



Magnolia Trace Elementary

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March NEWS HOUND PTA NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It has been an amazing whirlwind of events in February. We celebrated Black History Month and learned from strong leaders who have overcome adversity. Students participated in Black History Trivia and presentations in classrooms. In addition, we had a great Cultural arts day where we learned about the different Cultural Regions in Louisiana. Students made meat pies hosted by Culinary Arts. They learned all about jazz with a jazz musician, created some hot air balloon crafts, and even performed some Cajun line dancing as they learned about our Cajun culture. We are appreciative of all the volunteers who helped make this event happen.

Our Ambassadors had a great visit with our school board representative Mrs. McCollum who also bought some delicious king cake for the students to enjoy. We celebrated our Terrific Kids and enjoyed our Mardi Gras Break. Students completed some middle of the year assessments. We had our first sports club meeting which was a huge success. Our K-Kids did a great job supporting school safety and sending out affirmations to teachers. We celebrated school counselors and our SRO this month. We are very grateful for both Mrs. Jordan and Officer Kevin. The entire school benefits from their service, love, and care that they share with everyone.

We are continuing with our learning walks, teacher observations, and effective classroom lessons. In the month of March we are ending our third nine weeks and starting our last nine weeks of the year. We will also be kicking off our school Boosterthon fundraiser sponsored by our PTA. The spring semester is here and time truly flies. I treasure this time with our students. Every day is full of laughter, learning, and new things. It is a gift and a blessing to be able to lead and grow with such an outstanding community. My gratitude and love is sent to all of you.

Should you have any questions, concerns or praises feel free to email me at

jamie.breaux@stpsb.org.

Sincerely,
Jamie Breaux
MTE Principal

Upcoming Events

March 4th-Maintenance Worker Day/Read Across America week
March 5th - Ambassador meeting
March 6th - Terrific Kid 9:30/Fire Drill/ PTA 10:30
March 7th - Spring Casual Pictures
March 13th - Boosterthon Kick off/Talent show Practice
March 15th - No school for students
March 18th - Talent show run through practice after school
March 19th -Ambassador Meeting
March 20th - K-kids 4-5:15
March 21st - Talent Show in afternoon/Report cards
March 22nd - Boosterthon Fun Run
March 26th - Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast
March 27th - 3rd grade fieldtrip
March 28th - 3rd grade field trip
March 29th - April 7th - Spring Break

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Hi, Maggie Families!

February and Mardi Gras season are behind us; spring is on its way! February was a fun month with Valentine's and Mardi Gras celebrations. Cultural Arts Day was a huge success and thank you to all our volunteers and businesses that participated! We appreciate your support of our February restaurant night at Lago – it is always nice to take a night off in the kitchen!

We have several events going on in March, including an evening of jumping at Altitude Night, and Boosterthon, everyone's favorite fundraiser!

We will host Boosterthon in March with the kick-off being March 13 culminating with the Fun Run on Friday, March 22. Boosterthon, our final fundraiser of the year, is a fundraising campaign that centralizes around a fun run and the students take pledges based solely on participating or by the number of laps they run. We will need volunteers on the day of the fundraiser, so be sure to check out Facebook for those opportunities! It's truly an exciting time for the kids because they love completing the nightly challenges for prizes! Last year we raised over \$28,000 and we'd love to take in that much, if not more this year and purchase STEM supplies and technology materials needed at MTE.

It's that time of year where we look to find people to fill the board positions – if you are interested in being more involved, please email me or send me a message on Facebook at any time! We truly have a great time being a huge part of the school and planning fun events for the kids. I'm sure I can find some way you can share your talents with us and the school! Be on the lookout for more information soon!

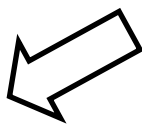
Cheerfully,

Caitlin Ness

MTE PTA President

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2023 - 2024
PTA Executive Board**



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VP of Cultural Arts - Tonya Deville

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

Second Grade

Our second graders are looking forward to a magnificent March. They have been working really hard and we are so excited to see the progress they are making.

In the beginning of March, students will travel back in time to Domain 9 where we will introduce students to an important period in the history of the United States- The U.S. Civil War. In this Domain, students will learn about this war and how the end of the war meant the end of slavery. They will also learn about women and men who were significant during this time.

In our ELA Skills lessons, students will finish up Skills 5 learning about alternative and tricky spellings of common sounds, verb tenses, and alphabetizing. They really enjoyed reading the funny stories about "Sir Gus the Fearless" and his mishaps. Then, the students will move on to Skills 6. In Unit 6, the reader for this unit will include stories about the War of 1812. Students will continue to work with alternative and tricky spellings of common sounds. Adverbs will be introduced and they will work on identifying complete and incomplete sentences.

In math, students will continue to work in Module 4 where they will deepen their understanding of addition and subtraction as they work within 1,000. Students will reason about place value, properties of operations, and the relationship between numbers as they choose efficient solution strategies to solve problems. Students will move on to Module 5 where they will apply place value strategies and properties of operations to work with coins and bills. They will also revisit measurement concepts using customary units, and solve problems in the context of money, length, and data.

In Social Studies, students will learn all about our government and how it works.

As the year continues, we hope that each child continues to remain focused and always do their best work. Thank you for all that you do to help in your child's education!



Third Grade

March Fun Fact: March is the time of year when animals start waking up from hibernation.

Well, at Magnolia Trace, we have been awake and learning so much all school year! Believe it or not, we are more than "1/2" way through the 2023-2024 school year!

In **Math**, we are wrapping up our learning about fractions. We went from thinking of fractions as area or parts of a figure to points on a number line. Our next unit consists of geometry and measurement with word problems. Please make sure you are reviewing all multiplication facts with your child. Because everyone learns in a different way, you can help your child figure out the best way for them to learn their facts. Some children prefer listening to music for the multiplication facts while others prefer writing them over and over, while some like playing games to learn the facts.

AMAZING FACT ALERT: RESEARCH SHOWS THAT A STUDENT WHO READS 20 MINUTES A DAY WILL BE EXPOSED TO 1.8 MILLION WORDS PER YEAR! Who can even count this high???

In **ELA** we are reading literary and informational texts to learn about the Louisiana Purchase and the characteristics of pioneers during this time period. Students will express their understanding of the Louisiana Purchase by explaining the events leading up to the acquisition of the territory and the results of those events.

In **Social Studies**, students are learning about industry and innovation in our nation by studying the Second Industrial Revolution & the growth of cities, Theodore Roosevelt and the Conservation Movement. In addition, students will learn about how our nation changed laws to form a more perfect union by studying the Woman's Suffrage Movement & the Civil Rights Movement.

In **Science**, students are learning about environments and survival! They will figure out how the traits of grove snails affect their survival in different environments. They will apply this understanding to explore other organisms, their traits, and if these organisms can survive in different environments.

BIG QUESTION: Why are the snails with yellow shells in the population not surviving as well as the snails with the banded shells?

Next, they design solutions to the problem of invasive plant removal using the structural traits of giraffes!

As Dr. Seuss says "The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go."



MUSIC NOTES

We are learning about the composer Camille Saint-Saens and his most famous work, *The Carnival of the Animals*. The piece is written for a symphony orchestra and has fourteen different movements that cleverly use sounds created by instruments to mimic the sounds of different animals. Through this study, students will learn about the different musical elements of this piece including tempo, timbre, pitch, and rhythm.



Loving my job,

Norma Ganucheau

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Library -Check it out!

Thank you for your support at our recent Book Fair. The children are growing as readers. Many have increased reading levels since the beginning of the school year. We will be purchasing many new book titles with the money earned from the book fair.



“You can find magic wherever you look. Sit back and relax all you need is a book.”

– Dr. Seuss

Julie Kuylen and Joanne Santos

Magnolia Trace Library



Coach's Corner

This month we will continue to apply skills we've learned throughout the year into games. We will be playing baseball/softball in a modified version to accommodate class size and space. We may have some future ball players that haven't realized their potential.

For some of the games we play, we keep score. It is a good way to teach the kids good sportsmanship. It is important for the students to learn how to win and lose, and still enjoy the game.

Coach Dusang, Physical Education Teacher

WATTERS WORLD: Art News

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



MARCH MTE LUNCH MENU

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1
OFFERED DAILY: Vegetarian Option, Vegetable, Fruit and Choice of Milk				School Made Flatbread Pizza, Marinara Sauce, Cookie OR Hot Dog w/Fixings, Tots, Cookie
4	5	6	7	8
Chicken Tenders, Mashed Potatoes, Fresh Baked Breadstick OR Hamburger, Fries	Nachos Supreme, Ranchero Beans OR Beef Tacos with Fixings, Ranchero Beans, Fresh Baked Cinnamon Breadstick	Chicken Fettuccine, Steamed Broccoli, Fresh Baked Roll OR Turkey Melt, Tots	Pulled Pork, Baked Potato, Creamy Cole Slaw, Fresh Baked Roll OR Chicken Sandwich, Tots	Grilled Cheese Sandwich OR Hamburger/Cheeseburger, Tots, Brownie OR Hamburger/Cheeseburger, Tots, Brownie
11	12	13	14	15
Red Beans & Rice, Steamed Carrots, Roasted Chickpeas, Cornbread OR Chicken Tenders, Tots, Roasted Chickpeas, Cornbread	Pork Nachos with Fixings, Steamed Corn OR BBQ Chicken Sandwich, Tots	Spaghetti & Meatsauce, Green Beans, Fresh Baked Breadstick OR Hamburger/Cheeseburger, Tots	Gumbo, Steamed Rice, Potato Salad, Texas Toast OR BBQ Pulled Pork on Bun, Tots	NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
18	19	20	21	22
Turkey Roast, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Fresh Baked Roll OR Hamburger, Tots	Beef Burrito, Ranchero Beans OR Hot Dog w/Fixings, Chili, Tots, Ranchero Beans	Chicken Pot Pie, Green Peas, Fresh Baked Roll OR Turkey Melt, Tots	Jambalaya, Oven Roasted Squash & Zucchini, Texas Toast OR Chicken Sandwich, Tots	Fried Catfish, Baked Potato, Cookie OR BBQ Pulled Pork on Bun, Tots, Cookie
25	26	27	28	29
Chicken Tenders, Creamy Red Beans, Biscuit OR Chicken Sandwich, Tots, Red Beans	Chicken Taco, Corn, Fresh Baked Cinnamon Breadstick OR BBQ Pulled Pork on Bun, Tots	Spaghetti & Meatsauce, Green Beans, Fresh Baked Roll OR Cheeseburger, Fries	Breaded Pork Patty, Candied Sweet Potatoes, Cornbread OR Sloppy Joe on Bun, Fries	NO SCHOOL—HAPPY SPRING BREAK!

MARCH 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
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/Ham OR Cereal w/Toast, Chilled Fruit, Chilled Fruit Juice, Cold Milk	Choice of, School Breakfast Burrito OR Cereal w/Toast OR Toaster Pastry w/Toast, 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 Pancakes 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/Ham OR Cereal w/Toast, Chilled Fruit, Chilled Fruit Juice, Cold Milk	Choice of School Made Muffin OR Cereal w/Toast OR Toaster Pastry w/Toast, Chilled Fruit, Chilled Fruit Juice, Cold Milk	NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
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/Ham 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
25	26	27	28	29
Student Choice of, Miniature Pancakes or, Cereal w/Toast, Chilled Fruit, Chilled Fruit Juice, Cold Milk	Student Choice of, Breakfast Eggs w/Grits & Toast OR Cereal w/Toast OR Toaster Pastry w/Toast, Raisins, Chilled Fruit Juice, Cold Milk	Student Choice of, Flaky Biscuit w/Ham OR Cereal w/Toast, Chilled Fruit, Chilled Fruit Juice, Cold Milk	Student Choice of, School Made Muffin OR Cereal w/Toast OR Toaster Pastry w/Toast, Chilled Fruit, Chilled Fruit Juice, Cold Milk	NO SCHOOL—HAPPY SPRING BREAK!



Catching up with the Counselor

It's time to MARCH to your goals this month! I encourage you and your students to keep working toward the goals you set for yourself at the beginning of the year. If you have not set a goal yet, now is a great time to start & march toward that goal all month long.

This month marks the beginning of spring. A time of renewal! I'm looking forward to all the new and exciting things this month is sure to bring. In February, the school counseling program continued with classroom guidance lessons and individual meetings with students. In classroom guidance, students participated in social emotional lessons on self-affirmations and empathy.

The next Habit, and one of my personal favorites is Habit 6: **Synergize!** This is a great habit to practice because we do it every day; we work together.

Synergy is:

1. Celebrating differences
2. Working together
3. Being open-minded
4. Finding new and better ways

Synergy is not:

1. Being intolerant
2. Working independently
3. Thinking you are always right
4. Being selfish

Ways to practice synergy:

Story time: Read a story below or another and discuss how the characters worked together and made it better.

Talk it Out: Think of a project that you can complete as a family. How will working together make it better?

Family Fun: Decide on a family project to complete together. Gather everyone's ideas on how to complete the project.

Working on it: Work on a project for the house with the family. Examples: clean up the back yard, build a bird house.

Play Together: Give your children a chance to choose a fun activity you can do together.

Check Out the Habit 6 Book List:

The Patchwork Quilt by Valerie Flournoy
Ramona and Her Mother by Beverly Cleary
Paper Wishes by Lois Sepahban
Chicken Sunday by Patricia Polacco
Swimmy by Leo Lionni
The Chalk Box Kid by Clyde Robert Bulla



--- Mrs. Jordan

PTA Volunteer of the Month

February's Volunteer of the Month is Karen Larson! Karen is our Square 1 Art coordinator and she began the process back in October. She'll be working on this all through the next month and we are so thankful for her time! Karen can also be found volunteering at all of the events put on by school and the PTA. Thank you for all that you do!



Mia Graff
Clayton Adams
Kimber Parchem
Savannah Cavignac
Gianna Forjet
Sierra Shaffer
Tony Smith
Vivian McNeil
Nicolette "Coco" Jones
Violet Monteleone
Emma Elliott



Julien Mistretta
Landin Williams
Emma Wilson
Lehla Ward
Scott King
Luke Dupuy
Norah Blakeney
Gianna Portillo
Maya Kohls
Holden Bantom
Amelia Guillot

March

Upcoming Restaurant and Fundraising Nights



Altitude

Thursday, March 14

5-8:00 pm

**. Get 15% off all jump pass sales
online and in person**

Student Spotlight

Cultural Arts Day
By: Emma Sewell

Cultural Arts day was a lot of fun, wasn't it? Well I think it was. Do you? Wasn't Culinary Kids fun? The meat pies were delicious. We also learned about the flag that was hung up on the door of the gym and learned how to cajun line dance. The musician was really good and I enjoyed listening to him play the saxophone. I can't wait for next year's Cultural Arts Day.



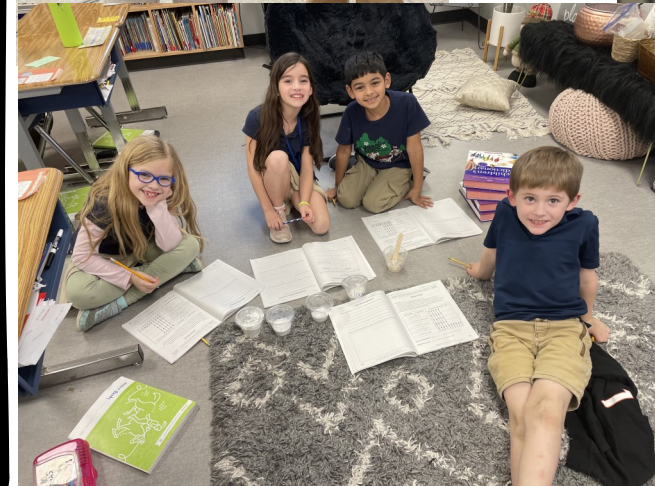
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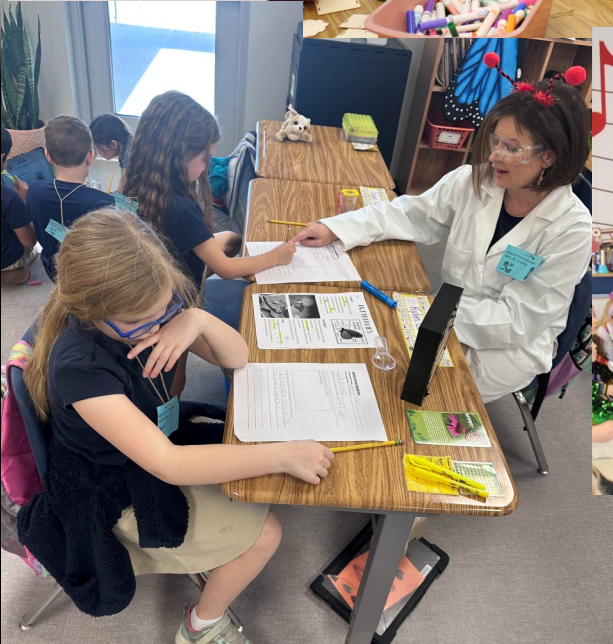
President • VP of Membership • VP of Cultural Arts • VP of Awards • Secretary • Treasurer
Restaurant Night Coordinator • Volunteer Coordinator • Hospitality Coordinator
and more!

Join the dedicated group of making MTE great for our kids! A call for nominations will be sent out in March or April. More information to come!

Interested? Email magnoliatraceelementarypta@gmail.com



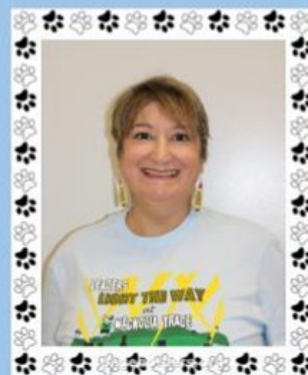






MTE STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Janel Ortiz
2nd Grade



- 13 Years at Magnolia Trace
- 13 Years in Education
- Dream Vacation: European Vacation
- Favorite Restaurant: Habaneros, Mama D's Pizza
- On weekends I like to: Garden, Shop, Read
- I cheer for: LSU, Saints

I became an educator because I love helping students grow and watching their progress.



MTE STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Kristen Hunt
3rd Grade ELA



- 3 Years at Magnolia Trace
- 14 Years in Education
- Dream Vacation: Banff National Park
- Favorite Restaurant: Albasha
- On weekends I like to: Spend time with family and friends, and relax
- I cheer for: LSU

Favorite Quote: "They may forget what you said, but they will never forget how you made them feel."



MTE STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Kathy Mosele
SWE Aide



- 3 Years at Magnolia Trace
- 30 Years in Education
- Dream Vacation: Mediterranean Cruise
- Favorite Restaurant: La Caretta
- On weekends I like to: Relax, read, play with grandkids
- I cheer for: Indianapolis Colts and Chicago Cubs

I became an educator because I grew up with an aunt with Down's Syndrome who was not allowed to attend school. I went in to education to help students with special needs have the same opportunities as everyone else.



MTE STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Brigette Aldridge
Speech Therapist



- 19 Years at Magnolia Trace
- 29 Years in Education
- Dream Vacation: Beach Trip
- Favorite Restaurant: Gallaghers, Chick Fil A
- On weekends I like to: visit my granddaughters

I became an educator because I have always had the desire to help children excel in life to the best of their abilities.



MTE STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Kevin Palazzo
SRO

- 2 Years at Magnolia Trace
- 2 Years in Education
- Dream Vacation: World Tour of Golf Courses
- Favorite Restaurant: Texas Roadhouse
- On weekends I like to: Golf, watch football
- I cheer for: Saints, LSU, Fantasy Football



I became an SRO to change the perception of cops in the eyes of the youth.



MTE STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Lillie Burns
Custodian

- 1 Year at Magnolia Trace
- 5.5 Years in Education
- Dream Vacation: New York, Africa
- Favorite Restaurant: Chili's, Popeyes
- On weekends I like to: spend time with family, catch up on my shows
- I cheer for: New Orleans Saints- WHO DAT!



I became a custodian because I like to clean for our sweet teachers and I like knowing I've done the best I can to keep our kids safe.



Camp Dates and Fees

2024

Public and Private Schools function on varied schedules. We are available for ALL holidays, check your school schedule to verify days off for your child.

Kids cook their own breakfast, lunch and snacks, desserts, make drinks, enjoy gardening, guest visitors with treats, science experiments, indoor/outdoor games and have great fun with friends!

Camp Hours : 9am – 3 pm (extended care available from 8 am – 5 pm for an additional fee)

Ages 5 - 12

2024:

January 2, 3, 4, 5	Winter Break Camps	\$75 daily rate (\$20 ext care) +tax
January 15	Martin Luther King Jr School Holiday Camp	\$75 daily rate (\$20 ext care) +tax
February 14, 15, 16	Mardi Gras Holiday	\$75 daily rate (\$20 ext care) +tax
March 15	School Holiday	\$75 daily rates (\$20 ext care) +tax
March 29	School Holiday	\$75 daily rates (\$20 ext care) +tax
April 1-5	Spring Break Camp	\$75 daily rate (\$20 ext care) +tax \$345 per week (\$ 75 ext care) +tax

Summer Camps \$345 per week (\$75 ext care) +tax

REGISTER EARLY!

May 27 - 31	Week 1	Cooking with the Classics
June 3 - 7	Week 2	Disney Days
June 10 - 14	Week 3	Mad Science
June 17-21	Week 4	Game On!
June 24-28	Week 5	Movie Madness
July 1, 2, 3 *	* SPECIAL NEEDS CAMP	
<i>*(closed July 4/5, Special Needs Camp Tuition fee is \$275 plus tax for 3 days)</i>		
July 8 - 12	Week 6	Animal Planet
July 15 - 19	Week 7	Disney Days
July 22 - 26	Week 8	Mad Science
July 29 - Aug 2	Week 9	Game On!
Aug 5 - Aug 9	Week 10	Movie Madness (daily rates available, ages 4 - 12)
Aug 12, 13, 14	Week 11	Holidays of the Year (3 days, daily rate, no extended care available)

Spaces fill by APRIL 1

Registration OPEN all year,
call anytime to save your space
985-727-5553

Tuition Calculations:

\$20 + tax = \$ 21.74
\$75 + tax = \$ 81.53
\$275 + tax = \$298.93
\$345 + tax = \$375.02

REGISTER EARLY for SUMMER CAMP!

Spaces fill by APRIL 10th.

Registration OPEN all year,
call anytime to save your space!
985-727-5553

Tuition Calculations:

\$20 + tax = \$ 21.74
\$75 + tax = \$ 81.53
\$275 + tax = \$298.93
\$345 + tax = \$375.02

October 4	Parish Fair Day	\$75 daily rates (\$20 ext care) +tax
November 5	Election Day Camp	\$75 daily rates (\$20 ext care) +tax
November 25, 26, 27	Thanksgiving Camp	\$75 daily rates (\$20 ext care) +tax
December 23, 26, 27	Winter Break Camps	\$75 daily rate (\$20 ext care) +tax
December 30	Winter Break Camp	\$75 daily rate (\$20 ext care) +tax

***Note:** All fees subject to current sales tax as required by the state, calculated individually to avoid fee increases.

\$100 Deposit required to secure week-long camp spaces. Full payment required 1 week prior to camp.

Full pre-payment required to secure single day camp spaces. All cancellations subject to 30% administrative fee.

No refunds, store credit only.

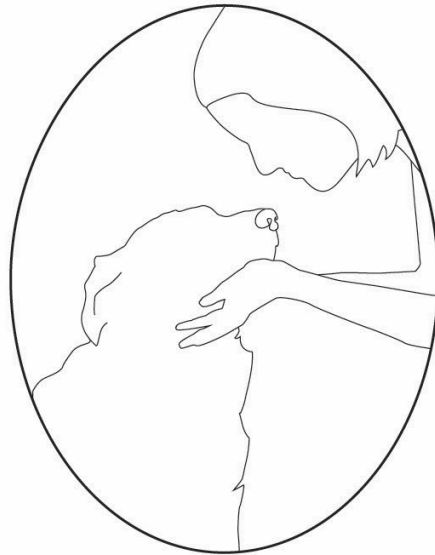
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