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October NEWS HOUND PTA NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I would like to start off by saying thank you to all our Grandparents and Special friends who joined us during our bookfair and at lunch. It was a great success, and we loved having you all visit our school. We also enjoyed

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 1st – Custodian Appreciation

October 2nd & 3rd – Fall Break/
Parish Fair- No School

October 6th- Coach Appreciation

October 8th – Light House Leaders
Meeting 4-5pm

October 10th – ½ day students ½ day
record keeping

October 13th- 17th - School Lunch
Week

October 14th – Ambassador Meeting 4-
5 PM

October 15th – YAP 4-5 PM

October 21st - Sports Club 4-5 PM

October 20th – Bus Driver
Appreciation Day

October 27th-October 31st- Red
Ribbon Week

October 28th- Terrific Leader Awards
9:30AM

October 31st – Trunk or Treat

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT:

Coats for Kids Donations will take
place at MTE from **October 7th-**
November 18th!

having former students, faculty and staff visit during Muffins and Memories. We want everyone to always remember, “Once a Maggie always a Maggie.” 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 first group of Maggie Managers starting their jobs this month! I am excited to also announce we have been rocking and rolling with targeted instruction where students’ individual needs are being met in a variety of ways. Our clubs and activities have started and are in high attendance.

This month we are working on keeping our hands and feet to ourselves at recess, on the bus, and in large settings. Coach Dusang will be doing lessons in PE, our Lighthouse team will be doing lessons in morning meetings, and our teachers are reinforcing them in the classrooms. We ask that parents also remind students about keeping hands and feet to self. We need to respect other friends’ personal space. We have placed a sign in the car line with a question you can talk about while you are in the car. Be on the lookout for these Leader in Me signs that can be identified by their colored stripes. Read the questions aloud to start discussions with your child while riding in the car.

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. If you have any questions, concerns, feedback or shout outs please feel free to email me at Jamie.breaux@stpsb.org.

Sincerely,

Jamie Breaux

Principal – MTE

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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 our Student/Teacher Raffle. The Raffle was a great success, and we will be doing another in the future. A HUGE Thank You to Brittany Joiner for planning this great event and organizing the Raffle. Also thank you to the parents and families who volunteered their time. We couldn't have done it without you.

Our next school event will be Trunk or Treat on Friday October 31. Each class will be decorating for Trunk or Treat, be on the lookout for an email from your room representative if help 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! Sock and ornament pre-orders are due by October 10th. This will be the only order for the 2025-2026 school year, so get those orders in if you are interested! Our restaurant night is Friday October 17th at Chuck E. Cheese. We hope you can make it!

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, please feel free to email me at magnoliatraceelementarypta@gmail.com

Chanelle Smith

PTA President 2025-2026

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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 and math WIGs (Wildy Important Goals) and are tracking their progress. Students are focusing on improving their reading fluency and meeting their goals on Lexia, our online literacy program. For math, students are working hard to successfully complete exit tickets to show their learning on math concepts. We encourage parents and guardians to talk with their students about their WIGS and the action steps they are doing 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 continue 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, why plants can't always get the sunlight and water they need to grow, and how seeds get to new places.

In social studies, we will be learning about North America, specifically Mexico.

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! - Second Grade teachers

Third Grade

The third grade teachers enjoyed being able to meet all of our families during Open House! Third grade students have been working hard, and they have been learning a lot about the Power of Yet!

Our second reading unit will entail reading literary and informational texts to learn that stories and books are important for learning about themselves and others. They will learn that storytelling can be a way to connect them to others and pass on family history and traditions. Third graders are learning all about how our nation was founded, the Constitution, the Bill of Rights, and George Washington in Social Studies. The students will begin understanding place value concepts through metric measurement. Please remember to practice math facts nightly to help with fluency. In science they are continuing to investigate why a train floats with balanced and unbalanced forces, and they will start learning about why a wolf has different traits than the rest of his pack in our next unit on Inherited Traits.

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

I read to you, then you read to me (Echo reading)

Silent read, followed by an oral read

Silent reading with oral summary

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



STUDENT CORNER

RED RIBBON WEEK

We celebrate Red Ribbon Week at MTE by choosing healthy habits. This year it will be October 27-31. We celebrate by wearing red to show we care. We will also have a school wide decorating contest. During Counseling we learn about choosing healthy habits. We also learn awareness about the dangers of bad medicine and good medicine. We are kind and nice to each other. Being kind is important. Mrs. Jordan will talk about it more during October.

Written By: Gemma Brocaille



MAGGIE TEACHER SPOTLIGHT: WHO IS MRS. ALT?

Mrs. Alt is a new second grade teacher at Magnolia Trace Elementary. She thinks teaching is important because everybody has an important part to do. When I asked Mrs. Alt what she liked best about MTE, she said, "I like the Maggie team spirit!" Her favorite part about teaching is knowing that she can make an impact. Welcome to MTE, Ms. Alt!

Written By: RJ Wortmann



MAGGIE STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: MY FRIEND BEAU

My friend Beau likes 2K25 and for fun he likes basketball. He also likes being a part of MTE Lighthouse. His class is Ms. Valentin. He also likes Math and outside he likes to swing. His favorite book is Dog Man and his favorite food is chicken. His favorite color is red. His favorite MTE moment was the first day of school.

Written By: Christian McNeil



LIBRARY: CHECK IT OUT!



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 or concerns, 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



ART: WATTER'S WORLD

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



COACH'S CORNER

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



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 now 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.

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. 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



Habit #2 Book List

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



September Terrific Kids



Maverick Terese
 Camille Bourque
 Connor Wooley
 Penelope "Peppy" Neeson
 Audrey Meaux
 Oliver Coco
 Jacob Morris

Emery Gardner
 Alonso Trevino
 Bailey Crater
 Jolene Flowers
 Emma Grace Gill
 Camille Boughrara

Adeline "Addy" Saweikis
 CeCe Schaefer
 Myles Washington
 Isabella Bardales
 Vincent Collier
 John Hunt

MTE PTA

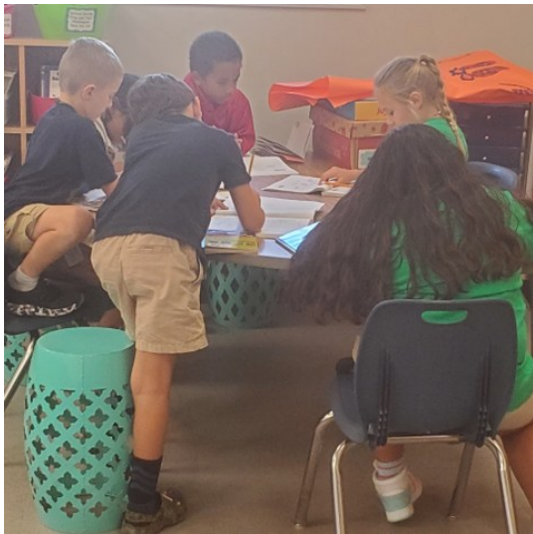
RESTAURANT NIGHT

Friday, October 17th, 2025



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OCTOBER MTE LUNCH MENU

Vegetarian option, vegetable, fruit and choice of milk offered daily.

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>1. Spaghetti & Meat sauce, Green Beans, Fresh Baked French Bread All Day 29</p> <p>2. Corn Dog, Fries All Day</p>	<p>Manager's Choice All Day 30</p> <p>1. chicken quesadillas All Day</p> <p>2. turkey sandwich All Day</p>	<p>1. Garlic Mozzarella Cheesy Bread, Seasoned Corn All Day 1</p> <p>2. Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza, Seasoned Corn, Marinara Sauce All Day</p>	<p>No School/ Fall Break All Day 2</p>	<p>No School/ Fair Day All Day 3</p>
<p>1. Chicken Tenders, Mac & Cheese & Fresh Baked Roll All Day 6</p> <p>2. Grilled Cheese, Fries All Day</p>	<p>1. Chicken Gumbo w/Rice and Potato Salad All Day 7</p> <p>2. Beef Burrito w/ Fries All Day</p>	<p>1. Cheesy Beefy Mac, Green Beans, Fresh Baked Roll All Day 8</p> <p>2. Crispy Chicken Drumsticks, Fries All Day</p>	<p>1. Mandarin Orange or General Tso's Chicken, Steamed Rice, Seasoned Broccoli All Day 9</p> <p>2. Hamburger/ Cheeseburger, Fries All Day</p>	<p>1. Corn Dog, Fries All Day 10</p> <p>2. Garlic Mozzarella Cheesy Bread, Seasoned Corn All Day</p>
<p>1. Chicken Tenders, Mac & Cheese & Fresh Baked Roll All Day 13</p> <p>2. Hamburger/ Cheeseburger, Fries All Day</p>	<p>1. Beef Tacos with fixings, Ranchero Beans, Cinnamon Breadstick All Day 14</p> <p>2. Beef Walking Tacos w/ Fixins and Ranchero Beans All Day</p>	<p>1. Spaghetti & Meat sauce, Green Beans, Fresh Baked French Bread All Day 15</p> <p>2. Garlic Mozzarella Cheesy Bread, Seasoned Corn All Day</p>	<p>1. Mandarin Orange or General Tso's Chicken, Steamed Rice, Seasoned Broccoli All Day 16</p> <p>2. Crispy Chicken Drumsticks, Fries All Day</p>	<p>1. Shepherd's Pie with Fresh Roll All Day 17</p> <p>2. Crispy Fish Sticks w/ Fries All Day</p>
<p>1. Chicken Tenders, Mac & Cheese & Fresh Baked Roll All Day 20</p> <p>2. Breaded Chicken Sandwich, Fries All Day</p>	<p>1. Beef Tacos with fixings, Ranchero Beans, Cinnamon Breadstick All Day 21</p> <p>2. Grilled Cheese, Fries All Day</p>	<p>1. Cheesy Beefy Mac, Green Beans, Fresh Baked Roll All Day 22</p> <p>2. Crispy Chicken Drumsticks, Fries All Day</p>	<p>1. Mandarin Orange or General Tso's Chicken, Steamed Rice, Seasoned Broccoli All Day 23</p> <p>2. Hamburger/ Cheeseburger, Fries All Day</p>	<p>1. Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza, Seasoned Corn, Marinara Sauce All Day 24</p> <p>2. Garlic Mozzarella Cheesy Bread, Seasoned Corn All Day</p>
<p>1. Red Beans & Rice, w/ Texas Toast All Day 27</p> <p>2. Breaded Chicken Sandwich, Fries All Day</p>	<p>1. Cheesy Chicken Quesadilla w/ Fixings and Ranchero Beans All Day 28</p> <p>2. Cheesy Nachos w/ Ranchero Beans All Day</p>	<p>1. Spaghetti & Meat sauce, Green Beans, Fresh Baked French Bread All Day 29</p> <p>2. Corn Dog, Fries All Day</p>	<p>Manager's Choice All Day 30</p>	<p>1. Garlic Mozzarella Cheesy Bread, Seasoned Corn All Day 31</p> <p>2. Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza, Seasoned Corn, Marinara Sauce All Day</p>

OCTOBER MTE BREAKFAST MENU

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Pancake w/ Sausage on a Stick All Day 29	Flaky Schoolmade Biscuit w/ Sausage All Day 30	Schoolmade Cinnamon Roll All Day 1	No School/ Fall Break All Day 2	No School/ Fair Day All Day 3
Cheesy Egg & Sausage Sandwich All Day 6	Egg w/ Grits & Toast All Day 7	Flaky Schoolmade Biscuit w/Sausage All Day 8	Toasty Cheese Sandwich All Day 9	Egg & Cheese Biscuit All Day 10
Pancake w/ Sausage on a Stick All Day 13	Breakfast Egg Scramble All Day 14	Flaky Schoolmade Biscuit w/ Sausage All Day 15	School Made Beignets All Day 16	Egg & Cheese Biscuit All Day 17
Breakfast Pizza All Day 20	Fruit & Yogurt Parfait w/ Granola All Day 21	Flaky Schoolmade Biscuit w/ Sausage All Day 22	Toasty Cheese Sandwich All Day 23	Egg & Cheese Biscuit All Day 24
Pancake w/ Sausage on a Stick All Day 27	Egg w/Grits & Toast All Day 28	Flaky Schoolmade Biscuit w/ Sausage All Day 29	Schoolmade Muffin All Day 30	Egg & Cheese Biscuit All Day 31