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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 2024 school year. As we reflect on the last year we are super excited to have received an A on our school performance score. We will continue to work hard 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.

We have much to look forward to in December. Our choir will also be performing Thursday, December 19 at 2PM in our school gym. We will have a violin concert at FJH on December 19 at 6pm. In addition, we will be having our second nine week celebration day during the ½ day on December 20. 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

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec 2 - SWEDL Appreciation Day
Dec 3 - MOY Dibels (3rd Grade)
Dec 4 - MOY Dibels (2nd Grade)
Dec 5 - Ambassador School Board Meeting 5 pm
Dec 7 - Action Jr. Academy
Dec 9 - Lighthouse Meeting 4-5 p.m.
Dec 13 - Terrific Leader Award
Dec 17 - Teacher Luncheon 1:30
Dec 18 - PTA Meeting 10 a.m.
Dec 19 - Violin Concert FJH 6p.m./ 2 p.m. Choir Concert
Dec. 20 - 1/2 Day for Students & 1/2 Day Record Keeping/Spirit Award

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 complete! We now have access to our new wing and our playground! 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 7. 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

Dear Maggie Families,

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 2024 and we already have a semester of school under our belts!

We have a busy December with two restaurant nights: Acropolis and Reginelli's, the Teacher Holiday Luncheon (Thank you to all our class sitters and everyone who plans to donate desserts! We couldn't do it without you!), and a Celebration day. We have some great events planned for the second half of the year such as Cultural Arts Day, the Boosterthon Fun Run, Water Day, and Teacher Appreciation Week.

If anyone is interested in getting more involved, it's not too late! We would love to have you. We are currently looking for a new Executive Board member, Vice President of Awards. Also, if you think you might be interested in being part of Magnolia Trace's PTA Board NEXT year and would like more information, please reach out! Email magnoliatraceelementarypta@gmail.com with any questions or interest!

I hope everyone enjoys the rest of December and can spend lots of time with family over the break! Warmest wishes to you and your family this holiday season!

Caitlin Ness

PTA President 2024-2025
Magnolia Trace Elementary



Magnolia Trace
2023 - 2024
PTA Executive Board

President – Caitlin Ness

VP of Fundraising – Sheri Olsen

VP of Programs—Ariel Heintz

Secretary – Kaitlin McCaulley

Treasurer—Amanda Brady

Our VP of Awards position is available.
If interested, please email us at
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Magnolia Trace Ornaments

Ornaments are now for sale for \$10.00! Magnolia Trace PTA is cashless. Please scan the QR code here to pay and pick up your ornament at the front of fice. Thank you for your support!

Reflections

National PTA has a long-standing commitment to arts education. The Reflections program provides opportunities for recognition and access to the arts, which boosts student confidence and success in the arts and in life. Each year, over 300,000 students in Pre-K through Grade 12 create original works of art. This 50+ year old program helps them explore their own thoughts, feelings, and ideas, develop artistic literacy, increase confidence, and find a love for learning that will help them become more successful. **This year's Reflections theme is Accepting Imperfection!**

Please email Caitlin Ness at magnoliatraceelementarypta@gmail.com for more information.



Second Grade



Our second graders totally sleigh! 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 4 of "Think Win-Win." Students are practicing this by using their problem solving skills when communicating with others. Our students are seeking solutions in situations where everyone who is involved benefits. We encourage our students to collaborate with others.

In ELA, we will begin unit 4, "The Job Hunt", in skills. Students will continue the writing process of drafting, editing, and publishing. Students will learn different vowel sounds and spellings and apply these skills when writing. Students will continue to work with singular and plural nouns. They will also work with action verbs, to be verbs, and verb tenses. In Knowledge, students will hear stories about Cycles of Nature in Domain 6. Students will compare and contrast the life cycle of a butterfly and a frog.

In Math, students will be continuing Module 2. Students will continue to use properties of operations, the relationships between numbers, and place value understanding to add and subtract within 200. They will apply these operations to represent and solve word problems.

In Science, students will become glue engineers. Students are challenged to create glue for use at their school that meets a set of design goals. Students present an evidence-based argument stating why their glue mixture would solve their school's need for better glue. Students discover that by mixing ingredients together, it's possible to create a mixture that takes on some of the properties of its ingredients.

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 December will bring! Believe in your s-ELF!

Third Grade

November sure was a busy and exciting month! Shout out to Mrs. Banek's and Mrs. Pecora-ro'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 continue to read a variety of stories about unlikely friendships and make connections between the texts.

As the holidays approach, it's the best time of the year to celebrate the joy of the season with our school family! The choir concert will be on December 19th. December 20th will be a half day of school, as we wrap up the end of the second quarter. Students will return to school after winter break on Tuesday, January 7th. We wish everyone a very happy holiday and a safe and happy New Year!

Fire Safety Poster Contest



In honor of National Fire Prevention Week, which was October 6-12, 2024, LAPTA held a Fire Safety Poster Contest where students draw and color a Fire Safety Poster.

The 2024 theme is *Smoke Alarms: Make them work for you!* St. Tammany Fire Chief Jason Kaufmann was our judge and presented Awards to our two winners. Congratulations **Raymond Mayeur** and **Halli Stringfellow!**



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 in the gym on **December 19** at 2 p.m.

Loving my job,
Norma Ganucheau



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.



Thank you so much,
Julie Kuylen and Joanne Santos

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

COACH'S CORNER

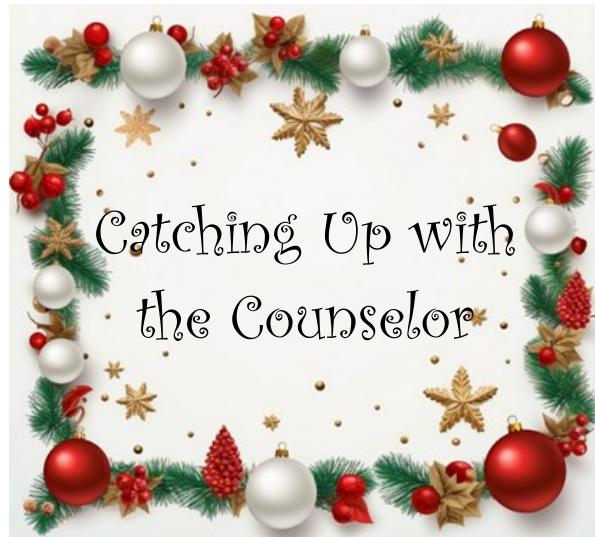
Since the beginning of the year we have been working on individual movement skills, such as types of movement (walking, running, skipping, galloping, hopping, jumping, and shuffling), directions, levels, and pathways. We will begin to learn manipulative skills (throwing, catching, kicking, and striking)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

Coach Dusang

ART: WATTER'S WORLD

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





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. Wight
- *Out of Left Field* by Ellen Klages
- *Nothing's Fair in Fifth Grade* by Barthe DeClements
- *The Butter Battle Book* by Dr. Suess
- *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

MTE PTA

RESTAURANT NIGHTS

Wednesday, December 4th and
Wednesday, December 18th



Reginelli's

Wednesday, December 18

Acropolis of Mandeville

Wednesday, December 4th





Our students recognized in November:

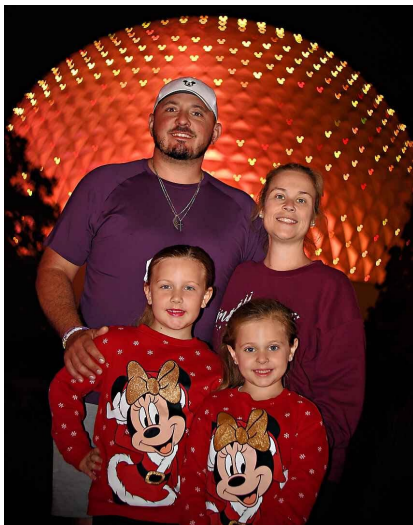
Bradley Clark
Jace Guidry
Everley Dibenedict
Thomas Legget
Vera Paternoster
Sawyer Brown
Bentley Suarez

Peter Medick
Hailey Hobbs
Ryan Dishon
Will Kuhn
Levi Ness
Sujoy Bhattacharai

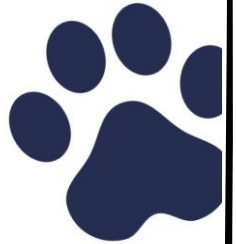
Emma King
Elliot Thorne
Loghan Winston
Reed Olivier
Martin Reliford
Annie Laizer
Luke Hepting

Volunteer of the Month

Congratulations to TWO amazing ladies for sharing this title this month. Lacey Held and Emilee Arthur can be seen around school decorating and setting up for our appreciation days and teacher treats. Thank you for volunteering your time and effort. We love working with you!







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DECEMBER MTE LUNCH MENU

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Vegetarian option, vegetable, fruit and choice of milk offered daily.				
2	3	4	5	6
Red Beans and Rice, Steamed Spinach with Cornbread Bowl OR Hot Dog and Fries	Beef Burrito with Seasoned Corn OR Cheesy Nachos with Seasoned Corn	Cheesy Beefy Mac with Green Beans OR Hamburger/Cheeseburger, Fries	Chicken Pastalaya, Seasoned Mixed Vegetables and Texas Toast OR Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Fries	Hamburger or Cheeseburger with Fries OR BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwich, Fries
9	10	11	12	13
Chicken Tenders, Steamed Carrots, Mac & Cheese and Texas Toast OR Chicken Sandwich, Fries	Beef Tacos with Fixings, Seasoned Corn, Cinnamon Breadstick OR Warm Turkey Melt, Fries	Christmas Lunch: Roasted Turkey, Cornbread Dressing and Sweet Potato Casserole OR Hamburger/Cheeseburger, Fries	Manager's Choice Choice of Breezy Mac, Pastalaya, Cornbread Dressing	Sloppy Joe, French Fries OR School-Made Flatbread Pizza, Fries
16	17	18	19	20
Dill Turkey Nuggets with Steamed Broccoli and Fresh Roll OR Hamburger/Cheeseburger, Fries	Beef Taco with Fixings, Ranchero Beans, Cinnamon Breadstick OR Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Fries	Spaghetti & Meat Sauce, Green Beans, Fresh Baked French Bread, OR Meatball Sub, Fries	Cheesy Beefy Mac with Green Beans OR Hot Dog, Fries	Corn Dog, Crispy Carrots OR Chicken Sandwich, Crispy Carrots
23	24	25	26	27
No School	No School	No School	No School	No School
30	31			
No School	No School			

DECEMBER 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
Hot Breakfast Pizza	Eggs with Grits and Toast OR Toaster Pastry with Toast	Flaky Biscuit with Sausage	Fruit and Yogurt Parfait with Granola OR Toaster Pastry with Toast	School-Made Beignets
9	10	11	12	13
Sausage and Pancake on a Stick	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	School-Made Beignets	Hot Breakfast Pizza
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