Magnolia Trace Elementary

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April NEWS HOUND
PTA Newsletter

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 1st – 6th: Spring Break- No School

April 7th – Numeracy Individual Testing all day/ OT&PT Appreciation

April 8th – EOY DIBELS and Numeracy testing/ TRT Appreciation

April 9th - EOY DIBELS 2nd and Numeracy/ Librarian Day

April 10th – Numeracy finishes/ Spirit Award

April 13th– Marching Maggies 4-5pm

April 14th- STEM 4-5pm

April 15th-22nd- LEAP Testing—GOOD LUCK 3rd Graders- YOU GOT THIS!!

April 22nd- Secretaries Appreciation

April 23rd- Makeup Numeracy and Dibels testing

April 24th – Spirit Award

April 28th- Ambassadors 4-5pm, STEM 4-5pm

April 29th- Volunteer Tea, Sports Club 4-5pm

Dear Parents and Guardians,

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It has been a great start to spring! We are now in the fourth nine weeks, and it is hard to believe we are beginning end-of-year activities. The month of April is very important, as it allows us to see how much students have grown both socially and academically. We will be conducting end-of-year testing this month, including DIBELS, numeracy assessments, and LEAP.

These assessments help guide student placement, identify needed interventions, and contribute to our school performance scores. It is imperative that students get plenty of rest and attend school regularly. While these assessments are important, we do not want students to feel stressed. We approach this season with positive encouragement—reminding students that they are capable, prepared, and ready to succeed.

We encourage them to take care of their bodies, get adequate rest, and do their very best. We remind students that some questions may be challenging, and that's okay. What matters most is that they try their best and remain confident in what they know. Being courageous and putting forth their best effort is what truly counts. Let's continue reminding our students of their potential and all they are capable of achieving!

I am confident that our teachers have prepared our students well. As parents, please continue reading with your children and ensuring they attend school each day.

I would also like to thank you for allowing me the opportunity to witness your children's growth. It is truly a pleasure to be part of the Magnolia Trace community. Walking the halls and seeing greatness each day is a blessing, and I would not want to be anywhere else. I deeply appreciate the continued support from our community and look forward to finishing this school year strong and striving for excellence in the years to come.

Sincerely,
Jamie Breaux
Principal, MTE

Hi Maggie Families,

Magnolia Trace
2025- 2026
PTA Executive Board

President – Chanelle Smith
Secretary – Sarah Dunne
Treasurer– Kourtney Chavis
VP of Promotions– Brittany Joiner
Board Member– Sherri Toucheque

We're still looking to grow the PTA Board for MTE! Thank you to those who have shown interest in helping to make MTE a better place for our Maggies. We are still looking for a Treasurer and a Restaurant Night Coordinator. We still have many positions available, and all have different levels of commitment. Please email me with any specific questions and I will be happy to help!

Staff Appreciation Week is May 4th to 8th this year — our planning begins now for a week- long celebration of their dedication to Magnolia Trace 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

May 13 is our last PTA General meeting of the year. This meeting is when we will elect the new Executive Board. It is also our incoming parent night.

May 18th is Water Day and May 19th is Third Grade Celebration.

We hope to see you at our last PTA Meeting for the year!

Scan the QR code for the Cheddar Up Group Page for Memberships, Volunteer Sign-Ups, and More!

Chanelle Smith
PTA President 2025-2026
Magnolia Trace Elementary

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Join the dedicated group of making MTE great for our kids!

Interested? Email magnoliatraceelementarypta@gmail.com

MTE PTA

RESTAURANT MORNING

SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2026

DILLY & SONS BAGELRY AND CAFÉ
Rise and Schmear!

2040 LA-59, MANDEVILLE, LA 70448

7AM-2PM
LET THEM KNOW YOU ARE THERE FOR MAGNOLIA TRACE ELEMENTARY

Second Grade

One of the highlights in March for 2nd grade was our field trip to Global Wildlife. The weather was beautiful, the animals were hungry, and the students had a blast! We also enjoyed seeing how talented our classmates are during the end-of-quarter talent show.

This month, students will begin their discovery of Knowledge Domain 10, which covers several topics related to the human body. In this domain, students will learn about cells and how they serve as the building blocks of life on Earth. They will explore how cells form tissues, tissues form organs, and how organs work together within various body systems. Students will also learn about the fundamental parts and functions of the digestive and excretory systems. Finally, this unit emphasizes the importance of good nutrition and maintaining a well-balanced diet.

In our ELA Skills lessons, students will begin Unit 6. They will continue learning about alternative and tricky spellings of common sounds, as well as capitalization, punctuation, the use of apostrophes, and identifying nouns and verbs as parts of speech. Students will also discover more about the War of 1812 through stories in our decodable readers. Additionally, they will learn the difference between fiction and nonfiction texts, explore various nonfiction genres, and identify key features of those genres.

In Math, we will begin Module 5, which focuses on money, data, and customary measurement. Students will start by solving problems using coins and bills, then move on to measuring and estimating length using customary units. The module will conclude with using measurement and data to solve problems.

In Social Studies, students will begin Unit 4, which focuses on living and working in the United States. In Science, students will continue exploring changing landforms through hands-on activities.

We encourage all students to continue reading daily to build confidence, improve fluency, and foster a love of reading. As the school year comes to a close, we hope each child remains focused and continues to do their very best work.

Thank you for all that you do to support your child's education.

Third Grade

Third graders are looking forward to a fantastic April! We have many exciting topics to explore as we continue our learning.

We will begin our final math module of the year, focusing on geometry, measurement, and data. Students will tell time to the nearest minute and solve elapsed-time word problems using linear models. They will also find the perimeter of plane figures and apply this skill to real-world problems. In addition, students will represent and interpret data using scaled picture graphs, scaled bar graphs, and line plots. Please continue practicing multiplication and division facts at home. Students may access Reflex and Frax from home using their student login information.

In ELA, students will wrap up their study of the Louisiana Purchase before beginning our Cajun Folktale Unit. By reading folktales, students will discover how storytelling can be both entertaining and meaningful. They will explore Louisiana history and culture while also learning about character development and theme. Students will show their understanding by writing an opinion about the main character's actions.

In Social Studies, students will continue to learn how our nation has worked to form a more perfect union by changing laws over time. They will study important events such as Women's Suffrage and the Civil Rights Movement. Later in the month, students will also learn how communication breakthroughs and digital technology continue to shape people's daily lives and work.

In Science, students will investigate weather patterns by gathering and analyzing evidence. They will look for patterns in weather based on location and think about how people can design solutions to reduce damage from hurricanes and other natural hazards.

LEAP testing will take place April 15–21. Students have been working hard and are well prepared! You can help your child do their best by making sure they get plenty of sleep each night, arrive at school on time, and eat a healthy breakfast each morning.

MUSICAL NOTES

Happy April, Maggie friends!

We just completed our month-long lesson on instrument families. For the month of April, we will be focusing on pitched percussion and learning how to play boomwhackers and bells to some of our favorite songs.

Our choir is hard at work preparing songs and dances for our spring show—we can't wait for you to see it!

– Ms. Audrey
MTE Music

LIBRARY: CHECK IT OUT!

This month in the library, second grade students will continue learning how to navigate our online catalog – Destiny Discover. They will determine their desired book and then locate it in our library. Students will also focus on how to navigate through the Dewey Decimal System. Second grade started earning "level up" day once a month. Students can select a book one level higher than their independent reading level. Third grade now has earned the privilege of selecting any book of their choice in the library. Second and Third grade will continue to explore multiple literary genres.

If you have any questions, feel free to email me at Julie.kuyen@stpsb.org

"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more you learn, the more places you'll go."— Dr. Seuss

Happy Reading,

Julie Kuylen and Joanne Santos

COACH'S CORNER

With the weather changing for the better, it is a great time of year to explore a wonderful resource available to us in St. Tammany Parish, the Tammany Trace. This railway turned to bike path is 31 miles long, running from Covington to Slidell. It has several trailheads along the way and plenty of beautiful scenery. So air up those bike tires and get to pedaling.

Coach Dusang
Physical Education Teacher

While the saying goes, "April showers bring May flowers," we are aiming to have a month filled with sunshine and positivity.

I'm looking forward to all the new and exciting things this month is sure to bring. In March, the school counseling program continued with classroom guidance lessons focused on mindfulness, including listening, breathing, coloring, and grounding. I encourage each of you, along with your students, to complete one random act of kindness each week.

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month and Autism Awareness Month.

- Be on the lookout for blue pinwheels in the front of the school, which serve as a visual reminder of our shared responsibility to keep students safe.
- During the school day, there will be displays to help educate students about neurodivergence and promote understanding

Our next focus is **Habit 7: Sharpen the Saw**. This is a wonderful habit to practice, as it encourages balance across all aspects of our lives. Below are some ways to focus on maintaining balance:

Physical – Body

- Exercise and engage in physical activities together
- Clarify expectations and goals

Mental – Mind

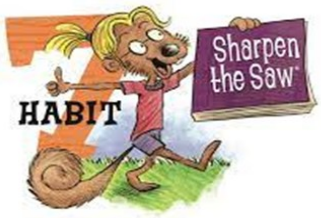
- Share and discuss ideas
- Write or keep a journal

Emotional – Heart

- Show love and affirmation
- Take time to relax together
- Build trusting relationships

Spiritual – Spirit

- Renew commitments
- Clarify direction and goals



Check Out the Habit 7 Book List:

- *The Carrot Seed* by Ruth Krauss
- *Bread and Jam for Frances* by Russell Hoban
- *The Snowy Day* by Ezra Jack Keats
- *Jabari Jumps* by Gaia Cornwall

-Mrs. Jordan

STUDENT CORNER

My Best Brother

Matias is my brother. He is so funny. He is in Mrs. Valentin's class. His favorite color is green. He can juggle. He plays soccer well. He can do AMAZING stuff. He has 100% in Reflex. I like him because of his silliness. I love my brother.

By Lucca Beltran Cancino

My Friend

My friend is Alonso. He is kind and helpful. He does Karate. His favorite color is blue like me. He likes soccer, too. His best friend is Matias. We're always going to be buddies. Thank you for being my friend.

By Lucca Beltran Cancino

Mrs. Ross

Mrs. Ross has been teaching for 12 years and she likes her job. Before she started teaching, she worked in an office as a human resource manager. Her students think she is funny and she loves to make them laugh! Sometimes she doesn't even mean to make them laugh! They play games like Plinko where students can get a chance to earn the most money. If they earn the most money on the Plinko gameboard, they will get a sweet treat. Fun facts: 1) She has a granddaughter named Cecilia Hope. 2) This summer she is going to Florida, Texas, and Alaska! Now you know a little about Mrs. Ross, an amazing teacher at MTE!

By Ben Breaux

The Talent Show

MTE had a talent show on Friday, March 13. The whole school was there to see children with special talents. Even some parents were there which means it was important! It was in the gym. There were a lot of singers, dancers in groups, and tumbling. I think more people should do instruments and sports. It was memorable because a lot of people did a good job doing the talent show!!!

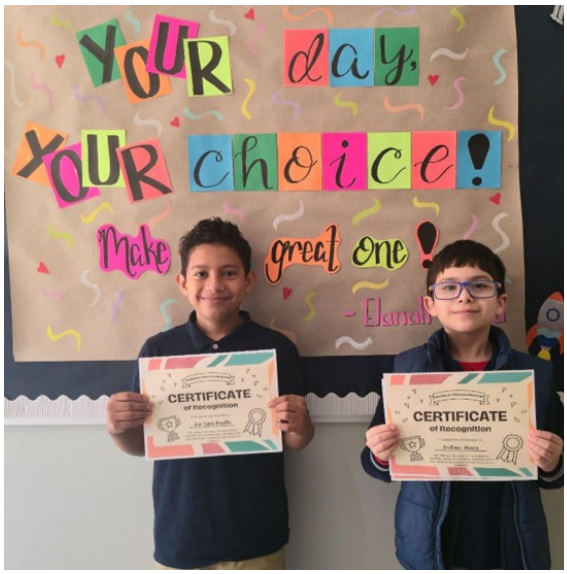
By Bailey Crater

March 2026 Terrific Kids

Charlotte Edkins
Marilyn Persich
Brennan Moroney
Thomas (Tommy) Stanga
Wesley King
Quinn Jones
Violet Urias

Matias Beltran
Grace King
Caroline Polk
Eleanor Ryals
Lillian Lewis
Aviana Carroll
Angelo Chimento

Palmer Commare
Jose Funes-Bonilla
Lorali Billingsley
Tyler Winston
Bria Roberts
Bentley Suarez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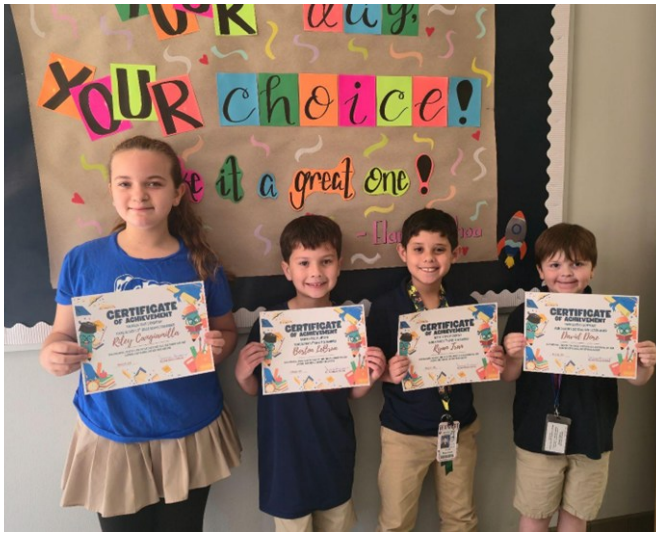
Tyler Winston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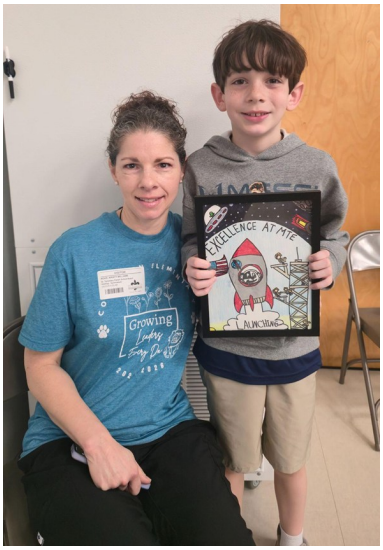

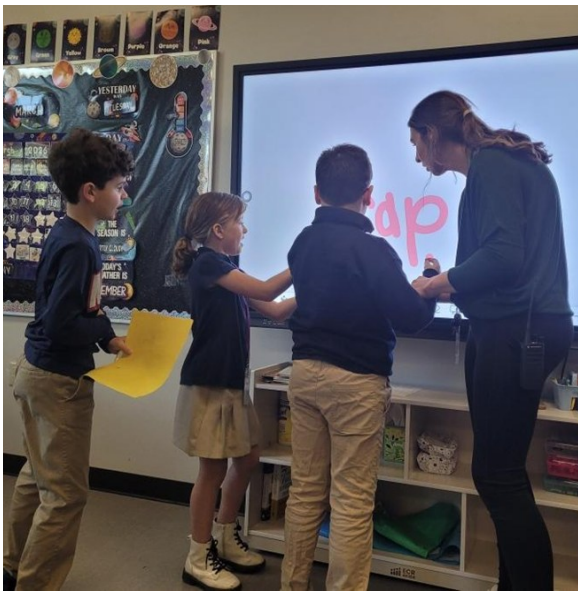

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APRIL MTE LUNCH MENU

APRIL 2026

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
30 No School All Day	31 No School All Day	1	2	3
6 No School All Day	7 1. Breaded Chicken Sandwich, Fries All Day 2. Chicken Nuggets, Mac & Cheese, Schoolmade Breadsticks All Day	8 1. Spaghetti & Meat sauce, Green Beans, Fresh Baked French Bread All Day 2. Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Fries All Day	9 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	10 1. Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza, Seasoned Corn, Marinara Sauce All Day 2. Garlic Mozzarella Cheesy Bread, Seasoned Corn All Day
13 1. Chicken Tenders, Mac & Cheese & Fresh Baked Roll All Day 2. Breaded Chicken Sandwich, Fries All Day	14 1. Beef Tacos w/ Fixings, Ranchero Beans, Cinnamon Breadstick All Day 2. Walking Tacos w/ Fixings & Ranchero Beans All Day	15 1. Cheesy Beefy Mac, Green Beans, Fresh Baked Roll All Day 2. Crispy Chicken Drumstick w/ Fries, Fresh Roll All Day	16 1. Mandarin Orange or General Tso's Chicken, Steamed Rice, Steamed Carrots All Day 2. Hamburger/ Cheeseburger, Fries All Day	17 1. Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza, Seasoned Corn, Marinara Sauce All Day 2. Garlic Mozzarella Cheesy Bread, Seasoned Corn All Day
20 1. Red Beans & Rice, w/ Texas Toast All Day 2. Breaded Chicken Sandwich, Fries All Day	21 1. Beef or Chicken Burrito w/ Fixings, Ranchero Beans, Cinnamon Breadstick All Day 2. Beef Nachos w/ Fixings & Ranchero Beans All Day	22 1. Spaghetti & Meat sauce, Green Beans, Fresh Baked French Bread All Day 2. Chicken Tender Basket w/ Fries, Fresh Roll All Day	23 1. Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, and gravy All Day 2. Chicken drumsticks and fries All Day	24 1. Garlic Mozzarella Cheesy Bread, Seasoned Corn All Day 2. Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza, Seasoned Corn, Marinara Sauce All Day
27 1. Chicken Tenders, Mac & Cheese & Fresh Baked Roll All Day 2. Chicken Tender Basket w/ Fries, Fresh Roll All Day	28 1. Walking Tacos w/ Fixings & Ranchero Beans All Day 2. Beef Tacos w/ Fixings, Ranchero Beans, Cinnamon Breadstick All Day	29 1. Cheesy Beefy Mac, Green Beans, Fresh Baked Roll All Day 2. Crispy Chicken Drumsticks, Fries, Fresh Roll All Day	30 1. Mandarin Orange or General Tso's Chicken, Steamed Rice, Steamed Carrots All Day 2. Hamburger/ Cheeseburger, Fries All Day	1

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

APRIL BREAKFAST MENU

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
30 No School All Day	31 No School All Day	1	2	3
6 No School All Day	7 Pancake w/ Sausage on a Stick All Day	8 Flaky Schoolmade Biscuit w/ Sausage All Day	9 School Made Cinnamon Rolls All Day	10 biscuit, egg, cheese sandwich All Day Manager's Choice All Day
13 Breakfast Pizza All Day	14 Fruit & Yogurt Parfait w/ Granola All Day	15 Flaky Schoolmade Biscuit w/ Sausage All Day	16 Toasty Cheese Sandwich All Day	17 Egg & Cheese Biscuit All Day
20 Pancake w/ Sausage on a Stick All Day	21 Egg w/Grits & Toast All Day	22 Flaky Schoolmade Biscuit w/ Sausage All Day	23 Schoolmade Muffins All Day	24 breakfast burrito All Day Manager's Choice All Day
27 Cheesy Egg & Sausage Sandwich All Day	28 Egg w/ Grits & Toast All Day	29 Flaky Schoolmade Biscuit w/ Sausage All Day	30 Toasty Cheese Sandwich All Day	1