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March NEWS HOUND PTA NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Guardians,

UPCOMING EVENTS

3/2-3/6: Drop Everything and Read Week
3/2: Fire Drill
3/3: Ambassador Meeting 4-5 pm
3/4: Lighthouse meeting 4-5 pm
3/5: Talent Show practice 4-5pm
3/6: Maintenance Worker Appreciation Day
3/10 & 3/11: 2nd Grade Global Wildlife Field Trip
3/10: Lighthouse meeting 4-5pm and Talent show practice 4-5pm
3/11: K-Kids 4-5 pm
3/12: Ambassador School Board meeting after school
3/13: Talent Show, Half Day for students
3/16: Marching Maggies 4-5 pm
3/17: Spring Pictures
3/18: YAP 4-5 pm
3/24: Terrific Leader 9:30am, Robotics meeting 4-5pm
3/25: Paraprofessional Appreciation Day
3/30-4/6: Spring Break

It is hard to believe that we are already in the month of March! I would like to first say thank you to all community

members and families for their support with Boosterthon. We exceeded our goals and are looking forward to getting the teachers what they need for their classrooms as well as some technological upgrades. We wrapped up Boosterthon with a fun school wide game show, fun run and cultural arts day! It was a packed fun-filled day for all!

We have three big goals that we are working on this year. We are focusing on fluency, mathematical content and student goal setting. Students are setting individual goals in Math and ELA.

Teachers are setting their goals as well. We are visiting these goals weekly and daily in our classrooms. Please ask your students about their goals as we continue to increase our reading fluency and mathematical content.

This is a very important month for students to be in school. We are gearing up for testing in April and want to ensure students are getting all the information needed so they can be comfortable and successful taking end of the year assessments. Please continue to encourage students to try their best and be at school whenever possible. Spring break will take place the last few days of March and first few days of April.

We are continuing to Motivate Teach and Engage at MTE. We want to educate the whole child, and it is because of our continued partnership that our school is one of the best places to be. We appreciate all you do for us and for our students. If you have any questions, praises, or concerns, please feel free to contact me at Jamie.breaux@stpsb.org.

Sincerely,
Jamie Breaux
Principal -MTE

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Hi Maggie Families!

February and Mardi Gras season are behind us; spring is on its way.

February was a fun month with Valentine's Day, Boosterthon, and Mardi Gras celebrations. Boosterthon was a HUGE success and we surpassed our goal! Thank you to all the volunteers who made Boosterthon happen. Cultural Arts Day was amazing and we are so grateful to everyone who gave their time to support it. We also appreciate your continued support of all our restaurant nights!

It's that time of year when we begin looking for volunteers to serve on Executive Board and Board of Directors! If you are interested in being more involved, please email me or send me a message on Facebook at any time! We truly have a great time being a huge part of the school and planning fun events for the kids. I'm sure we can find some way you can share your talents with us and the school!

Please volunteer if you can. Ms. Breaux is amazing to work with and I'm always happy to answer questions and help in any way that I can. If you are interested, or know someone who is, please email me. It is so rewarding not only for us, but for our children and school as well.

Everything the PTA does makes an impact on students' lives at MTE!

Staff Appreciation week is coming up in May – our planning begins now for a week-long celebration of their dedication to MTE and the education and lives of our children. Be on the lookout for donation and volunteer opportunities. If you would like to help us plan and execute this week, please reach out to me through email or Facebook! We would love to have some additional help during the week of May 4-8th.

Chanelle Smith

PTA President 2025-2026

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MTE PTA

RESTAURANT NIGHT

Friday, March 20th, 2026



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Second Grade

Our second graders are looking forward to a magnificent March. They have been working very hard, and we are excited to see the progress they are making.

In the beginning of March, students will begin their journey into Knowledge Domain 9 where they will travel back in time to an important period in the history of the United States- The U.S. Civil War. In this Domain, students will learn about the controversy over slavery between the North and the South, which eventually led to the U.S. Civil War and how the end of this war also meant the end of slavery. They will also learn about a few men and women who made a significant impact during this time. After, we will begin Domain 10 which covers a number of topics regarding the human body and nutrition.

In our ELA Skills lessons, students will finish up our Skills 5 unit while continuing to learn about alternative and tricky spellings of common sounds, capitalization and punctuation, use of apostrophes, and the identification of nouns and verbs as parts of speech. New concepts that are being introduced in this unit include adjectives as a new part of speech, the concept of verb tenses (present, past, and future), and the components of a sentence, subject and predicate. The students are really enjoying reading all of the funny stories in this section about “Sir Gus the Fearless” and his mishaps. Sir Gus is a fictional reader detailing the serendipitous undertakings of a knight named Sir Gus. Despite his title as “Sir Gus the Fearless,” Sir Gus actually has many different fears which lead to some unexpected humorous events.

In math, we are working in Module 4 which includes deepening students' understanding of addition and subtraction as they work within 1,000. Students reason about place value, properties of operations, and the relationship between numbers as they choose efficient solution strategies to solve problems.

In Science, students will begin a unit on Changing Landforms. In this unit, students will become geologists and use models to explore and investigate how wind and water can cause changes to landforms over time.

In social studies, we are concluding Unit 3 and will explore the characteristics of good citizenship. To help increase reading fluency and comprehension, please encourage your child to read every day. This is great preparation for the End-of-Year DIBELS Benchmark Assessment coming up in April! We are so proud of our students' hard work and hope they stay focused as we move through the rest of the year. Thank you for everything you do to support your child's learning.

Third Grade

March Fun Fact: March is the time of year when animals start waking up from hibernation. Well, at Magnolia Trace, we have been awake and learning so much all school year! Believe it or not, we are more than “½” way through the 2025-2026 school year!

In Math, we are wrapping up our learning about fractions. We went from thinking of fractions as area or parts of a figure to points on a number line. Our next unit consists of geometry and measurement with word problems. Please make sure you are reviewing all multiplication facts with your child. Because everyone learns differently, you can help your child figure out the best way for them to learn their facts. Some children prefer listening to music for the multiplication facts, while others prefer writing them over and over, and some like playing games to learn the facts.

AMAZING FACT ALERT: RESEARCH SHOWS THAT A STUDENT WHO READS 20 MINUTES A DAY WILL BE EXPOSED TO 1.8 MILLION WORDS PER YEAR! Who can even count this high???

In ELA we are reading literary and informational texts to learn about the Louisiana Purchase and the characteristics of pioneers during this time period. Students will express their understanding of the Louisiana Purchase by explaining the events leading up to the acquisition of the territory and the results of those events.

In Social Studies, students are learning about industry and innovation in our nation by studying the Second Industrial Revolution & the growth of cities, Theodore Roosevelt, and the Conservation Movement. In addition, students will learn about how our nation changed laws to form a more perfect union by studying the Women’s Suffrage Movement & the Civil Rights Movement.

In Science, students are finishing up learning about environments and survival! They will figure out how the traits of grove snails affect their survival in different environments. They will apply this understanding to explore other organisms, their traits, and whether these organisms can survive in different environments. **BIG QUESTION:** Why are the snails with yellow shells in the population not surviving as well as the snails with the banded shells? Next, they will begin our last unit on Weather and Climate. Students will take on the role of meteorologists working for the fictional Wildlife Protection Organization to investigate weather patterns as they solve the problem of where to establish an orangutan reserve.



MUSICAL NOTES

Happy March!

Remember, if your student is in the Talent Show, we have practice on March 5th 4-5:30 and March 10th 4-5. The show will be on the half day March 13. In the Music room we are learning about a new instrument family each week, so get ready to hear about the hurdy-gurdy!

Choir has been making great progress with their songs for the spring show! Reminder: if your choir student is in 3rd grade, they are allowed to skip 5 rehearsals and 2nd grad is allowed to miss 3 (absence from school does not count towards a skip). Once they miss more than the allowed number of skips, they will not be in the show, because they would have missed too many practices.

-Ms. Audrey MTE Music



LIBRARY: CHECK IT OUT!



Thank you for your support at our recent Book Fair. We will use the funds raised to purchase many new book titles. Our third grade students are becoming masters at using the online library catalog to search for books in our library collection. This will help them transition to Middle School and be able to navigate and find books next year. Many second and third grade students have increased reading levels since the beginning of the school year. Third grade is enjoying “free choice” once a month in the library. Soon, second grade students will also be obtaining additional library privileges for demonstrating leadership skills while in the library. Our library book club has been successful this year. Students are enjoying their extra library privileges. If you love to read, consider joining book club next school year.

“You can find magic wherever you look. Sit back and relax all you need is a book.” – Dr. Seuss

Happy Reading,

Julie Kuylen and Joanne Santos

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COACH'S CORNER

This month we will continue to apply skills we've learned throughout the year into games. We will be playing baseball/softball in a modified version to accommodate class size and space. We may have some future ball players that haven't realized their potential.

For some of the games we play, we keep score. It is a good way to teach the kids good sportsmanship. It is important for the students to learn how to win and lose, and still enjoy the game.

Coach Dusang
Physical Education Teacher

Catching up with the Counselor

It's time to MARCH to your goals this month! I encourage you and your students to keep working toward the goals you set for yourself at the beginning of the year. If you have not set a goal yet, now is a great time to start & march toward that goal all month long.

This month marks the beginning of spring. I'm looking forward to all the new and exciting things this month is sure to bring. In February, the school counseling program continued with classroom guidance lessons and individual meetings with students and began small groups. In classroom guidance, students participated in social emotional lessons on zones of regulation and identifying calming skills.

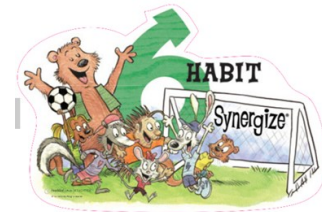
The next Habit, and one of my personal favorites is Habit 6: **Synergize!** This is a great habit to practice because we do it every day; we work together.

Synergy is:

1. Celebrating differences
2. Working together
3. Being open-minded
4. Finding new and better ways

Synergy is not:

1. Being intolerant
2. Working independently
3. Thinking you are always right
4. Being selfish



Ways to practice synergy:

Story time: Read a story below or another and discuss how the characters worked together and made it better.

Talk it Out: Think of a project that you can complete as a family. How will working together make it better?

Family Fun: Decide on a family project to complete together. Gather everyone's ideas on how to complete the project.

Working on it: Work on a project for the house with the family. Examples: clean up the back yard, build a bird-house.

Play Together: Give your children a chance to choose a fun activity you can do together

Check Out the Habit 6 Book List:

- The Patchwork Quilt* by Valerie Flourney
- Ramona and Her Mother* by Beverly Cleary
- Paper Wishes* by Lois Sepahban
- Chicken Sunday* by Patricia Polacco
- Swimmy* by Leo Lionni
- The Chalk Box Kid* by Clyde Robert Bulla

-Mrs. Jordan

STUDENT CORNER

FRIENDSHIP

Today I am interviewing Sarah Sujith.

Sarah's favorite pull out is Art. I learned that she loves to draw. Her favorite thing about MTE is K-Kids and sports club. She also loves being on reflex and lexia. I enjoyed interviewing my new friend Sarah.

Written By:
Bailey Crater

MEET DR. LONGMAN

Dr. Longman is vice principal at Magnolia Trace. Her Favorite thing about MTE is all the amazing teachers and students. Her favorite food is shrimp. Dr. Longman's favorite part about being vice principal at MTE is getting to help all the wonderful students and helping the wonderful teachers. Her favorite color is pink and blue. Her favorite grade in school was second grade because she had an amazing teacher who cared. Her favorite subject is math. Her favorite thing when she was a teacher was seeing the students struggle and then see the light bulb go on in their face. Dr. Longman did not always want to be a vice principal but always wanted to help teachers. It was something she grew to want to do.

Written By: Camille Boughrara



February 2026 Terrific Kids



Ian Cuellar (Jan)
Lilly Sewell
Amelia Byrd
Claire Dardis
Charlotte Wiest
Camille Dishon
Rhett Madlem (Jan)

Emma Smith
Alayna Welch
Raphael Bade
Julianna Cotton
Preston LeBlanc
Charlotte Thurston
Hudson Caire

August Johnson
Jude Callais
Palmer Commare
Blakely O'Connor
Bria Roberts
Marley Melancon
Killian Wood (Jan)





MARCH MTE LUNCH MENU

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1. Breaded Chicken Sandwich, Fries All Day 2. Chicken Nuggets, Mac & Cheese, Schoolmade Breadsticks All Day	2. Manager's Choice All Day	3. 1. Spaghetti & Meat sauce, Green Beans, Fresh Baked French Bread All Day 2. Corn Dog, Fries All Day	4. 1. Mandarin Orange or General Tso's Chicken, Steamed Rice, Seasoned Broccoli All Day 2. Steamed Chicken & Veggie Dumplings, Seasoned Carrots, Fresh Baked Roll All Day	5. 1. Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza, Seasoned Corn, Marinara Sauce All Day 2. Garlic Mozzarella Cheesy Bread, Seasoned Corn All Day
9. 1. Red Beans & Rice, w/ Texas Toast All Day 2. Breaded Chicken Sandwich, Fries All Day	1. Jambalaya, Green Beans and Garlic Breadstick All Day 2. Corn Dog, Fries All Day	10. 1. Crispy Chicken Drumstick, Mac & Cheese, Schoolmade Biscuit All Day 2. Chicken Tender Basket w/ Fries, Fresh Roll All Day	11. 1. Gumbo, Potato Salad and Schoolmade Breadstick All Day 2. Hamburger/ Cheeseburger, Fries All Day	12. 1. Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Fries All Day 2. Fish Strip Basket w/ Fries, Fresh Roll All Day
16. 1. Chicken Tenders, Mac & Cheese & Fresh Baked Roll All Day 2. Breaded Chicken Sandwich, Fries All Day	1. Beef Tacos w/ Fixings, Ranchero Beans, Cinnamon Breadstick All Day 2. Walking Tacos w/ Fixings & Ranchero Beans All Day	17. 1. Cheesy Beefy Mac, Green Beans, Fresh Baked Roll All Day 2. Crispy Chicken Drumsticks, Fries All Day	18. 1. Mandarin Orange or General Tso's Chicken, Steamed Rice, Steamed Carrots All Day 2. Hamburger/ Cheeseburger, Fries All Day	19. 1. Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza, Seasoned Corn, Marinara Sauce All Day 1. turkey roast, mashed potatoes and gravy All Day 2. Chicken quesadilla All Day 2. Garlic Mozzarella Cheesy Bread, Seasoned Corn All Day
23. 1. Chicken Tenders, Mac & Cheese & Fresh Baked Roll All Day 2. Chicken Tender Basket w/ Fries, Fresh Roll All Day	1. Walking Tacos w/ Fixings & Ranchero Beans All Day 2. Beef Tacos w/ Fixings, Ranchero Beans, Cinnamon Breadstick All Day	24. 1. Cheesy Beefy Mac, Green Beans, Fresh Baked Roll All Day 2. Crispy Chicken Drumsticks, Fries All Day	25. 1. Mandarin Orange or General Tso's Chicken, Steamed Rice, Steamed Carrots All Day 2. Hamburger/ Cheeseburger, Fries All Day	26. 1. Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza, Seasoned Corn, Marinara Sauce All Day 2. Garlic Mozzarella Cheesy Bread, Seasoned Corn All Day
No School All Day	30. No School All Day	31.	1.	2.

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

MARCH BREAKFAST MENU

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1 Breakfast Egg Scramble All Day	2 Pancake w/ Sausage on a Stick All Day	3 Flaky Schoolmade Biscuit w/ Sausage All Day	4 School Made Beignets All Day	5 ● Biscuit, egg, and cheese sandwich All Day Manager's Choice All Day
8 Breakfast Pizza All Day	9 Fruit & Yogurt Parfait w/ Granola All Day	10 Flaky Schoolmade Biscuit w/ Sausage All Day	11 Toasty Cheese Sandwich All Day	12 Egg & Cheese Biscuit All Day
15 Pancake w/ Sausage on a Stick All Day	16 Egg w/ Orits & Toast All Day	17 Flaky Schoolmade Biscuit w/ Sausage All Day	18 Schoolmade Muffins All Day	19 ● Breakfast burrito All Day Manager's Choice All Day
22 Cheesy Egg & Sausage Sandwich All Day	23 Egg w/ Orits & Toast All Day	24 Flaky Schoolmade Biscuit w/ Sausage All Day	25 Toasty Cheese Sandwich All Day	26 Egg & Cheese Biscuit All Day
29 No School All Day	30 No School All Day	31	1	2
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