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November NEWS HOUND PTA NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Guardians,

October was filled with celebrations and a month awareness. We had National Lunch Week, Bus Appreciation Week and Red Ribbon Week. We also had Childhood Cancer Awareness Day and our annual Trunk or Treat. Among all the celebrations students continued learning and teachers have been progress monitoring. The month of November we are having our annual STEM Night at MTE from 5:30 to 7 p.m. We will have Northshore Robotics, FHS Robotics team, and other community members here to share in this fun learning night. Our Veterans Day program will be on November 11 at 10:30. We will be sending out information in regards to this program soon. We are appreciative of all the men and women who serve our country. We encourage you during this month to talk to your child about patriotism and what it means.

I would like to thank all of our families for your generosity and continued support. Our habit boards are filling up with ways our families are practicing the 8 Habits of Highly Effective People. The students are continuing to discover their leadership both in the classroom and on campus. We have our Maggie Managers doing their jobs! I am excited to also announce

we have access to our playground and will soon have access to our new wing. We are blessed with a beautiful school building here at MTE.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov 1 - Wheels of the Week Bus activity
Car Treat
Nov 5 - No School—Election Day
Nov 7 - STEM Night, Picture Retakes
Nov 11 - Veterans Day Program 10:30
Nov 13 - K-Kids 4-5 p.m.
Nov 15 - Terrific Leader
Nov 18 - Fire Drill
Nov 19 - Sports Club #2
Nov 20 - PTA Meeting 10 a.m.,
Ambassador Meeting 4-5 p.m.
Nov 22 - Substitute Day
Nov 25-29 - Thanksgiving Break

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I want to continue to encourage consistent school attendance. Teachers are working hard to give our students everything they need for success and it makes it easier to keep students on track if they are at school. We ask that family vacations be planned during times we are not in school if it is possible. We are truly blessed to be in such a great learning community. During this Thanksgiving season I am thankful for all of you. If you have any questions, concerns or shout outs please feel free to email me at Jamie.breaux@stpsb.org

Sincerely,
Jamie Breaux
Principal, MTE

Dear Maggie Families,

October was jam-packed with lots of fun! We celebrated many different things—Celebration Day, Bus Driver Appreciation Day with School Lunch Week, Custodian Appreciation Day, Red Ribbon Week, and Storybook Character Day along with our fourth annual Trunk or Treat! A huge thank you goes out to all of the parents and guardians who set up a trunk, walked with students or donated candy and treats for our Trunk or Treat. You made everything fun for our little Maggies!

Last year at this time you all took a very important survey to help MTE apply for the National School of Excellence Award. It is a two-year honor that we have carried twice, and it shows that our PTA works closely with the school to create a positive, enriching experience for the children, and we are growing a community that advocates for all children. We are happy to announce that we have received this award for the third time! Thank you to everyone who participated in that survey for us!

We have a few fun events coming up this month! We are so excited about STEM night on November 8. The teachers and PTA have worked hard to compile a fun family learning night at school complete with pizza. We hope you can make it! We are also excited to invite our Veterans to school to honor them for Veterans' Day.

As we move into November, let's be mindful of our blessings at MTE. We have fabulous leaders in Ms. Breaux and Dr. Longman; other administrators and office staff; we have excellent support staff... our custodians and cafeteria staff are wonderful, and our teachers are just phenomenal. They love our children and create a positive and encouraging educational environment for them. Finally, the Executive PTA Board as well as all the other Board members and families who volunteer or participate in all our special events and fundraisers— we appreciate all of you!

With thanks and appreciation,

Caitlin Ness

PTA President 2024-2025
Magnolia Trace Elementary



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2023 - 2024
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if you have any questions, concerns,
or suggestions.

Second Grade

MTE is focusing on Habit 3, Put First Things First. Our second graders are learning how to prioritize and manage their time so that first things come first, not last. Habit 3 is the habit of will-power (the strength to say yes to your most important things). It is a great habit for our students to learn when is the right time to do their homework when they get home from school. They will learn how to schedule and prioritize their work, before they go play.

In math, we have moved on to Module 2. The students will use the properties of operations, the relationships between numbers, and place value understanding to add and subtract within 200. They will apply these operations to representing and solving various word problems.

In ELA Reading we completed Domain 3 and have moved on to Domain 4, Greek Myths. Our next domain builds on the Ancient Greek Civilization domain and will introduce students to several well-known Greek myths and many well-known mythical characters. Students will learn that the ancient Greeks worshiped many gods and goddesses, and that the twelve they believed lived on Mount Olympus, the home of the gods, were the most powerful. Students will learn the definition of a myth: a fictional story, once thought to be true, that tried to explain mysteries of nature and humankind. They will also learn about myths that include supernatural beings or events, and that myths give insight into ancient Greek culture. Students will hear about Prometheus and Pandora, Demeter and Persephone, Arachne the Weaver, the Sphinx, and Hercules, among others.

For our ELA skills we are working on Unit 3, Kids Excel, and the Spelling alternatives: /ae/, /oe/, /ie/, /ue/, /aw/; Tricky spelling: a, o, and i. In grammar, we will study common nouns, proper nouns, capitalization, plural nouns, synonyms, antonyms, and action verbs. In writing we will be covering word and sentence writing, and respond to text, and personal narrative writing.

In Science, we will be completing our unit on habitats, plant and animal relationships, and how plants get the water and sunlight they need to grow. Then we will be moving on to social studies in November. Students will learn about the first peoples of North America by studying how they lived and contributed to the culture of the United States. Students 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.

As a friendly reminder, please remember to check your child's yellow take home folder daily! Students should always complete their homework, and make sure your child's name tag stays in their school bag so they always have it.

We are very thankful for our wonderful second graders. We wish everyone an awesome Thanksgiving!



Third Grade

Our third grade students completed their first nine weeks and are continuing to grow both socially and academically. The first celebration day was a huge success! Students enjoyed celebrating with their color houses and spending time with teachers and students from other classrooms and grade levels.

In Math the students are in Module 3 and are moving back into multiplication and division with units of 0, 1, 6, 7, 8, 9. Students will explore patterns to identify strategies for multiplying and dividing. To culminate the module, students will use place value models, the properties of operations, and familiar facts to multiply multiples of 10 by one-digit numbers.

Some suggested activities for math are

- Practice math facts nightly to help with fluency.
 - Practice skip counting.
- Play multiplication games at home using dice and cards.
 - Build arrays using objects from home.

We have moved into our second reading unit, “Because of Winn-Dixie,” students are reading literary and information texts that explore the value of companionship, the joy of finding friends in unexpected places, and the significance of building a community of different perspectives. Third grade is also continuing to focus on reading fluency, which is reading rate, accuracy, and expression. Each student has their personal WIG (Wildly Important Goal) that they are trying to reach by December, as well as action steps to help them reach this goal. Ask your student about their WIG and what their action steps are. Many students added goals such as reading at home, listening to someone read, or reading to a younger sibling as part of these action steps.

Some suggested activities for reading are:

- Choral reading
- Partner reading taking turns every other paragraph or page
 - Echo reading
- Silent reading with oral summary



MUSIC NOTES

November is Thanksgiving time! I am thankful for the wonderful school that I work at, the wonderful staff, the best PTA , and bright students who are eager to learn!



This month we will be studying the Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra. I am introducing several composers to our students, such as Mozart and Beethoven, and they are loving it. I found a new website that animates the notes of an orchestral piece so that you can SEE sound. We are having a great time in Music class!

Loving my job, Norma Ganucheau

LIBRARY... CHECK IT OUT!

The library has purchased several new titles for our library with the profits from the book fair. Many of our students shared input on what books they wanted us to order. Thank you again for supporting our September fair. We will have another book fair in the spring.



During the month of November, the third grade students will begin learning how to use the online catalog to help them locate a book in the library. Second grade students will continue to review the Dewey Decimal System and how to locate books in the non-fiction section of the library. We will also be reading books of different genres aloud to expose your child with the amazing titles we have in our MTE library. We have many Native American legends that we will also share during library time.

Thank you,
Julie Kuylen and Joanne Santos
Magnolia Trace Library

"The whole world opened up to me when I learned to read." -

Mary McLeod Bethune

COACH'S CORNER

With daylight-saving time ending, it will be getting dark earlier in the evening. If you go out to exercise, you should have reflective material on your clothes or a light so you can be seen by people driving cars. Just because you can see the cars, doesn't mean the cars can see you. And don't forget a reflective collar for your dog to keep them visible to drivers. - **Coach Dusang**

WATTERS WORLD: Art News

Art is the only serious thing in the world. And the artist is the only person who is never serious."
Oscar Wilde



Hey there students, family, & friends!

November is here & that means holiday season is upon us! I am most grateful for each and every one of our students here at Magnolia Trace. Each day they show me new outlooks on life and always keep my days bright and fun. I enjoy working with them as well as their families. The CSAPE lesson will be covered November 11th-22nd and you should have received a letter regarding this information. A letter and activity will go home with each student once the lesson has been completed with me at school. I encourage you to complete the activity sheet with them & discuss the tools they learned from the lesson I will be giving them. Thank you for all you do for our kiddos at home, they are very special to us!

We are now working on **Habit #3: Put First Things First**. 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.



The TV Kid by Betsy Byars

Someday a Tree by Eve Bunting

Armadilly Chili by Helen Ketteman

Horton Hatches the Egg by Dr. Seuss

Spaghetti in a Hot Dog Bun by Marie Dis-

We are continuing to highlight 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

Tuesday, November 12th and
Friday, November 18th



PAPA JOHNS NIGHT

Tuesday , November 12

Raising Canes Mandeville

Friday, November 22nd





Our students recognized in October :

Gemma Brocaille

Raymond Mayeur

Aviana Carroll

Angelo Chimento

Lillie Grace Mason

Heidi Hall

Talia Smith

Joleigh Ferris

John Hunt

Adeline Saweikis

Willow Brassier

Theodore Irish

Lena Gardner

Amelia Sisti

Hailey Beard

Tayler Brown

Saily Sanchez

Camden Heintz

Dexter Randall

Andrew Lacombe

Volunteer of the Month

This month we would like to recognize Gabrielle Lees as our Volunteer of the Month. Gaby is new to the MTE family and we are so lucky to have her! She has jumped right into her role putting together our newsletter each month and also volunteers on our hospitality committee. We are so excited to have Gaby on our team this year. Thank you!





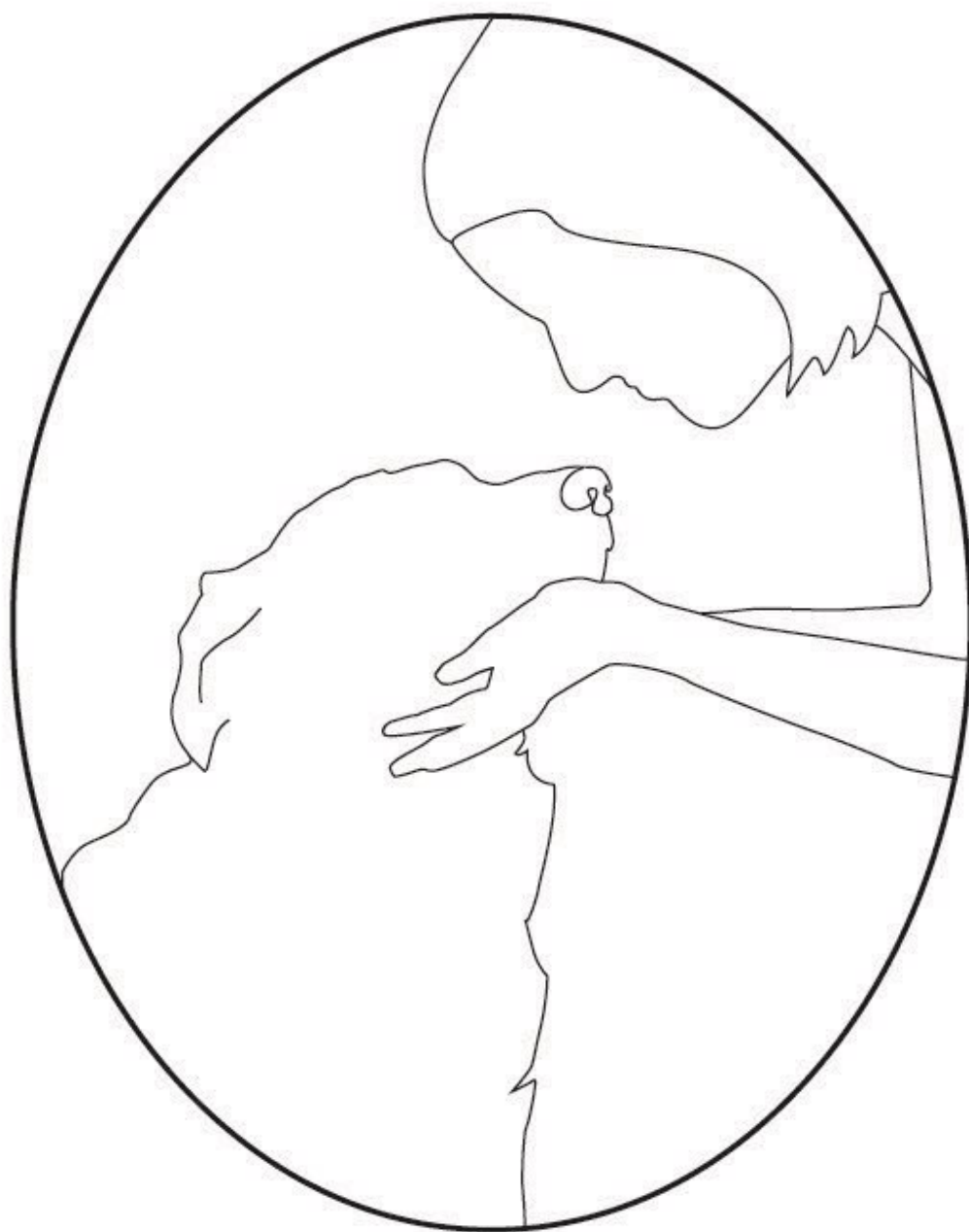


NOVEMBER MTE LUNCH MENU

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Vegetarian option, vegetable, fruit and choice of milk offered daily.				
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				Hamburger/Cheeseburger, Fries, OR BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwich, Fries
4	5	6	7	8
Chicken Tenders, Steamed Carrots, Mac & Cheese, OR Chicken Sandwich, Fries	Election Day No School	Beef Tacos with Fixings, Ranchero Beans, Cinnamon Breadstick. OR Hamburger/Cheeseburger, Fries	Breaded Pork Chop, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Roll, OR Pulled Pork, Tots, Fruit	Hotdog, Fries, OR School-made Flatbread Pizza, Marinara Sauce
11	12	13	14	15
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	Thanksgiving Lunch, Roasted Turkey, Cornbread Dressing & Sweet Potato Casserole, OR Grilled Cheese, Fries	Sloppy Joe, Fries, OR BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwich, Fries
18	19	20	21	22
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
25	26	27	28	29
No School Thanksgiving Break	No School Thanksgiving Break	No School Thanksgiving Break	No School Thanksgiving Break	No School Thanksgiving Break

OCTOBER MTE BREAKFAST MENU

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Fruit, fruit juice, cereal with toast and choice of milk offered daily.				
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				School-Made Beignets
4	5	6	7	8
Chocolate Swirl Pastry	Election Day No School	Flaky Biscuit with Sausage	Breakfast Egg Scramble OR Toaster Pastry with Toast	School-Made Cinnamon Roll
11	12	13	14	15
Warm Donut	Eggs with Grits and Toast OR Toaster Pastry with Toast	Flaky Biscuit with Sausage	Hot Breakfast Pizza	School-made Beignets
18	19	20	21	22
Fluffy Pancakes	Eggs with Grits and Toast OR Toaster Pastry with Toast	Flaky Biscuit with Sausage	Breakfast Egg Scramble OR Toaster Pastry with Toast	Fruit and Yogurt Parfait with Granola
25	26	27	28	29
No School Thanksgiving Break	No School Thanksgiving Break	No School Thanksgiving Break	No School Thanksgiving Break	No School Thanksgiving Break



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