



Magnolia Trace Elementary

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January NEWS HOUND PTA NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Our Fall Semester was full of learning and fun. We are looking forward to the Spring and reaching our goals. We do request that students attend school. It is imperative for the continuation of our growth that students are here and learning. We discourage families from family vacations during school days. We encourage you to take those vacations during our vacation days and during the summer so your child is not missing important information.

Students are encouraged to keep reading over the holidays and during the Spring Semester. We are working on our school-wide goal for reading fluency and our Math goal of content knowledge. If students reach their goals there will be lots of surprises in store. I am proud to say we have three new student teachers joining us this semester and an additional Paraprofessional. We would like to welcome all of them to our Maggie family and congratulate the three student teachers we had last semester for a job well done. Our teachers are truly working hard and serving as great mentors for future educators. I would like to thank all teachers, staff, parents, and community members for their continued support. We are embracing the eight habits of highly effective people and it is evident all over our campus. Together we are better!

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In December, we had our Junior Leadership Day that was hosted by Positive Action Community Resources. It was a complete success. Our first group of Maggie Managers did an amazing job this nine weeks and we have increased the number of jobs for the third nine weeks. Our Celebration day was a success! All the mansion colors are working hard towards earning points for their colored mansion. Keep up the great work. Our Sports club, Ambassadors, K-Kids and YAP clubs are running smoothly. Our celebration squads are bringing on the cheer at MTE. Our student groups are truly showing what it means to give back to the community. They make me proud!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Jan 7 - Students Return
- Jan 8 - Sports Club Mtg 4-5
- Jan 9 - TRT Appreciation Day
- Jan 13 - Fire Drill
- Jan 15 - Faculty Mtg 7:45/Ambassador MTG 4-5 (Boosterthon Survey)
- Jan 16 - FHS Play Field Trip "You Go Goddess"
- Jan 17 - Terrific Leader 9:30 Spirit Award
- Jan 20 - MLK Day No School
- Jan 22- PTA Meeting 10 a.m./K-Kids Mtg 4-5
- Jan 23 - Principal/VP Day/Class Pictures/YAP Club Meeting
- Jan 27-29—Mandeville Karate 4-5

In January, we are looking forward to continuing our professional development. We will be conducting Spring observations, middle-of-the-year assessments, and celebrating leaders on our campus. Martin Luther King day is on January 20. A packet went home for those interested in entering a community contest. We encourage students to participate. We are also looking forward to visiting Fontainebleau High School this month to see a play put on by FHS theater students. We will be taking class pictures this month.

We have so much to look forward to this month and this school year. Magnolia Trace Elementary is truly the best place to be! Signing off with gratitude and appreciation for the best community ever.

Sincerely,
Jamie Breaux
MTE Principal

Happy New Year, Maggie Families!

Welcome back to school! I hope you all had a fabulous break and enjoyed special time with your family and friends. I can't believe it 2025... AND we are halfway through school! It has flown by...

December was a very busy month for us! The PTA assisted with the celebration day full of fun! We couldn't have done it without parental support. We also hosted a special holiday luncheon catered by Copeland's! Thank you to all the families who donated desserts, drinks and volunteered to class sit!

January is a relatively quiet month for us, but it's time to celebrate our amazing Principal, Ms. Breaux, and Vice Principal, Dr. Longman. January 23 is Principal and Vice Principal Appreciation Day! After that we will turn our focus to our main fundraiser, Boosterthon. We are looking for a team of 4-5 to help us coordinate these special 10 days in February for our students, completed with the Fun Run on February 14. NO PRIOR experience is required! It's fairly simple, it is just busy each day for 10 days. You will have the full support of the Executive Committee and Boosterthon Chairperson, Alicia Sykes.

Soon we will begin our search for new PTA board members to replace all those moving onto Lake Harbor or Mandeville Middle. It takes many volunteers to make our events come to fruition, so please consider volunteering for MTE PTA in 2025-2026. Grab a friend and join us, it's a great chance to learn more about Magnolia Trace and take part in all the fun events we plan! Feel free to contact me with any questions at magnoliatracementarypta@gmail.com

I can't say thank you enough to everyone who contributes to our wonderful school and PTA. It is only because of you that we can accomplish all that we do!

Cheerfully,

Caitlin Ness

PTA President 2024-2025
Magnolia Trace Elementary



Magnolia Trace
2023 - 2024
PTA Executive Board

is

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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see what's going on with MTE PTA!



Our students recognized in December:

Alliyah Stanton	Lorali Billingsley	Ace LeBlanc
Catherine Mumphrey	Madelyn Borerros	Lily James
Elanah Ochoa	Riley Cangiamilla	Molly Mooney
Harper Larsen	Nathan Singer	Ember McCabe
Sylvie Lees	Zorie Golden	Maddox Welsch
Cecelia (Cece) Schaefer	Abby Wortmann	London Montalbano
	Ellis Doyle	

Second Grade

December was a very busy month full of fun and learning for our second graders! Our students had a lot of fun with our mansions on Celebration Day! We also had a wonderful time watching MTE's choir performance, as well as learning about various holidays around the world, and taking part in many holiday learning activities.

This month we are focusing on Habit #5, Seek First to Understand, then be Understood. This is a powerful leadership skill that transforms relationships and promotes trust. Students will learn the difference between hearing and listening. They will learn the importance of listening with the intent to understand.

In our Reading unit, we are now learning about Westward Expansion. This unit will introduce students to an important period in the history of the United States. Students will learn why pioneers were willing and eager to endure hardships to move westward. Your child will learn about important innovations in both transportation and communication during that period in history. This will help us build important background knowledge for future learning.

In Math this month, we are learning about shapes and time with fraction concepts. We are building on our part-whole understanding to compose and decompose composite shapes. We will be interpreting equal shares within composite shapes to show halves, thirds, and fourths. We will then apply our understanding of halves and fourths to concepts about time.

This month in Science, we are continuing to learn about the properties of materials. Students will have the opportunity to investigate, test, and analyze materials and their properties.

Third Grade

We hope all of our MTE families had a wonderful and safe holiday season. December was a very fun and exciting month! Our Celebration Day went off without a hitch. Thanks to all of those who helped to make it a success. Our Spirit Squad was able to participate in Marigny's Polar Express and we are looking forward to a wonderful performance by the FHS theater department later this month. What a fun time!



As we enter the second half of the school year, our third graders will begin to prepare for the future. They are getting ready for fourth grade and it is time to get to work. In math we will begin working with area of figures and fractions on a number line. Please continue to practice math facts. Fluency in this area will allow your child the advantage of being able to work efficiently in third grade and in the future. Reflex Math may be a great way to build fluency and can be accessed at school and at home.

In reading we will explore literary and informational texts. We will continue to make connections to companionship, friends and community through our reading. We will be writing essays to express thoughts about these themes. The students will complete the Middle of the Year DIBELS Assessment this month. Continue to have your child practice reading aloud in order to reach the reading goal of 105 words per minute.

In Social Studies we will work on Constructed Response answers and test taking skills. Our new Unit will cover Westward expansion of the United States and the history of how our nation has changed over time.

We will complete our unit on inheritance and traits in science. We will begin a unit on environments and survival. In their role as biomimicry engineers, students figure out how traits of grove snails affect their survival in different environments.

Remember- No School on January 20th.

As always, thank you for your support.

MUSIC NOTES

The Holidays are over but I have to give accolades to MTE's Christmas Choir. Our Christmas Program was fantastic! Thanks again Choir for all of your hard work! It sure did pay off! This month we will be learning about the composer Prokofiev, and Peter and the Wolf.

Loving my job,
Norma Ganucheau



LIBRARY: CHECK IT OUT!

We hope that you and your family had a wonderful holiday. We have missed the children. We are ready to get back to reading in our library. Our plan for the month is to expose your child to various books/series in the library. Encourage your child to try something new, just as he/she might try a new food. This can surprise them and they might find a new genre that they love reading. We are getting ready for our final book fair of the school year, which will take place starting Monday, February 3 and will close Friday, February 7 at noon! The children will have an opportunity to create a wish list and preview the book fair the week before it begins. Information will be coming home soon.



Happy New Year,
Julie Kuylen and Joanne Santos

"Once you learn to read, you will be forever free."
- Frederick Douglass

COACH'S CORNER

Since it gets dark so early and weather can be a little rough this time of year, it's hard to get out and play. Luckily our area has plenty of facilities that feature rock climbing walls, trampolines, and indoor sports fields. So no excuses, make sure to keep yourself and your children active this new year.

Coach Dusang

ART: WATTER'S WORLD

Happy New Year to all
my young artists!



Catching Up with the Counselor

It's 2025 and that means we are ready to set new goals and continue toward success for our old ones! As goals are being set for the New Year, let's take this opportunity to encourage students to not only set goals but to work toward achieving them. Setting the goal and creating steps to achieve the goal is one way to start. It takes courage to set our minds to reach goals. As we move into the New Year let's encourage confidence, courage, and reaching our goals not only now but as the year progresses.

As we continue to practice Habit #4, here are some thoughts to keep in mind while practicing:

- "I want everyone to be successful"
- "I do not have to put others down to get what I want"
- "When a conflict happens I can look for a third option (mediating option)"
- "I believe that we all can win!"

I have enjoyed these past few months with all of you! I look forward to continued growth and many more memories made here at MTE this year!

- Mrs. Jordan

Habit 4 Book List

- *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



MTE PTA

RESTAURANT NIGHT

Wednesday, January 22nd, 2025

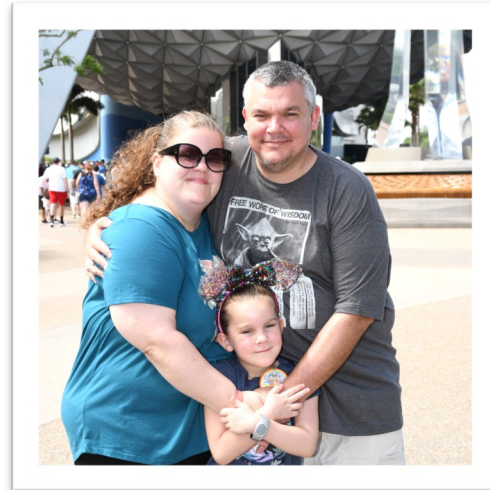


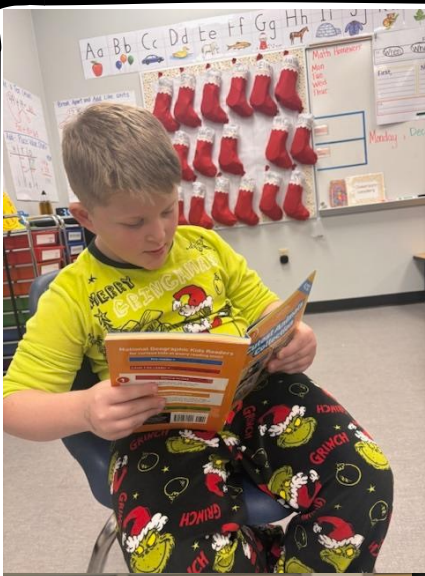
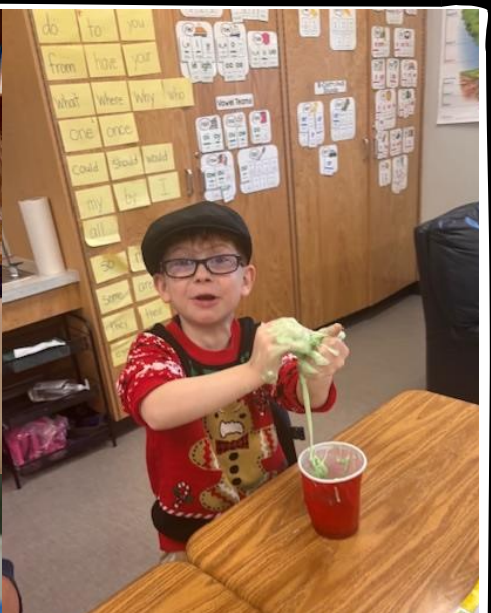
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Volunteers of the Month

Our volunteers for the month of December are Stella Schenxnayde and Danielle Mistretta! These ladies stepped up during our teacher luncheon to help serve and make sure our teachers had what they needed. Stella noticed we were lacking desserts and showed up with multiple homemade goodies. You can find Danielle volunteering at all of our events and she always brings a donation. Thanks for your dedication to MTE PTA! We love having you on the team!



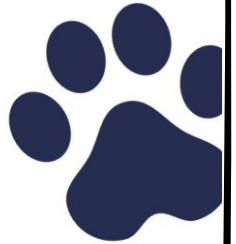


JANUARY MTE LUNCH MENU

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Vegetarian option, vegetable, fruit and choice of milk offered daily.				
		1	2	3
		No School	No School	No School
6	7	8	9	10
No School	Manager's Choice Cheesy Beefy Mac, Hot Vegetables, Rolls OR Pulled Pork Sandwich, Fries	Pork Nachos with Fixings, Steamed Corn OR Hamburger/Cheeseburger, Fries	Chicken Sauce Picante, Green Peas OR Warm Turkey Melt, Fries	Sloppy Joes, French Fries OR Hamburger/Cheeseburger, Fries
13	14	15	16	17
Red Beans and Rice, Steamed Spinach with Buttery Biscuit OR Hot Dog, Fries	Beef Burrito with Seasoned Corn OR Cheesy Nachos with Fixings, Steamed Corn	Cheesy Beefy Mac with Green Beans OR Hamburger/Cheeseburger, Fries	Chicken Gumbo with Steamed Rice, Potato Salad OR Grilled Cheese, Fries	Hamburger/Cheeseburger, Fries OR BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwich, Fries
20	21	22	23	24
No School	Beef Tacos with Fixings, Seasoned Corn, Cinnamon Breadstick OR Chicken Sandwich, Fries	Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy OR Warm Turkey Melt, Fries	Manager's Choice Cheesy Beefy Mac, Gumbo or Salisbury Steak OR Sloppy Joes, Fries	Sloppy Joe, French Fries OR School-made Flatbread Pizza, Fries
27	28	29	30	31
Dill Turkey Nuggets with Steamed Broccoli and Fresh Roll OR Hamburger/Cheeseburger, Fries	Beef Tacos with Fixings, Ranchero Beans, Cinnamon Breadstick OR Grilled Cheese, Fries	Spaghetti and 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

JANUARY MTE BREAKFAST MENU

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Fruit, fruit juice, cereal with toast and choice of milk offered daily.				
		1	2	3
		No School	No School	No School
6	7	8	9	10
No School	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
13	14	15	16	17
Hot Breakfast Pizza	Eggs with Grits and Toast OR Toaster Pastry with Toast	Flaky Biscuit with Sausage	School-Made Muffins	School-Made Beignets
20	21	22	23	24
No School	Sausage & Pancake on a Stick	Flaky Biscuit with Sausage	Breakfast Egg Scramble OR Toaster Pastry with Toast	School Made Cinnamon Roll
27	28	29	30	31
Warm Donut	Eggs with Grits and Toast OR Toaster Pastry with Toast	Flaky Biscuit with Sausage	Hot Breakfast Pizza	School-made Beignets



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