for this exciting fundraiser.

NOVEMBER MTE LUNCH MENU

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1	2	3
		Hamburger Steak w/ Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Vegetarian Option, Fresh Baked Roll, Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk Turkey & Cheese Sandwich, Tots,	Managers Choice, Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk Chicken Sandwich, Tots, Brownie, Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk	Hamburger or Cheeseburger, Vegetarian Option, Fries or Tots, Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk BBQ Pulled Pork on Bun, Tots,
6	7	8	9	10
Chicken Tenders, Vegetarian Option, Creamy Red Beans, Biscuit, Rice Crisp Treat, Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk Chicken Sandwich, Fries or Tots, Red Beans, Crisp Rice Treat, Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk	Chicken Taco, Vegetarian Option, Corn, Fresh Baked Cinnamon Breadstick, Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk BBQ Pulled Pork on Bun, Tots, Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk	Lasagna, Vegetarian Option, Green Beans, Fresh Baked Roll, Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk Hamburger or Cheeseburger, Fries or Tots, Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk	Breaded Pork Patty, Vegetarian Option, Potatoes AuGratin, Pork-n-Beans, Cornbread, Cookie, Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk Sloppy Joe on Bun, Tots, Cookie, Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk	School Made Flatbread Pizza, Vegetarian Option, Marinara Sauce, Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk Hot Dog w/Fixings, Tots, Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk
13	14	15	16	17
Chicken Tenders, Vegetarian Option, Green Peas, Fresh Baked Breadstick, Rice Crisp Treat, Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk Hamburger or Cheeseburger, Tots, Rice Crisp Treat, Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk	CBeeF Tacos with Fixings, Vegetarian Option, Ranchero Pinto Beans or Fiesta Black Beans, Fresh Baked Cinnamon Breadstick, Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk Nachos Supreme, Ranchero Beans or Black Beans, Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk	Oriental Chicken, Vegetarian Option, Steamed Mixed Vegetables, Fresh Baked Breadstick, Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk Chicken Philly Sandwich, Tots, Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk	Roasted Turkey, Vegetarian Option, Sweet Potato Casserole, Cornbread Dressing w/ Gravy, Fruit Salad, Cranberry Sauce, Applesauce Cake, Fresh Baked Roll, Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk Chicken Sandwich, Fries or Tots, Brownie, Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk	Pig-N-Blanket, Vegetarian Option, Fries or Tots, Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk Pizza, Fries or Tots, Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk
20	21	22	23	24
Thanksgiving Break—No School				
27	28	29	30	
Chicken Sandwich, Vegetarian Option, Tots, Red Beans, Rice Crisp Treat, Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk Chicken Tenders, Red Beans, Cornbread, Crisp Rice Treat, 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 Hot Dog w/Fixings, Tots, Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk	Gumbo or Sauce Piquante, Steamed Rice, Vegetarian Option, Potato Salad, Texas Toast, Fruit Crisp, Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk BBQ Chicken Sandwich, Fries or Tots, Fruit Crisp, Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk	

NOVEMBER MTE BREAKFAST MENU

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1	2	3
		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, Peaches, Cold Milk
6	7	8	9	10
Choice of Mini Pancakes OR Cereal w/Toast, Oranges, Cold Milk	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, Kiwi, Cold Milk	Choice of Muffins with sliced cheese OR Cereal w/Toast, Banana, Cold Milk	Choice of School Made Cinnamon Roll OR Cereal w/Toast, Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk
13	14	15	16	17
Choice of 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, 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, Diced Pears, Cold Milk
20	21	22	23	24
Thanksgiving Break—No School				
27	28	29	30	
Choice of Dutch Waffles OR Cereal w/Toast, Oranges, 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, Kiwi, Cold Milk	Choice of Muffin OR Cereal w/Toast, OR Toaster Pastry Banana, Cold Milk	



Hey there students, family, & friends!

November is here & that means holiday season is upon us! I am most grateful for each and every one of our students here at Magnolia Trace. Each day they show me new outlooks on life and always keep my days bright and fun. I enjoy working with them as well as their families. The CSAPE lesson will be covered November 6-10th and you should have received a letter regarding this information. A letter and activity will go home with each student once the lesson has been completed with me at school. I encourage you to complete the activity sheet with them & discuss the tools they learned from the lesson I will be giving them. Thank you for all you do for our kiddos at home, they are very special to us!

We are now working on habit #3: Put First Things First. Here is 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.



The TV Kid by Betsy Byars
Someday a Tree by Eve Bunting
Armadilly Chili by Helen Ketteman
Horton Hatches the Egg by Dr. Seuss
Spaghetti in a Hot Dog Bun by Marie Dismondy
The Ant and the Grasshopper by Aesop

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.

--- Mrs. Jordan

PTA Volunteer of the Month

This month we would like to recognize Tiffany McKibben as our Volunteer of the Month! Tiffany has been instrumental in getting this year off to a great start. She helped with the website set up, in charge of volunteers and sign ups, and works hard to publish our newsletter every month. Thank you Tiffany! We are so happy to have you on our team!



Evelyn Smith
Dexter Randall
Scarlett Caddell
Lucy Walters
Aiden Brady
Emory Buras
Draya Jackson
Londyn Vaughn
Julianna Kaufman
Tucker Bordelon
Emma McCaulley



Mollie Harrell
Phoebe Chappuis
Amelia Guidry
Olivia Meaux
Adeline Schultz
Audrey Wells
Patrick Dylan Guzman
Charlotte Esqueda
Riggs Chaisson
Leilani Estoque

November

NATIONAL PTA[®] REFLECTIONS[®]

The PTA Reflections program is coming up! Be on the lookout for more information coming home soon and on our Facebook page.

The theme this year is:

I am hopeful because...

Students will have the opportunity to create an original work of art in the following categories: dance choreography, film production, literature, music composition, photography, and visual arts.

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

NOVEMBER 2ND 4 PM-8 PM

RAISING CANES

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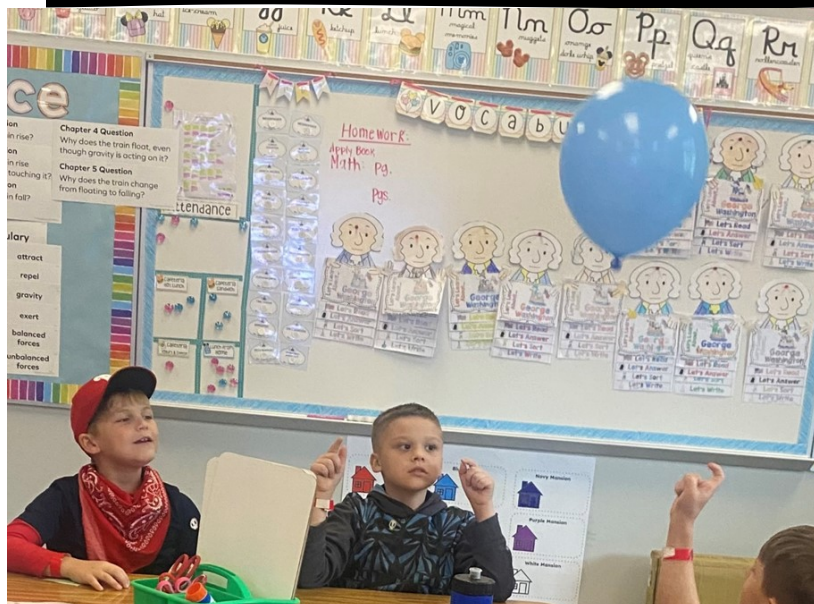
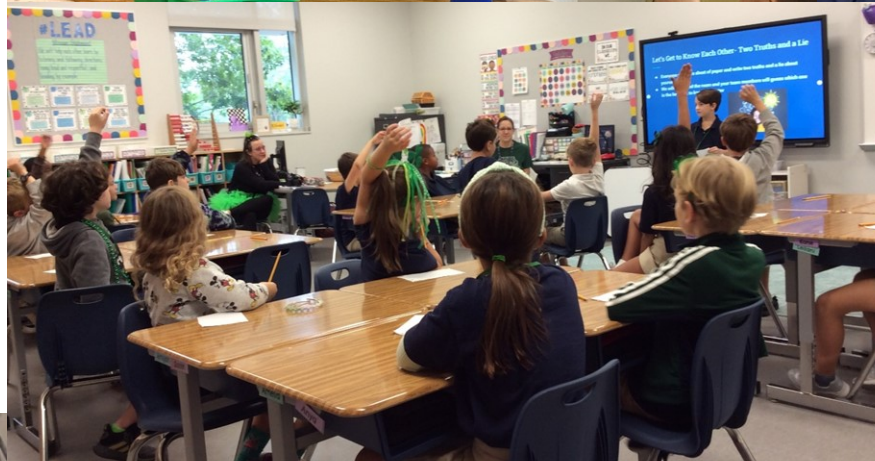
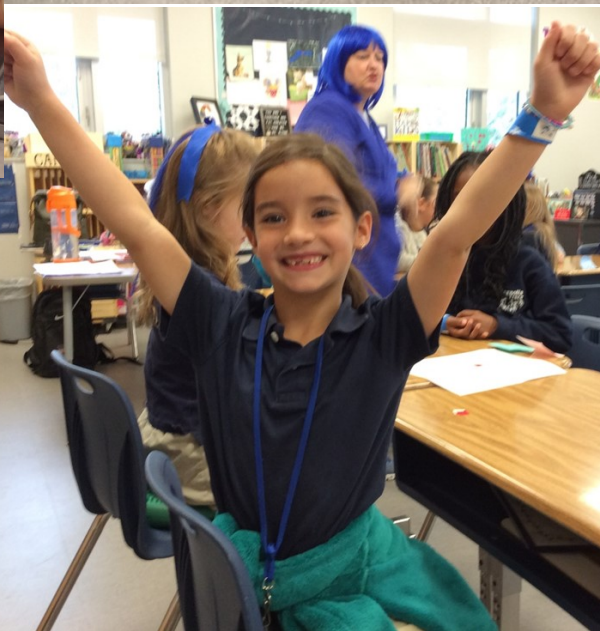


DECEMBER 6TH 4-8 PM

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MTE STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Shelli Pederson
Assistant Cafeteria
Manager

- 4 Years at Magnolia Trace
- 15 years in Education
- Dream Vacation: Hawaii
- Favorite Restaurant: Phils Marina
- On weekends I like to: spend time with my family
- I cheer for: Saints, Tulane, I.U.



I was a stay at home mom until my youngest daughter started high school. Then I took a job that afforded me the same hours as her!



MTE STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Sarah Claus
2nd Grade Teacher



- 2 Years at Magnolia Trace
- 16 years in Education
- Dream Vacation: Any Beach!
- Favorite Restaurant: Ruth's Chris steakhouse
- On weekends I like to: Be with my family
- I cheer for: LSU, Saints

I became an educator to make a difference in a child's life.



MTE STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Amelia McCann
Student Teacher with
Mrs. Ownby



- Graduating in December 2023!!
- Dream Vacation: Scotland and Ireland
- Favorite Restaurant: Texas Roadhouse
- On weekends I like to: sleep late, swim, take pup to the dog park
- I cheer for: Renaissance Festival!

I became an educator because I am a natural born teacher. I enjoy teaching, but I need more flexibility.



MTE STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Siobhan Friel-Campo
SWEDL



- 6 Years at Magnolia Trace
- 7 Years in Education
- Dream Vacation: Ireland
- Favorite Restaurant: Albasha, Copelands
- On weekends I like to: hang out with family
- I cheer for: Tabitha

I became an educator to make sure that all children have access to a quality education. To make sure that my team has everything they need to provide children with everything they need.



MTE STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Norma Ganucheau
Music Teacher



- 22 Years at Magnolia Trace
- 22 Years in Education
- Dream Vacation: Italy
- Favorite Restaurant: Albasha
- On weekends I like to: rest, read, garden, and church
- I cheer for: Saints and Tigers

I became an educator because I Love to teach!
Love kids! Love Music!



MTE STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Deeanna Ross
3rd Grade Math,
Science, Social Studies

- 10 Years at Magnolia Trace
- 10 Years in Education
- Dream Vacation: Amalfi Coast
- Favorite Restaurant: I'm not picky!
- On weekends I like to: Relax with family
- I cheer for: LSU Tigers, New Orleans Saints

I became an educator because I enjoy spending my days working with children. They are kind, funny, inclusive, and caring.



MTE STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Elaina Roque
RNC

- 4 Years at Magnolia Trace
- 13 Years in Education
- Dream Vacation: Portugal
- Favorite Restaurant: Mexican
- On weekends I like to: sleep, family, friends
- I cheer for: things falling into place

I became an educator to commit my efforts and passion to something that matters.



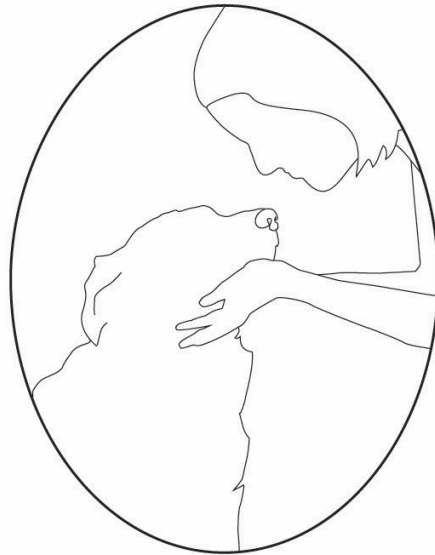
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