



Magnolia Trace Elementary

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September NEWS HOUND PTA NEWSLETTER

Dear Magnolia Trace Family,

We are beginning our 2024-2025 school year and I could not be more proud, excited, and inspired. As a district we are encouraging everyone to "Be a Champion." We want to enhance the lives of those around us and there is no better way to do it than with each other. At Magnolia Trace Elementary we feel "Together we are Better at MTE!" We know with the combined efforts of students, families, faculty, staff and district leaders we can be a champion for all those around us. Motivate, Teach and Engage is our motto.

I encourage everyone to reflect on their gifts, talents and strengths. How can you use that to bring Magnolia Trace Elementary to even greater heights! This year students and those who work at Magnolia Trace are focusing on goal setting. We are going to be setting academic and personal goals. We are going to be dedicated to putting our efforts and energy into what matters to us and celebrating along the way. We operate as a Leader in Me school, which is framed with three pillars: Leadership, Culture and Instruction. We have action teams focused on these areas. The goal of our Leadership Team is to communicate information clearly to our community, school and students about the opportunities to lead on our campus. The goal of our Academic team is to increase student reading fluency and mathematical reasoning. Students will be setting goals in these areas and we will be monitoring this frequently. The goal of our Culture team is to build a positive climate. We are going to encourage students, teachers and staff to find their voice and celebrate a variety of achievements. These goals were chosen based on the MRA survey and administered at the end of last year. We appreciate all who completed it and look forward to being a Champion for our students this year.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sept 2 - Labor Day, no school
- Sept 5 - MTE Ambassadors School Board Meeting 5 PM
- Sept 9-13 - Grandparents and Special Friends/Book Fair Week
- Sept 11 - Ambassador Meeting 4-5 PM
- Sept 16 - Maggie Manager Applications go out, Fire Drill
- Sept 17 - IT Recognition Day, Student Lighthouse Meeting 4-5 PM
- Sept 18 - K-Kids Meeting 4-5:15 PM
- Sept 19 - YAP Meeting 4-5 PM
- Sept 20 - Terrific Leader 9:30 AM
- Sept 24 - MTE OPEN HOUSE—STUDENT LED
- Sept 26 - Fall Individual Pictures
- Sept 30 - Student Lighthouse Meeting

I want to publicly thank Magnolia Trace Elementary's faculty and staff. We have a team of highly effective educators and I could not be more honored to serve with such amazing people. We take heart in our work. The love we have for our families and community is undeniable. Welcome Dr. Stephanie Longman as our new Assistant Principal and Mrs. Heather Raymond as our new Technology Resource Teacher. Other new faces on campus are Ms. Jessica McCoy, our 2nd grade Resource teacher, and Mrs. Lacey Creath as one of our RNC para educators. We also have four student teachers learning from our teachers on campus this year! I would also like to thank our custodial crew for their work this summer. We were the west side summer school location and our team impressed many other educators around the district with their work ethic and welcoming personalities. We are truly blessed with the best.

Construction is ongoing. Our playground is estimated to be complete in September. We will have alternative places for students to play outside and inside until it is ready. The new wing and courtyard are also estimated to be complete this month! I appreciate your patience as we have been going through the different construction phases. Our school building is beautiful, and I envision this building being a foundation in which many new learnings and empowerment of leaders takes place. Together We Are Better —Let us continue to be a Champion for All! Happy start to the school year!

Sincerely,
Jamie Breaux
Magnolia Trace Elementary
Principal

Welcome back to school!

I am so excited for this new school year and can't believe it's already here! It's going to be a great year! We're looking forward to seeing everyone again at Open House on September 24. The General PTA meeting will take place in the gym before you head to your child's classroom, where we will also have some information on the PTA Reflections contest. It's a great theme this year, so be sure to check it out!

We have many fun events planned throughout the year. MTE does a great job of making learning fun and bringing families together with these events! There will be multiple volunteer opportunities for you to participate in this year, both in planning and helping during events. We would love to see you on campus!

Coming up we have Grandparents' and Special Friends' Week September 9-13. Grandparents and friends will have the opportunity to have a pastry, take a free photo and visit the Scholastic Book Fair together. Remember, Book Fair is cashless! You can pay with a credit card or set up an e-wallet on the Scholastic website. E-Wallets will come up automatically at check out, so they are a great choice.

Trunk-or-Treat will be next, which takes place on October 31. Trunk-or-Treat still needs volunteers to form the committee for planning. PTA cannot do what we do without your help, and we appreciate whatever you can do!

Lastly, PTA's Fire Safety Poster Contest will be coming up in October as well. Be on the lookout for information going home in September!

Stay Connected! Please join the Magnolia Trace Elementary Facebook page, where you will have access to the most updated information regarding MTE. Also, be sure to visit our Cheddar Up Group Page. Here you will be able to join the PTA and sign up to volunteer at our events. PTA membership helps us fund our events, like Grandparents' and Special Friends' Week! See the QR code below to access this group page.

We look forward to working with all of you this year. It's going to be PAWesome!

Please contact me any time if you have questions, concerns or want to get involved. Thanks again for doing what you can to help us. Remember, we are BETTER TOGETHER!

Caitlin Ness 🐾

PTA President 2024-2025
Magnolia Trace Elementary



Sign up here!

**Magnolia Trace
2023 - 2024
PTA Executive Board**

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Please email us at

magnoliatraceelementarypta@gmail.com

if you have any questions, concerns,
or suggestions.

Second Grade

Welcome Maggie Families to a new year at Magnolia Trace Elementary! Second grade leaders are “Better Together” and are synergizing to make this the best year ever. It is a Great Time to be a Maggie!

We are looking forward to playing on our new playground equipment and learning outside while sitting in our beautiful courtyard. Learning is in full swing this year! Students are working on habit one, “Be Proactive.” This habit teaches students how to be responsible, take initiative and choose their actions. It helps them develop good attitudes and moods.

Along with our first habit, students have been practicing routines and procedures in the classroom and around the school. We are diving into our math, ELA, social studies and science curriculums. Our students are doing an amazing job and all the second grade teachers are so proud of their hard work.

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



Third Grade

Welcome parents and students to third grade where We Are Better Together! We are looking forward to an enriching and successful year. Third grade brings new adventures, more responsibility, and unlimited potential!

Students are off to a good start as they explore the concepts of multiplication and division in math. We will be reading *The Stories Julian Tells* this Nine Weeks. This novel will give students the opportunity to make connections between literature and the lessons that we can learn.

Third graders are also discovering details about Louisiana’s geography in social studies. In science, classes will investigate force and motion. Let’s work together to make third grade an engaging, educational experience for our students. MTE third graders certainly are excited about learning to be leaders around MTE!



MUSIC NOTES



Welcome back to MTE Music!

We are starting the year with a Leader in Me song that we sing at Morning Meeting on Fridays. We have also learned a new MTE school song.

We just finished auditions for our 2nd and 3rd grade choirs. 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

Norma.Ganucheau@stpsb.org

LIBRARY

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2024-2025 school year. We are excited about all the wonderful things we have going on in the library. The first priority of our library is to instill a love of reading in your child. If we work in unison, this can happen for all of our students. Please take time to read with your child nightly and discuss what he or she is reading. The impact of your involvement is monumental.

The children have been excited to see all the new and exciting things they will soon get to experience in the library. One of the special things the library will have again this year is Makerspace stations. The kids will be able to utilize this area during special times during the school year. Please remind your child to return his or her library books each week.

Another exciting event coming in September is Book Fair. Look for exciting information coming home soon. If you have any questions, feel free to email me at Julie.kuyen@stpsb.org

Thank you,

Julie Kuyen

Librarian



COACH'S CORNER

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

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

Coach Dusang, Physical Education Teacher

WATTERS WORLD: Art News

A wonderful new year brings wonderful new faces. Our first project will be for the St. Tammany Parrish Fair Booth. The theme this year is "*Champions Together Make the World Better!*"

Please talk with your child/children about a special time they did something that "made a difference." Have them write it down and bring it with them to art class.

Thank you,

Heather Watters

SEPTEMBER MTE LUNCH MENU

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Vegetarian option, vegetable, fruit and choice of milk offered daily.				
2	3	4	5	6
Labor Day Holiday - NO SCHOOL	Creamy Red Beans, Seasoned Spinach OR Hot Dog, Fries	Cheesy Beefy Mac, Seasoned Green Beans, OR Hamburger, Fries	Chicken Jambalaya, Mixed Vegetables OR Chicken Sandwich, Fries	Hamburger/Cheeseburger, Fries OR BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwich, Fries
9	10	11	12	13
Gravy Smothered Chicken, Steamed Carrots OR Chicken Sandwich, Fries	Chicken Tacos with fixings, Seasoned Corn, Cinnamon Breadstick OR Hamburger, Fries	Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy OR Turkey Melt, Fries	Breaded Pork Chop, Rice and Gravy, Steamed Carrots and a Roll OR BBQ Pulled Pork and Sweet Potato Fries	Hot Dogs with Chili, French Fries OR School-made Flatbread Pizza, Fries
16	17	18	19	20
Chicken Tenders, Steamed Broccoli, Texas Toast OR Hamburger, Fries	Beef Tacos with Fixings, Ranchero Beans, Cinnamon Breadstick OR Chicken Sandwich, Fries	Hamburger/Cheeseburger. Fries OR Meatball Sub, Fries	Spaghetti and Meat Sauce, Green Beans OR Hot Dog, Fries	School-made Flatbread Pizza, Marinara Sauce OR BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwich, Fries
23	24	25	26	27
Chicken Sandwich, Fries, Roasted Chickpeas OR Chick- en Tenders, Mashed Potatoes	Beef Tacos, Mexican beans, Salsa, Cinnamon sticks, Tortilla OR Hot Dog with Tots	Pork Nachos with Fixings, Steamed Corn OR Hamburger, Fries	Chicken Sauce Picante, Green Beans OR Turkey & Cheese Melt, Fries	Corn dogs, French Fries OR Cheeseburger, Fries
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Creamy Red Beans, Seasoned Spinach OR Hot Dog, Fries				

SEPTEMBER MTE BREAKFAST MENU

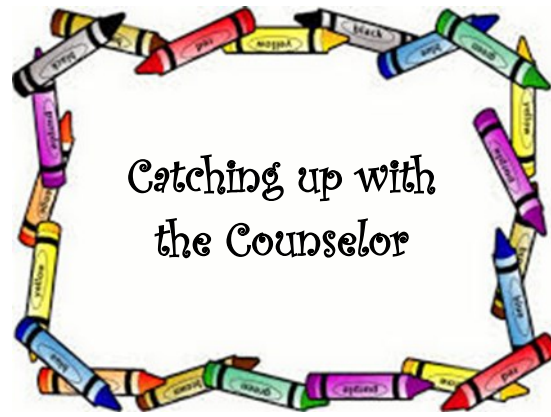
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Fruit, fruit juice, cereal with toast and choice of milk offered daily.				
2	3	4	5	6
Labor Day Holiday - NO SCHOOL	Hot Breakfast Pizza	Flaky Biscuit with Sausage	School-made Muffin OR Toaster Pastry with Toast	School-made Beignets
9	10	11	12	13
Chocolate Swirl Pastry	Eggs with Grits and Toast OR Toaster Pastry with Toast	Flaky Biscuit with Sausage	Breakfast Egg Scramble OR Toaster Pastry with Toast	School-made Cinnamon Roll
16	17	18	19	20
Warm Donut	Eggs with Grits and Toast OR Toaster Pastry with Toast	Flaky Biscuit with Sausage	Hot Breakfast Pizza OR Toaster Pastry with Toast	School-made Beignets
23	24	25	26	27
Fluffy Pancakes	Eggs with Grits and Toast OR Toaster Pastry with Toast	Flaky Biscuit with Sausage	Breakfast Egg Scramble OR Toaster Pastry with Toast	School-made Cinnamon Roll
30				
Hot Breakfast Pizza				



PTA Volunteer of the Month

Congratulations to **Sarah Dunne**! Sarah is new to Magnolia Trace and has jumped right into her role as Restaurant Night Coordinator and Celebration Day Chair, working hard to get fundraisers booked for the first few months of school. We are so happy to have Sarah on our team!



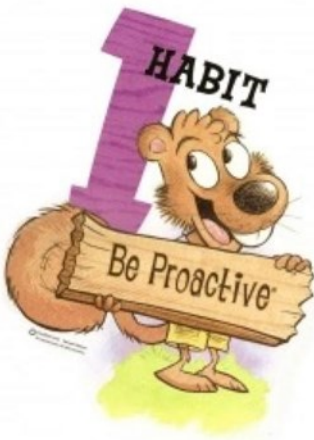


Catching up with the Counselor

Hey Maggie Friends & Family!

Welcome back to a new school year! I know most of you are excited for all the new things this year: new playground, courtyard, teachers, classmates, friends and coursework. I am very excited to be at Magnolia Trace for another year and working with all of the students. I am also excited to be bringing hands-on learning to counseling lessons this year and continuing with Leader in Me! Our first topic of the year is Being Proactive and learning about respecting people, places and things. I encourage you to continue the discussion about respect outside of school. Ask them how they can show respect to people, places, or things and see what they come up with!

Habit #1: Be Proactive is where we will begin. Being proactive means taking action before something happens. Here is a list of books for families that can be read at home in order to learn more about being PROACTIVE! We hope you try one of these at home.



On My Honor by Marion Dane Bauer

Amazing Grace by Mary Hoffman

Jeremy Thatcher, Dragon Hatcher by Bruce Coville

Hoot by Carl Hiaasen

Brave Irene by William Steig

Seedfolks by Paul Fleischman

Abel's Island by William Steig

Hatchet by Gary Paulsen

Rocky Road by Rose Kent

A Picture Book of Jesse Owens by David A. Adler

The Most Magnificent Thing by Ashley Spires

GET INVOLVED: We will be highlighting students and their families Leader in Me in the community on bulletin boards displayed in the main hallway. As we work throughout the year we would love your contribution to our boards. Ways to contribute: return the completed habit form throughout the year as you and your student complete the different habits. We cannot wait to display all of our leaders' hard work in the hallway.

Mrs. Jordan

MTE PTA FUNDRAISER

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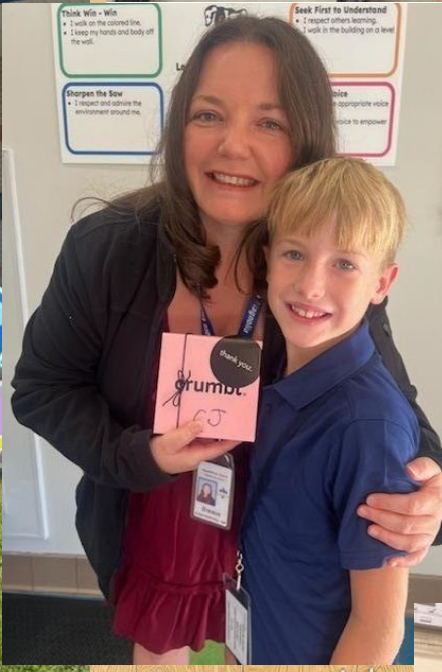
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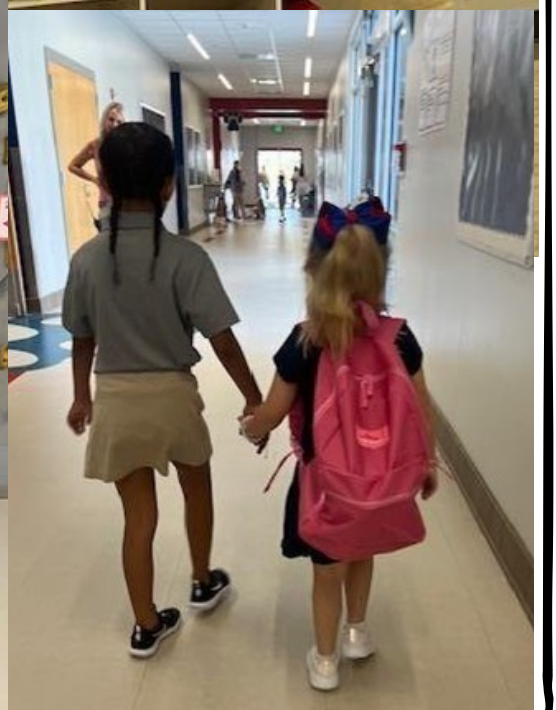
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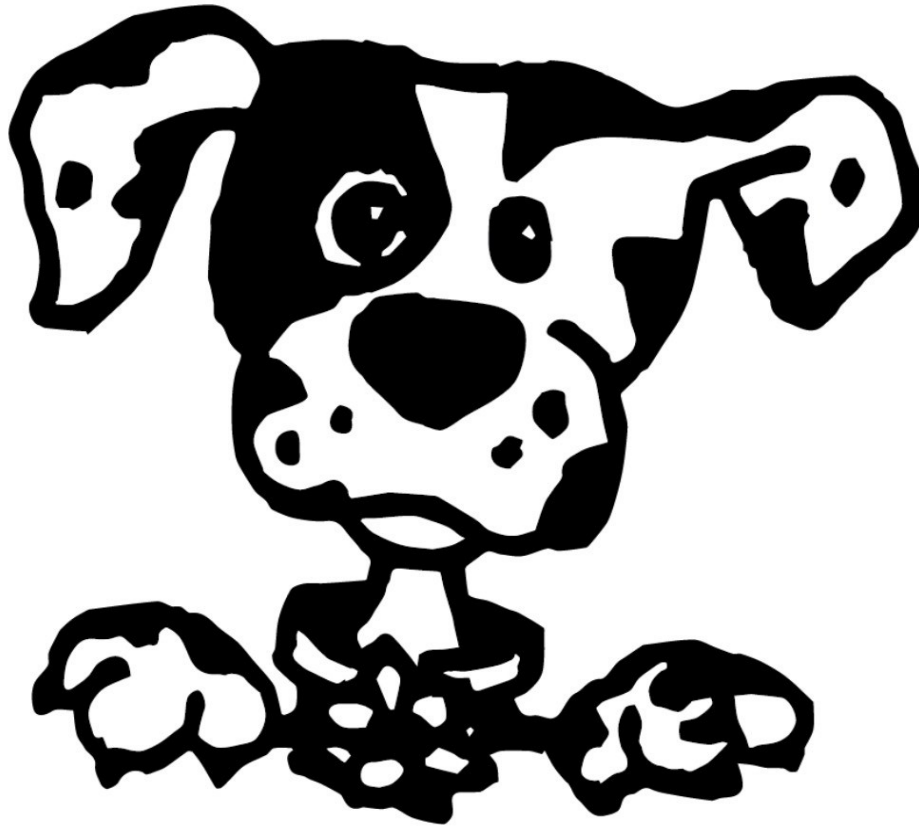
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