



Magnolia Trace Elementary

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May NEWS HOUND PTA NEWSLETTER

UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 4-8 Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 4- Marching Maggies 4-5pm, Blood Drive 12pm
- May 5- Lighthouse Meeting 4-5pm
- May 6- School Nurse Appreciation Day, Free Dress Day for MRA survey
- May 7- Ambassador School Board Meeting, Teacher Luncheon 1:30
- May 11- Incoming 1st Grade Visits
- May 12- MHP Appreciation Day, Ambassador Meeting 4-5 pm
- May 13- Incoming Parent Night, 3rd Grade Middle School Visits
- May 14- Ambassador Celebration 9am
- May 18- SLP Appreciation Day, Water Day/Yearbook signing
- May 19- 3rd Grade Celebration, Choir Concert 2pm
- May 20- Birthday Brigade, Grad Walk 9:45, Cereal Dominos
- May 21- Last day for Students- ½ day (12:51pm dismissal)

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Thank you for an amazing opportunity to serve you and your family this year. It was an amazing experience and whirl wind. I am so proud of our students and teachers. We have embraced our core paradigms and 8 Habits. We have worked extremely hard to provide the best learning environment for all students.

In the month of May we finish up all assessments. We are going to have our end of year Water Day celebration! Volunteers are welcomed. Our third graders will have a celebration day, and we will also be signing yearbooks on this date. We are looking forward to our cereal dominos and having our graduates visit our school as well.

I would like to personally thank everyone who contributed to our teacher appreciation week. Our teachers are phenomenal and do a great job planning and preparing lessons for our students daily. It is hard to believe our third graders will be visiting Middle schools soon as well as first graders coming to visit our school. With all the end of the year activities on the horizon we are asking that students please come to school.

This summer we encourage everyone to keep reading and practicing your math facts. Everything moving forward relies on our students having a strong foundation and these are two simple things students and families can focus on that can take them far in their education. Visit our public libraries and keep learning! Thank you again for all you do to support our school and students.

Sincerely

Jamie Breaux

MTE Principal

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Hi Maggie Families!

I can't believe this is the last edition of the News Hound for this school year. This year has flown by. Only a few more weeks of school left, and then the summer fun begins! It has been an amazing year that was filled with so many fun PTA events.

Thank you to all of you who have volunteered, whether by class sitting, donating desserts, chaperoning, making copies, volunteering on special days, helping with Teacher Appreciation week, and the many other times that families are needed! It is greatly appreciated and does not go unnoticed.

Last but not least, THANK YOU so much to the team of Executive Board members – Sara Dunne, Kortney Chavis and Sher Toucheque. The countless hours they've poured into this school cannot be matched! They lead with their heart and make decisions with the students as their priority.

I hope you all have a fabulous and safe summer filled with family, friends, vacation, and learning.

Chanelle Smith

PTA President 2025-2026

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MTE PTA

RESTAURANT NIGHT



TUESDAY, MAY 13, 2026



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**3PM-9PM
LET THEM KNOW YOU ARE THERE FOR
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Second Grade

It's the final countdown of 2nd grade! We can hardly believe there are only a few weeks left in the school year. We are looking forward to a lot of exciting end-of-the-year activities: Water Day, Binder Showcase, Cereal Dominos and more! We look forward to celebrating all of the accomplishments your children have made.

In our Reading unit, we learned about the human body and its functions. We focused on what makes a well-balanced diet and how we can keep all our body systems working in tip-top shape! This month, we will be learning about immigration in the United States. Students will discover why people immigrated, what factors pushed them from their homelands and pulled them to the United States, and why immigrants settled in particular regions upon arrival. They will finish out the domain by writing a letter describing what it would be like to be an immigrant in the United States.

In Math, in module 5, we are practicing estimating, measuring, comparing lengths of objects, and using measurement and data to answer questions. Module 6, our last module, we are learning multiplication and division foundations to prepare for third grade! We will focus on creating arrays, equal groups, and the meaning of even and odd numbers. This month in Social Studies, students will learn about the economy and all the ways people make and exchange goods and services. They will be able to tell you about what a consumer and producer are, what a free enterprise system is, and so much more!

For your child's benefit, please continue to read nightly. This will improve their fluency, comprehension, and overall confidence when it comes to reading! Remember to continue to work on math facts, as well. Be on the lookout from your child's teacher on ways to review over the Summer so we hold onto the most important skills learned this year! Thanks for all your support from home. We couldn't do it without you!

Third Grade

We can't believe we are already in our last month of the school year! We are looking forward to making the most out of our last few weeks. We have our binder showcase, water day, and 3rd grade celebration this month! Our third graders did an amazing job during the LEAP 2026 testing. We are so proud of each of our students.

They will be spending the last month of school getting ready for the middle school transition.

In math, they will be collecting and displaying data with line plots and graphs. They will also be finishing up the Reading Guidebook unit learning about Cajun Folktales. In social studies, they will learn about how digital technology has impacted America. In science, students will finish up learning about weather and climate.

All of the third grade teachers will be sad to see our "Top Dogs" leave MTE, but we know they are ready for middle school!



MUSICAL NOTES

Happy May MTE family!

We're almost to the finish line! Your students have been doing an amazing job playing the Boomwhackers. We've been enjoying playing along to Michael Jackson, NSYNC, and Elton John songs.

Choir parents: our spring choir show will be on Tuesday May 19th at 2:00. I can't wait for you to see the show!

– Ms. Audrey
MTE Music



LIBRARY: CHECK IT OUT!



We have enjoyed your child this year. It is our hope that he/she will continue to read for the remainder of this school year and during the summer to instill a love of reading.

Congratulations to our 2nd graders who will soon be 3rd graders. You will now be MTE leaders. 3rd graders, we will miss you, but we know that you will continue to read exceptional books at your new middle school.

Don't forget to check out the summer reading program at the St. Tammany Parish Public Library. This is a great time to get a library card if your child does not already have one. Barnes and Noble also has a summer reading incentive program.

“Reading is to the mind, what exercise is to the body.” — Joseph Addison

Happy Reading,

Julie Kuylen and Joanne Santos

Magnolia Trace Library



COACH'S CORNER

Neighborhood swimming pools are opening and everyone is excited to jump in.

Swimming is a great no impact exercise that can provide a cardio workout and a total body workout. Even if the kids are not swimming laps, the resistance of the water as they play, can build muscles.

Unfortunately, there are many dangers at a pool. Always be aware of the depth of a pool so you don't dive in the low water or jump into water that is too deep for an inexperienced swimmer. Children, even good swimmers, should always have adult supervision. And don't forget the sun block.

Coach Dusang
Physical Education Teacher



Supporting Your Child's Transition from School to Summer

As parents, it's natural to want to ensure a smooth transition for our children as they navigate this seasonal shift. Here are some strategies to support your child's transition from school to summer:

Acknowledge Emotions: The end of the school year can bring with it big emotions as children say goodbye to their teachers and regular interactions with their friends. Validate their feelings, listen to their potential concerns, and be patient.

Maintain a Routine: Children thrive on routine and predictability. Identify a scheduled bedtime, wake-up time, mealtimes, and other predictable routines. Identify the planned routine before summer break so that your child is aware and feels in control.

Stick to Behavioral Rules and Expectations: All children can benefit from clear expectations and being held accountable. Implement jobs and responsibilities that your child can take ownership of throughout the summer. For children with behavioral difficulties, this is extremely important.

Encourage Learning Opportunities and Continued Growth: Trips to the library, a museum, and other locations where learning can occur will help to continue to stimulate your child's academic growth. When establishing your summer routines, include a time for reading or researching a topic of interest.

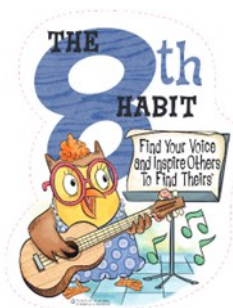
Encourage and Continue Social Connections: School is not only about academic learning but also a place of socialization. Provide opportunities for your child to get together with peers from school over the summer and/or meet new friends. Summer camps, pool outings, one-on-one playdates, and neighborhood gatherings are great ways to foster social opportunities.

Balance Structure with Flexibility: Although maintaining structure is important, it is equally important to find ways to be flexible and allow for spontaneity and unstructured play. Allow your child to decide how they will spend their outdoor time, whether it is creating a fort in the backyard or lounging in the grass with a good book. Impromptu outings and activities can also be a lot of fun and help foster your child's ability to be flexible and to go with the flow.

Our final Habit is **Habit 8: Find Your Voice and Inspire Others to Find Theirs!** This habit is one of my personal favorites as it is one I try to work on each and every day with our students. People who have found their voice focus on expanding their circle of influence, being trustworthy, building trust, blending the voices of others, and creating a common vision. They align goals and systems and empower others.

Have a safe & fun Summer!

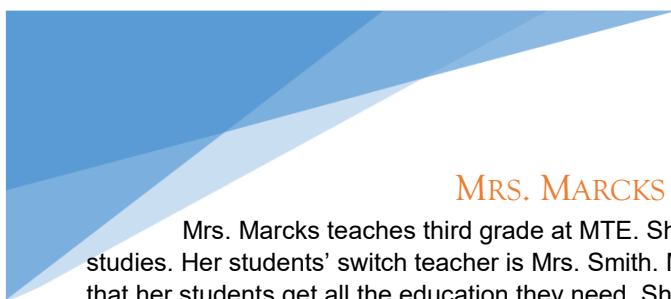
--- Mrs. Jordan



Check Out the Habit 8 Book List:

- *Can I Play Too?* by Mo Willems
- *Speak Up* by Miranda Paul
- *Speak Up* by Rebecca Burgess
- *Abdul's Story* by Jamilah Thompkins-Bigelow

STUDENT CORNER



MRS. MARCKS

Mrs. Marcks teaches third grade at MTE. She teaches ELA and social studies. Her students' switch teacher is Mrs. Smith. Mrs. Marcks makes sure that her students get all the education they need. She loves to read!

Not only does Mrs. Marcks teach at MTE, but she also volunteers to teach First Communion classes at Mary Queen of Peace.

Mrs. Bridget told me that "Mrs. Marcks used to be my next door neighbor at school. I always heard her laughing and talking and helping her students."

Mrs. Marcks is retiring this year. We will miss her. Good luck from all of your Maggie family, Mrs. Marcks!

By Ben Breaux



April & May 2026 Terrific Kids



Second Grade:

Weston Elander
Kailor Ford
Marilyn Persich
Sophia Foley
Katlyn Fuentes
William Bennett
Olive Fabacher
Olivia Hinton
Mateo Olmos

Arabella Tanner
Marley McKinley
Boston LeBrun
TJ Schloegel
Ivanna Molina
Romero
Fabian Goings
Amelia Hernandez
Naya Sanchez

Third Grade:

Branson Ratliff
Pearce Generose
Eli Branton
Layne (River)
McManus
Adaline Gordy
Hailey Hobbs
Canton Couvillion
Melanie Ardoin
Eli Edgecombe
Joleigh Ferris

Colston Coyle
Ryan Tran
Jose Funes-Bonilla
Sawyer Brown
Riley Cangiamilla
Sarah Sujith
Vera Paternoster
McLain Petlev
Elanah Ochoa
Christopher Breaux





MAY MTE LUNCH MENU

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MAY 2026

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1. Chicken Tenders, Mac & Cheese & Fresh Baked Roll All Day 2. Chicken Tender Basket w/ Fries, Fresh Roll All Day	27 1. Walking Tacos w/ Fixings & Ranchero Beans All Day 2. Beef Tacos w/ Fixings, Ranchero Beans, Cinnamon Breadstick All Day	28 1. Cheesy Beefy Mac, Green Beans, Fresh Baked Roll All Day 2. Crispy Chicken Drumsticks, Fries, Fresh Roll All Day	29 1. Mandarin Orange or General Tso's Chicken, Steamed Rice, Steamed Carrots All Day 2. Hamburger/ Cheeseburger, Fries All Day	30 1. Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza, Seasoned Corn, Marinara Sauce All Day 2. Garlic Mozzarella Cheesy Bread, Seasoned Corn All Day
1. Breaded Chicken Sandwich, Fries All Day 2. Chicken Nuggets, Mac & Cheese, Schoolmade Breadsticks All Day	4 1. Cinco de Mayo themed Manager's Choice All Day 1. Tacos All Day 2. Burrito All Day 2. Cinco de Mayo themed Manager's Choice All Day	5 1. Spaghetti & Meat sauce, Green Beans, Fresh Baked French Bread All Day 2. Chicken Tender Basket w/ Fries All Day	6 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	7 1. Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza, Seasoned Corn, Marinara Sauce All Day 2. Garlic Mozzarella Cheesy Bread, Seasoned Corn All Day
1. Chicken Tenders, Mac & Cheese & Fresh Baked Roll All Day 2. Breaded Chicken Sandwich, Fries All Day	11 1. Beef Tacos with fixings, Ranchero Beans, Cinnamon Breadstick All Day 2. Walking Tacos with fixings & Ranchero Beans All Day	12 Manager's Choice All Day 1. Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes & gravy All Day 2. chicken drumsticks & fries All Day	13 Manager's Choice All Day 1. Gumbo, potato salad All Day 2. choice of fish sticks or corn dogs & fries All Day	14 Manager's Choice All Day 1. Beefy mac & green beans All Day 2. hamburger & fries All Day
Manager's Choice All Day 1. chicken tenders, mashed potatoes & gravy All Day 2. chicken sandwich & fries All Day	18 Manager's Choice All Day 1. hamburgers & fries All Day 2. cheese quesadilla & fries All Day	19 Manager's Choice All Day 1. chicken drumsticks, mashed potatoes & gravy All Day 2. meat sauce All Day	20 Manager's Choice All Day 1. hamburger & fries All Day	21 No School All Day
No School All Day	25 No School All Day	26 No School All Day	27 No School All Day	28 No School All Day
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Vegetarian option, vegetable, fruit and choice of milk offered daily.

MAY MTE BREAKFAST MENU

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Cheesy Egg & Sausage Sandwich All Day 27	Egg w/ Grits & Toast All Day 28	Flaky Schoolmade Biscuit w/ Sausage All Day 29	Toasty Cheese Sandwich All Day 30	Egg & Cheese Biscuit All Day 1
Sausage & Pancake on a Stick All Day 4	● banana muffins or cereal All Day 5 Breakfast Egg Scramble All Day	Flaky Schoolmade Biscuit w/ Sausage All Day 6	Schoolmade Beignets All Day 7	● biscuit, egg, and cheese sandwich or cereal All Day 8 MANAGER'S CHOICE All Day
Breakfast Pizza All Day 11	Fruit & Yogurt Parfait w/ Granola All Day 12	Flaky Schoolmade Biscuit w/ Sausage All Day 13	Toasty Cheese Sandwich All Day 14	● Breakfast sandwich or cereal All Day 15 Egg & Cheese Biscuit All Day
Pancake w/ Sausage on a Stick All Day 18	● breakfast pizza or cereal All Day 19 MANAGER'S CHOICE All Day	● biscuit/sausage or cereal All Day 20 MANAGER'S CHOICE All Day	● cereal All Day 21 MANAGER'S CHOICE All Day	22
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