Magnolia Trace Elementary

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December NEWS HOUND

PTA Newsletter

Greetings to Parents and Guardians,

Happy Holiday Season! We are getting closer to the end of the 2023 school year. As we reflect on the last year we are super excited to have received an A score. Our school performance score increased by 5 points from 2022. We are excited about our growth and it is our hope that we continue to maintain high performance. We appreciate the continued support from our community and families.

Our STEM day and Veteran Day programs were very successful. I want to say thank you to our committees who organized and put on fantastic programs. I also want to thank the community partners. North shore Robotics, FHS Robotic Club, Mosquito Abatement Wildlife, and Lakeshore High Volunteers for helping to make our STEM night successful. We appreciate all of our Veterans. We had representation from each branch of the military with us during our program. We owe you great honor and gratitude for all the sacrifices you have made for us. You can see the program on our PTA Facebook page and our school website.

We have much to look forward to in December. Our choir will be performing at Holiday of Lights on December 1st at 7pm on Koop Drive. Our choir will also be performing Thursday, December 21st at 2:30 PM in our school gym. We will have a violin concert at FJH on December 20th at 6pm. In addition, we will be having our second nine week celebration day during the ½ day on December 22nd. While there are many celebrations going on in December we are continuing to learn and reach for our student learning targets. Our students are setting goals and many are beginning to exceed their goals. As we move into the second half of the year I encourage students to enjoy the holidays and come back ready to reach new heights. Our teachers are working hard to prepare fun and engaging lessons to keep students learning and growing.

Our school building is continuing to be built! The foundation for our last hallway was poured and beams will be coming up soon. The estimated time of completion for our entire school is in July. We are looking forward to seeing our new court yard and our new wing!

School Leadership is continuing to grow at MTE. Our spirit squads are now in action. Our Maggie Managers for second nine weeks are doing a great job. We will be selecting our third nine week Managers this month. We will have a Leadership Training day on Saturday, December 9th. More information about this event will be coming home soon. Please encourage students to complete Maggie Manager applications. We are hoping that by the end of the year each child would have had an opportunity to have a leadership role. It is amazing to see their growth and confidence as they learn their jobs. If you have any questions about leadership opportunities email me at jamie.breaux@stpsb.org. Thank you again for your continued support!

Sincerely,
Jamie Breaux
Principal
Magnolia Trace Elementary

Upcoming Events

December 6th – PTA 10:30 Meeting
December 7th – Terrific Kids 9:30
December 12th –Ambassador Meeting
December 14th -Teacher Luncheon
December 19th – LIM coaching day/Maggie Manager Training 4-5
December 20th – Faculty Meeting 7:45/Marigny Polar Express/Violin Concert at FJH
December 21st – 2:00 Choir Concert for Marigny and 2:45 Choir Concert for MTE.
December 22nd – Celebration Day ½ students and ½ record keeping
January 8th – Return to school

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Season's Greetings!

This year is coming to an end, but our Maggies have an exciting December ahead of them! It's the end of 2023 and we already have a semester of school under our belts!

We have a busy December with Sonic Restaurant Night, the Teacher Holiday Luncheon (Thank you to all of our class sitters! We couldn't do it without you!), class parties, and a Celebration day. And…we have some great events planned for the second half of the year such as Cultural Arts Day, the Boosterthon Fun Run, and Teacher Appreciation Week.

PTA is excited to announce that we'll have some fun in January at MTE's Pelicans Night! Maggies, join the Lake Harbor Owls & Marigny Starfish for a fun night watching the Pelicans play the Thunder on January 26! Tickets will be on sale soon so watch for the flyer to go home. Also, 12 lucky MTE students will be randomly selected to stand with the Pelicans players during the National Anthem!

If anyone is interested in getting more involved, it's not too late! There are still ways you can help! Email magnoliatraceelementarypta@gmail.com with any questions or interest!

I hope everyone enjoys the rest of December and has the opportunity to spend lots of time with family over the break!

Warmest wishes to you and your family this holiday season!

Magnolia Trace
2023 - 2024
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Please email us at magnoliatraceelementarypta@gmail.com if you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions.

Second Grade

“November was a busy month finishing up our ELA and Science units and diving deep into addition and subtraction math strategies. We have lots of fun and exciting lessons and activities planned throughout this month.

In ELA, we completed our Greek units in Knowledge. We enjoyed celebrating the end of these units with our culminating activities that included our Greek tasting and fun Greek themed activities. We started our new unit: The War of 1812. Throughout this unit students will learn about an important period of history of the United States. This war is best remembered as the war that gave birth to the *Star Spangled Banner* and includes important historical information related to New Orleans and the Mississippi River. Students will also begin the new unit in Skills. They will read *The Job Hunt* and work on r controlled vowels and long vowels.

In Math, we are finishing our module on *Addition and Subtraction within 200.* Students will use place value strategies to subtract with two decompositions and solve one and two step word problems within 100 using both addition and subtraction strategies. We will also begin our next module: Shapes and Time with Fraction Concepts.

In Social Studies this month, we will continue to explore the early American settlers and Native Americans. They 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.

The students have been working very hard and we are excited to see the continued growth and success throughout the school year. We know this time of year is very exciting for young students, and we have some fun things planned for the holiday season, but please continue to make sure your child is completing nightly assignments including reading 15-20 minutes.

We can’t wait for a fun filled December!

Third Grade

November sure was a busy and exciting month! Shout out to Mrs. Banek’s and Mrs. Pecoraro’s classes for their informative and touching Veterans Day presentations! They did a beautiful job honoring those who serve our country.

Throughout the month of December, third grade students will be busy discovering a deeper understanding of multiplication and division. Please encourage your child to practice multiplication and division facts each night. Recognition of these facts will foster mastery of more advanced concepts. Students will also begin learning about area. In ELA, third graders will begin to read a variety of stories about unlikely friendships and make connections between the texts. In social studies, third graders will also continue to study how our nation grew by learning about the Louisiana Purchase. In science, students will continue to learn about inheritance and variation of traits. .

As the holidays approach, it’s the best time of the year to celebrate the joy of the season with our school family! Students will enjoy celebrating the holidays during our 2nd quarter celebration day on December 22. Friday, December 22nd will be a half day of school for students, as we wrap up the end of the second quarter. Students will return to school after winter break on January 8, 2024. We wish everyone a very happy holiday and a safe and happy New Year!

MUSIC NOTES

December is Christmas time! It's the most wonderful time of the year. We will be studying the Nutcracker and singing lots of fun Christmas songs.

The MTE Christmas Choir program will be on:

December 21st in the gym at 2:30.

Loving my job,

Norma Ganucheau

Loving my job,

Norma.Ganucheau@stpsb.org

Library -Check it out!

We will be enjoying some holiday stories in the library during the month of December. Please encourage your child to read and discuss what they're reading with you. I have been fortunate enough to read with several students in the library lately. Many of them are excited to read. They are becoming stronger independent readers and love to model reading with an adult or reading buddy. The value of reading with your child is priceless! We have many new book titles in the library. My hope for the New Year is to expose children to many new books and authors they are not aware of.

"There is more treasure in books than in all the pirate's loot on Treasure Island." - Walt Disney

Thank you so much,

Julie Kuylen and Joanne Santos

Coach's Corner

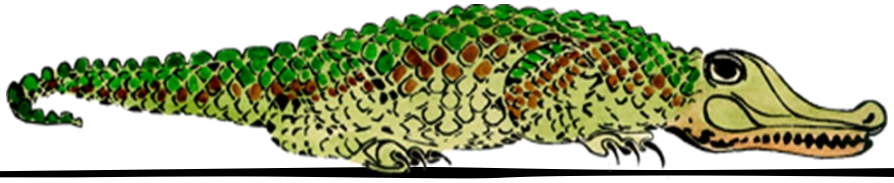
Since the beginning of the year we have been working on individual movement skills, such as types of movement (walking, running, skipping, galloping, hopping, jumping, and shuffling), directions, levels, and pathways. We will begin to learn manipulative skills (throwing, catching, kicking, and striking) and team building skills.

Coach Dusang, Physical Education Teacher

WATTERS WORLD: Art News

MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!

Thank you to all my students, you make my life full of joy, laughter, and LOVE!!!



DECEMBER MTE LUNCH MENU

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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				H; BBQ Chicken Sandwich, Tots, Fruit Crisp, Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk S; Chicken Philly Melt, Vegetarian Option, Tots, Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk
4	5	6	7	8
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	H, Beef Burrito, Vegetarian Option, Fiesta Black Beans, Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk S, BBQ Pulled Pork on Bun,Tots, Chilled Fruit , Cold Milk	H; Hamburger Steak w/ Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Vegetarian Option, Fresh Baked Roll, Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk S, Chicken Philly Melt, Tots, Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk	H, Jambalaya, Vegetarian Option, Oven Roasted Squash & Zucchini, Texas Toast, Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk S, Chicken Sandwich, Tots, Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk	H,Hamburger, Vegetarian Option, Tots, Rice Crisp Treat, Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk S, BBQ Pulled Pork on Bun, Tots, Crisp Rice Treat, Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk
11	12	13	14	15
H, Chicken Tenders, Vegetarian Option, Creamy Red Beans, Biscuit, Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk S, Chicken Sandwich, Tots, Red Beans, Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk	H, Fish Sticks, Baked Potato, Vegetarian Option, Cole Slaw, Fresh Baked Roll, Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk S, Fish Sandwich, Tots, Cole Slaw, Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk	H, Spaghetti & Meatsauce, Vegetarian Option, Green Beans, Fresh Baked Roll, Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk S, Hamburger, 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 S, Sloppy Joe on Bun, Tots, Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk	H, School Made Flatbread Pizza, Vegetarian Option, Marinara Sauce, Cookie, Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk S, Hot Dog w/Fixings, Tots, Cookie, Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk
18	19	20	21	22
H, Chicken Tenders, Vegetarian Option, Mashed Potatoes, Fresh Baked Breadstick, Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk S, Hamburger, 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, Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk	H, Pulled Pork, Vegetarian Option, Baked Potato, Creamy Cole Slaw, Fresh Baked Roll, Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk S, Turkey Melt Sandwich, Tots, Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk	H, Breaded Pork Patty, Vegetarian Option, Steamed Spinach, Black-Eyed Peas, Cornbread, Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk S, Chicken Sandwich, Tots, Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk	H, Hot Dog w/Fixings, Vegetarian Option, Fries or Tots, Brownie, Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk S, Hot Dog w/Fixings, Fries or Tots, Cookie, Chilled Fruit, Cold Milk
25	26	27	28	29
	HAPPY HOLIDAYS—NO SCHOOL			

DECEMBER MTE BREAKFAST MENU

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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				Choice of School Made Cinnamon Roll OR Cereal w/Toast, Chilled Fruit, Chilled Fruit Juice, Cold Milk
4	5	6	7	8
Choice of Breakfast Pizza OR Cereal w/Toast, Chilled Fruit, Chilled Fruit Juice, 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, Chilled Fruit, Chilled Fruit Juice, Cold Milk	Choice of Breakfast Burrito OR Cereal w/Toast or Toaster Pastry, Chilled Fruit, Chilled Fruit Juice, Cold Milk	Choice of School Made Beignets OR Cereal w/Toast, chilled fruit, Chilled Fruit Juice, Cold Milk
11	12	13	14	15
Choice of Donut OR Cereal w/Toast, Chilled Fruit, Chilled Fruit Juice, 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, Chilled Fruit Juice, Cold Milk	Choice of school made muffin OR Cereal w/Toast or Toaster Pastry, Chilled Fruit, Chilled Juice Cold Milk	Choice of School Made Beignets OR Cereal w/Toast, Diced Pears, Cold Milk
18	19	20	21	22
Choice of Breakfast Pizza OR Cereal w/Toast, Chilled Fruit, Chilled Fruit Juice, 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, Chilled Fruit, Chilled Fruit Juice, Cold Milk	Choice of Breakfast Burrito OR Cereal w/Toast or Toaster Pastry, Chilled Fruit, Chilled Fruit Juice, Cold Milk	Choice of School Made Beignets OR Cereal w/Toast, chilled fruit, Chilled Fruit Juice, Cold Milk
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Hey there students, family, & friends!

December is here & that means holiday season is upon us! As this holiday season approaches I encourage everyone to find new ways to show kindness and gratitude at home, at school, and in the community. I am blessed to be a part of each of your student's lives and love seeing each of them grow throughout these few short months. Thank you for all you do for our kiddos at home, they are very special to us!

We are now working on habit #4: Think Win Win. 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.

Charlotte's Web by E.W. White
Out of Left Field by Ellen Klages
Nothing's Fair in Fifth Grade by Barthe DeClements
The Butter Battle Book by Dr. Seuss
The Great Gilly Hopkins by Katherine Paterson
The Rainbow Fish by Marcus Pfister

Reminder: 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

November's Vounteer of the Month is Sheri Olsen! Sheri is our PTA Treasurer and she's always working on something PTA! Sheri was responsible for gathering all of our documents that allow us to keep Active Affiliation with Louisiana PTA, which is a lot of work, and always offers to assist others when needed. We are so thankful to have Sheri on our team!

Christopher Copping
Tayler Brown
Elias Ochoa
Nathan Singer
London Soteropulos
Emory Chuter
Scarlett Navarro
Regan Dabdoub
Lucy Thon
Ember McCabe
Abby Wortmann

Kiwanis Terrific Kids

Aubree Heintz
Harper Carona
Evan Ziegler
Presley Deville
Eva Sanchez
Noah McKibben
Alex DiMaggio
Quinn Johnson
Gabriel Hernandez
Stella Talbot
Amiyah Burnett

December

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

Family STEM Night

By: Trinity M.

Family STEM Night turned out to be a huge success! There were a lot of activities outdoors and indoors. We ate pizza, there were many games like cup stacking, robots underwater, and more to add on. At the robot station outside, there was a pool and a controller with an underwater robot. This station was my favorite station. It was cool to see the robot on top of the water and move underwater! We learned about how the controller works and how the robots were made. I was able to see my friends, work together in the stations, and have fun while learning. STEM night helped us learn about how Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math work all together.
I enjoyed Family STEM Night because it was fun!

Trinity M., 3rd Grade
Mrs. Fradella and Mrs. Cangiamilla's Class

Veterans Day

By: Landin W,

On November 10, Magnolia Trace Elementary performed a Veterans Day program. Veterans Day is a day to remember and recognize the millions of Americans past and present whose military service has kept our nation safe and strong. The students were able to use the 8 Habits of Leadership to make the performance great. The students were proactive and put first things first because they practiced for weeks at home and school. They found their voice and they sang songs celebrating America. The students synergized by recognizing employees and family who served to protect our country. Thank you to the brave men and women of our country for your service to keep our nation "The land of the free and the home of the Brave."

Landon W., 3rd Grade
Mrs. Banek and Mrs. Pecoraro's Class

Upcoming Restaurant Nights

SONIC

DECEMBER 6TH 4-8 PM
SONIC
HWY 59 LOCATION

Aquarius
Ursa Major
Libra

Magnolia Trace

GROW
DREAM
CREATE

MTE STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Julie Bright
Secretary

21 Years at Magnolia Trace
22 years in Education
Dream Vacation: Spain
Favorite Restaurant: Mandinas
On weekends I like to: Read, play with grandkids, and enjoy family
I cheer for: ULL Ragin Cajuns, Saints

MTE STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Reagan St. Germain
Student Teacher with
Mrs. Cangiamilla

Graduating in May 2024!!!
Dream Vacation: Switzerland
Favorite Restaurant: Streetside
On weekends I like to: hang out with friends and family
I cheer for: Saints, SLU Lions, and LSU

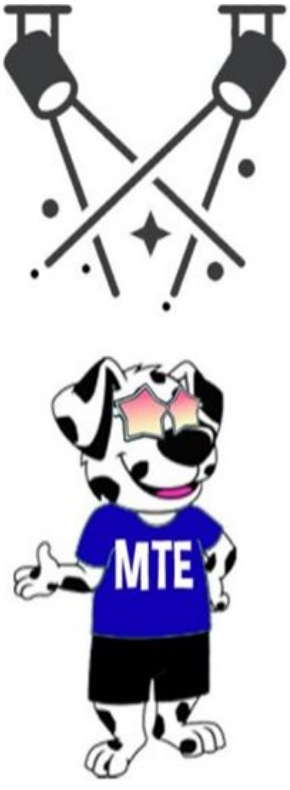
I became an educator because I was always the student who loved school, I loved my teachers and my classmates and looked up to so many of them. I want to be a role model to kids around me and be able to help them grow!

MTE STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Heather Watters
Art Teacher

15 Years at Magnolia Trace
15 Years in Education
Dream Vacation: Any and ALL
Favorite Restaurant: Delporto
I cheer for: God's Will

I became an educator because it's the only degree that didn't require a foreign language!



MTE STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Leslie Snedker
2nd Grade
SWE Resource Teacher

4th Year at Magnolia Trace
7 Years in Education
Dream Vacation: stay in a hut over the water in Fiji
Favorite Restaurant: Habaneros
On weekends I like to: spend time with my family
I cheer for: Auburn- WAR EAGLE!

I became an educator to make a difference and be a voice/advocate for students with special needs.

MTE STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Lacey Dumas
2nd Grade

9 Years at Magnolia Trace
10 Years in Education
Dream Vacation: Any place with a beach!
Favorite Restaurant: Bistro Byronz
On weekends I like to: Spend time with family

"Our greatest natural resource is in the minds of our children."
-Walt Disney

MTE STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Megan Smith
3rd Grade Math, Science, Social Studies

5 Years at Magnolia Trace
18 Years in Education
Dream Vacation: Europe
Favorite Restaurant: Leonardo's
On weekends I like to: Spend time with family
I cheer for: LSU

I became an educator because I love seeing the world through the eyes of children. I have always loved seeing their excitement when mastering new skills.

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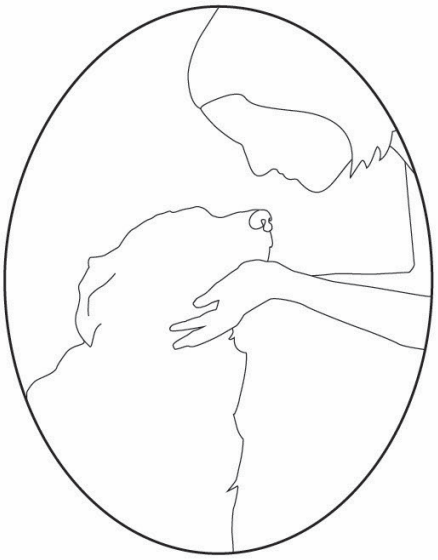

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