



Magnolia Trace Elementary

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October NEWS HOUND PTA NEWSLETTER

Dear Maggie Families,

Thank you for your continued support and love shared with our Magnolia Trace Community. In September we set up structures and systems to advance students' academic success and their overall well being. The students enjoyed showing their families and friends our school and classrooms for Open House. We also had a great Grandparents and Special Friends Week. We appreciate your patience in rescheduling the events during the storm. Our Ambassadors had a great first couple of meetings and were able to attend a school board meeting while touring central office at the same time. Mr. Jabbia was our first nine weeks' Ambassador speaker teaching students what it means to be a leader. Positive Action will be here at their next meeting where students will be doing team building and leader activities. Our K-Kids learned about Hope House and the services they offer. They also began making birthday boxes to let kids in our community know they are loved and thought of on their birthdays. Our Youth and Pets Club met a friendly K-9 friend from Covington Police Department. They learned how animals can be of service to our community as well. The Lighthouse team hosted our Open House, Terrific Leader Award, and did school tours for visitors from Jefferson Parish. They did an amazing job leading our morning meetings, as well.

Be on the lookout for Maggie Manager Applications, School Spirit Socks flyer, Fire Prevention Poster Contest flyer, Spirit Squad application, and our second nine-week Ambassador applications.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct 2 - Custodian Appreciation/
Ambassador Meeting
Oct 4 - No School
Oct 7 - Fire Drill/Coach Appreciation Day
Oct 9 - PTA Meeting 10 a.m.
Oct 11 - Half day for students, half day
record keeping
Oct 14 -18 - **School Lunch Week**
Oct 16 - K-Kids Outreach
Oct 17 - YAP Meeting #2
Oct 18 - Terrific Leader Awards &
Academic Awards
Oct 21 -25 - **Bus Safety Week**
Oct 23 - Ambassador Meeting 4-5 p.m.
Oct 24 - Sports Club Meeting #1
Oct 25 - Spirit Day
Oct 28-Nov 1 - **Red Ribbon Week**
Oct 29 - Vision and Hearing 3rd Grade
Oct 31 - Trunk or Treat

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Those are going out at the end of September and beginning of October. Sports Club, Sunshine Club, Maggie Buddies, and STEAM Club are other clubs that will be starting in the near future. More information to come on those opportunities. Magnolia Trace Elementary is actively working to provide as many learning opportunities for students as possible. If you have any ideas or would like to volunteer to help in any capacity feel free to reach out to your child's teacher, or you can send me an email.

Our playground and the last part of our building is nearing completion. We are hoping to have full access to the playground and to our building by the second nine weeks. In October, we have three big weeks: School Lunch Week, School Bus Safety Week, and Red Ribbon Week. We also have our annual Trunk or Treat. Our teachers, faculty and staff have been working diligently to motivate, teach and engage students every day. I am super proud and appreciative of the dedication and love for children that I am able to witness daily. Congratulations to our Terrific Leaders for the month of September and thank you Kiwanis Club for being a sponsor of this event.

It is with great honor and gratitude that I have the opportunity to serve as principal of Magnolia Trace Elementary. We have the best faculty, staff, parents, families and students. We are Maggie Proud will continue to strive for greatness. Thanks for all you do!

Sincerely,
Jamie Breaux
Principal, Magnolia Trace Elementary

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 to Ariel and Evan Heintz for planning this great event and thanks to all the parents and families who volunteered their time to take pictures, check people in, work the book fair, and help with clean up. We couldn't have done it without our volunteers.

Our next school event will be Trunk or Treat on October 31. We're hoping to have a trunk or two 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! The candy monster will be arriving very soon... so let's work hard to keep his belly full!

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 nine-week term. Sock and ornament pre-orders are due by October 18. This will be the only order for the 2024-2025 school year, so get those orders in if you are interested! We also have two restaurant nights in October: MATA Sushi on October 3, and Chuck E. Cheese on October 18. We hope you can make it! 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, or haven't been contacted yet about something you have signed up for, please feel free to email me at magnoliatraceelementarypta@gmail.com

Caitlin Ness 

PTA President 2024-2025
Magnolia Trace Elementary



Sign up here!

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2023 - 2024
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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 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 (Wildly 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 taking 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, 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 teachers enjoyed being able to meet all of our families during open house and present third grade expectations. It was exciting watching the students explain our classroom to their parents!

The students will continue to explore multiplication and division strategies in math. Please remember to practice math facts nightly to help with fluency.

We are enjoying reading The Stories Julian Tells and More Stories That Julian Tells this quarter. This novel will give students the opportunity to make connections between literature and the lessons that we can learn. Also, students will learn that storytelling can be a way to connect them to others and pass on family history and traditions.

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 every other paragraph or page)
- Echo reading (I read to you, then you read to me)
- Silent read, followed by an oral read
- Silent reading with oral summary

As always, thank you for your support!



MUSIC NOTES

Fall is my favorite time of year! It's harvest time! It's time to pick apples and pumpkins and enjoy the cooler weather! We will be singing songs about this and we will also learn a harvest dance. Our song for this month is "My America" by Danny Gokey. Ask your children about it! Choir is working hard and sounding great!

Loving my job,

Norma.Ganucheau@stpsb.org



LIBRARY

Dear Parents,

Thank you so much for supporting our September Book Fair. The children had a wonderful time shopping. 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

Happy Reading,
Julie Kuylen and Joanne Santos
Magnolia Trace Library



COACH'S CORNER

The students are off to a great start in P.E. They are quickly learning the rules and routines 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

WATTERS WORLD: Art News

**Be your own colors, no matter what the rest
of the world looks like**



OCTOBER MTE LUNCH MENU

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Vegetarian option, vegetable, fruit and choice of milk offered daily.				
	1	2	3	4
	Beef Burrito, Steamed Corn, OR Cheesy Nachos with Fixings, Steamed Corn	Cheesy Beefy Mac, Seasoned Green Beans, OR Chicken Sandwich, Fries	Hamburger/Cheeseburger, Fries, OR BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwich, Fries	NO SCHOOL
7	8	9	10	11
Chicken Tenders, Steamed Carrots, Mac & Cheese, OR Chicken Sandwich, Fries	Beef Tacos with Fixings, Sea- soned Corn, Cinnamon Bread- stick, OR Hamburg- er/Cheeseburger, Fries	Shepherd's Pie, Roasted Chick- peas, Fresh Baked Rolls, OR Chilled Deli Turkey & Cheese Sandwich, Fries	Manager's Choice	Hot Dog, Fries, OR Corn Dog, Fries
14	15	16	17	18
Chicken Tenders, Steamed Broccoli, Fresh Baked Roll, OR Hamburger/Cheeseburger, Fries	Beef Tacos with Fixings, Ranchero Beans, Cinnamon Breadstick OR Chicken Sandwich, Fries	Spaghetti & Meat Sauce, Green Beans, Fresh Baked French Bread, OR Meatball Sub, Fries	Chili Cheese Fries, Fresh Baked Roll, OR Hot Dog, Fries	School-made Flatbread Pizza, Marinara Sauce OR BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwich, Fries
21	22	23	24	25
Chicken Sandwich, Fries, Roasted Chickpeas OR Chicken Tenders, Mashed Potatoes, Fresh Baked Breadstick	Manager's Choice	Pork Nachos with Fixings, Steamed Corn OR Hamburger/Cheeseburger, Fries	Chicken Gumbo with Steamed Rice, Potato Salad, OR Warm Turkey & Cheese Melt, Fries	Sloppy Joe, French Fries, OR Hamburger/Cheeseburger, Fries
28	29	30	31	
Creamy Red Beans with Rice, Seasoned Spinach, OR Hot Dog, Fries	Beef Burrito, Seasoned Corn, OR Cheesy Nachos with Fixings, Steamed Corn	Cheesy Beefy Mac, Seasoned Green Beans, OR Meatball Sub, Fries	Chicken Jambalaya, Mixed Vegetables, OR Chicken Sandwich, Fries	

OCTOBER MTE BREAKFAST MENU

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Fruit, fruit juice, cereal with toast and choice of milk offered daily.				
	1	2	3	4
	Eggs with Grits & Toast OR Toaster Pastry with Toast	Flaky Biscuit with Sausage	School-Made Cinnamon Roll	No School
7	8	9	10	11
Chocolate Swirl Pastry	Eggs with Grits and Toast OR Toaster Pastry with Toast	Flaky Biscuit with Sausage	School-Made Cinnamon Roll	Hot Breakfast Pizza
14	15	16	17	18
Warm Donut	Eggs with Grits and Toast OR Toaster Pastry with Toast	Flaky Biscuit with Sausage	Pancake Bites	School-made Beignets
21	22	23	24	25
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
28	29	30	31	
Hot Breakfast Pizza	Eggs with Grits & Toast OR Toaster Pastry with Toast	Flaky Biscuit with Sausage	School-Made Muffin OR Toaster Pastry with Toast	

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/>

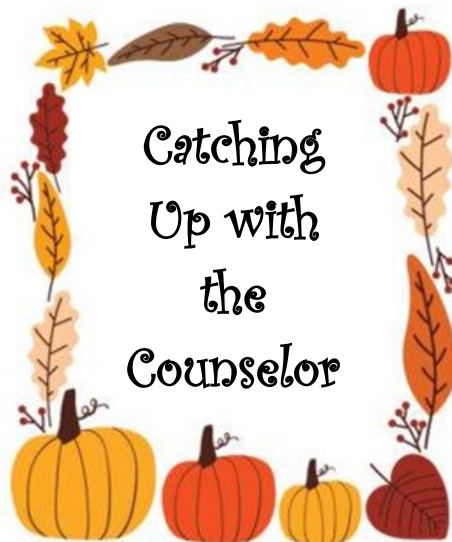


Volunteer of the Month

This month we have TWO very special volunteers to recognize for the month of September. We would like to congratulate Ericka Bradley and Jessica Hawkins for helping out with Grandparents & Special Friends week.

They both were able to come every day, even through the hurricane rescheduled days. MTE PTA appreciates your dedication to our school. Thank you both for helping to make this week special for our grandparents and special friends!

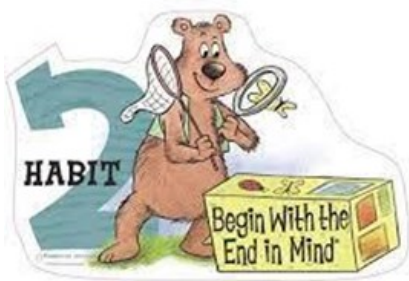




Hey Maggie Friends & Family!

Hello Autumn! Fun fact: this is my favorite time of the year! In September, the students learned about circle of control and building relationships with others. 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 "The Leader in Me is Better Drug Free." Be on the lookout for more exciting things happening in the counseling world coming soon.

We are working on **Habit #2: Begin with the End in Mind**. When we begin with the end in mind, we have a plan for what we want to accomplish. 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.



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 on the community on bulletin boards displayed in the main hallway. As we work throughout the year we would love your contributions to our boards. 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





K-Kids Collection

We are partnering with the Brooke It Forward Foundation to create birthday boxes for abused, homeless and foster children to help to celebrate their birthdays. All birthday boxes will be donated to Hope House for distribution.



Requested items include: cake mix, icing, candles, 13x9 aluminum pans with lids, birthday plates and party decorations. Other new, small gifts such as coloring books, activity books, fidgets, small toys, etc. can also be donated to include in the birthday box. The Hope House is always accepting donations of new teddy bears and fun buttons for their children. **Please turn in all donations by Thursday, October 3.**



Thank you in advance for your generosity and helping K-Kids to make a difference in our community this year!



Our students recognized in September:

Emma Olson	Eleanor Ryals	Emma King
Ryan Tran	Siena Schaffernocker	Andrew Rostron
Reese Williams	Charlotte Thurston	Arya Adair
Palmer Commare	Culley White	Emory Chuter
Vincent Collier	Carson Kaufmann	Rilee Margavio
Jude Callais	Jack Barber	Tucker Bordelon
	Grayson Topp	





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