



Magnolia News

January 2025

“A place where students and learning come first”



Dear Magnolia Families!
Happy New Year! The New Year is a great time for reflection on the prior year and a renewed commitment to improvement. Wishing you a wonderful 2025!

Mrs. Minaudo

CHARACTER ED

This month Magnolia staff and students are focusing on the character trait of **Trustworthiness**. Students are reminded to always tell the truth, keep their promises, and to do what they say they are going to do.

SBAC DATA

Data from the 2024 SBAC testing was recently released to the public. Magnolia had a 3.91% increase in the percentage of students that met or exceeded grade level standards in ELA and a 0.42% increase in the percentage of students that met or exceeded standards in Math. We also had an 8.81% increase in the percentage of students who met or exceeded standards in Science (CAST). Great improvements! We will continue to focus on improvement and are working hard to meet our school goals this year.

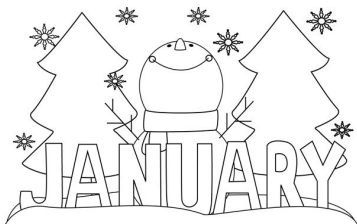


GOAL SETTING

With the fresh start of the New Year, it is a good time to work with your student on goal setting. Setting goals is important as it:

- Gives us a focus
- Helps us plan & strategize
- Increases accountability
- Helps us see progress, or a lack of progress, over time
- Makes us look deeper into what is most important
- Is a lifelong skill that we want children to acquire and take ownership of

By regularly setting goals and tracking progress toward them, students learn that new challenges are achievable since they have a clear understanding that their continued efforts will lead to success. All students need to be explicitly taught how to choose, set, and reflect on goals. Many of our classrooms utilize “student data binders” to set and track progress toward goals. Even our youngest learners can have a clear understanding that a goal is just an area of weakness we need to strengthen and celebrate each step toward improvement! Goals can’t be too ambitious to be out of reach, but also not so simple that it does not challenge students. Goals need to be realistic with a stretch, requiring effort and focus to achieve them. Setting goals and measuring and celebrating achievements gives students the confidence and assurance that they need to believe they can achieve higher goals. Take some time this month to work with your student to set goals for the future, monitor progress, and celebrate progress and improvements.



ON-LINE CONNECTIONS

Oakdale Joint Unified District

www.ojUSD.org

Magnolia Elementary School

<https://magnolia.ojUSD.org/>

[Magnolia Instagram](#)

Magnolia PTC

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LOOKING AHEAD

12/23-1/3 - No School Winter Break

1/8 - Student Council Meeting

1/8 - Science Olympiad Practice

1/9- 1st/2nd/3rd/4th Grade Character

Assembly-Trustworthiness

1/9- PTC Meeting – 6:00 PM Auditorium

1/10- 5th Grade Climate Survey Permission
Slips due

1/13 - Principals’ Math Tests- 1st – 6th

1/13 - OJUSD Board Meeting

6:30 – OJUSD Tech
Center & Online

1/14- 5th/6th Grade Character

Assembly-Trustworthiness

1/14 - Science Olympiad Practice

1/14 - Science Olympiad Parent
Meeting-Online 6:30 PM

1/15 - Minimum Day

All TK students attend 7:50-11:15

K-6th Grade dismiss at 11:40

1/15- Special Spirit Day-Pajama Day
(PTC Jog Award)

1/16- Kindergarten Character

Assembly-Trustworthiness

1/17- 100th Day of School

1/17- Special Spirit Day-Dress Like
You are 100!

1/17- Pizza Party (PTC Jog Prize)

1/20 - No School Martin Luther
King Jr. Holiday

1/21-1/24- Outdoor Ed-6th Grade

1/22 - Science Olympiad Practice

1/27-1/31- Missoula Children’s Theatre

1/27-1/31- COGAT GATE Testing-
2nd Graders

1/27 - Gold Star Math Tests

1/29 - Science Olympiad Practice

1/31- ELAC Meeting 8:30 AM-Café

1/31 - Math Facts of Fame Super
Recess (students mastering
math fact fluency)

**TBD- i-Ready Growth Treat 1st-6th
(students improving scores in both
Reading and Math on the i-Ready
December assessments)