



Magnolia Trace Elementary

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September NEWS HOUND PTA NEWSLETTER

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 9/1: Lockdown drill 1pm
- 9/2: Numeracy Testing
- 9/3: Testing Makeup
- 9/4: Maggie Buddies 3pm
- 9/7: No school- Labor Day
- 9/8: Fire Drill
- 9/9: Student Lighthouse meeting 4-5 pm
- 9/10: Robotics meeting 4-5 pm
- 9/15: EL Family night at 5pm
- 9/16: Ambassador meeting 4-5pm
- 9/17: Sports Club 4-5 pm
- 9/18: Maggie Buddies 3pm
- 9/21: Choir 3:45pm
- 9/22: Marching Maggies and Podcast 3:45pm
- 9/23: K KIDS 3:45pm
- 9/24: Picture Day, YAP 3:45pm
- 9/25-10/1: Book Fair/Grandparents Day
- 9/29: Open House: 5-6:30 pm

Greetings to Parents and Guardians,

The 2026-2027 school year started on a positive note. We were so excited to welcome all of our students. Our school theme this year is "Building a Legacy of Learning and Leading at MTE!" I cannot wait to see how all of our students will grow this year and what all they will accomplish.

September begins all of our afterschool clubs and activities. I hope your child was able to sign up to participate in one of our clubs. We have so many wonderful opportunities for our students to get involved and lead!

We completed our BOY testing, and you should have received your child's DIBELS results. These results are one indication of your child's growth in reading. Students will begin setting goals to improve their reading skills in the classroom. Ask your children about their Wildly Important Goals, or as we call them - their WIGs.

Grandparents and Book Fair Week will be September 25-October 1. Be looking for the Grandparents' Day schedule to come home in your child's folder this month. Open House/Curriculum Night is on September 29 at 5:00. We hope to see everyone there!

MTE is truly a special place to be. Working together, we are sure to build a legacy of learning and leading at MTE!

Sincerely,
Stephanie M.D. Longman, Ed.D
Assistant Principal
Magnolia Trace Elementary

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Welcome back to school!

I am so excited for this new school year and can't believe it's already here! It's going to be a great year! We're looking forward to seeing everyone again at Open House on September 29th. The General PTA meeting will take place at 5:00 in the gym before you head to your child's classroom.

We have many fun events planned throughout the year. MTE does a great job of making learning fun and bringing families together with these events! There will be multiple volunteer opportunities for you to participate in this year, both in planning events and helping during events. We would love to see you all on campus!

Coming up we have Grandparents & Special Friends' Week, which takes place September 28-1st. Grandparents and friends will have the opportunity to have a pastry, take a free photo, and visit the Scholastic Book Fair together. Remember, Book Fair is cashless. You can pay with a credit card or set up an e-wallet on the Scholastic Website. E-wallets will come up automatically at check out, so they are a great choice!

Trunk or Treat will be next, which takes place on October 30th, and Trunk or Treat still needs volunteers to form the committee for planning! PTA cannot do what we do without your help, and we appreciate whatever you can do!

Stay connected! Please join the Magnolia Trace Elementary Facebook page, where you will have access to the most updated information about MTE. Also, visit our Givebacks Page. Here you will be able to join the PTA. Joining the PTA helps us fund our events, like Grandparents and Special Friends' Week! See the QR Code below to access this group page.

We look forward to working with all of you this year. It's going to be PAWesome!



Please contact me at any time if you have questions, concerns, or want to be involved. Thanks again for doing what you can to help us. Remember, we are BETTER TOGETHER!

Chanelle Smith

PTA President 2026-2027

Magnolia Trace Elementary

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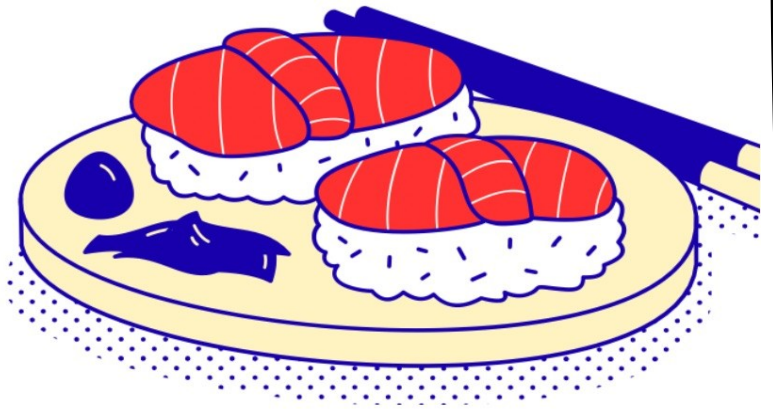


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**MAGNOLIA TRACE PTA FUNDRAISER
SEPTEMBER 24 11AM-8:30PM**

**RESTAURANT
NIGHT**



**MUST MENTION MTE WHEN ORDERING!
20% OF PROCEEDS GO TO SUPPORT
OUR SCHOOL!**

Second Grade

Welcome Maggie Families to a new and exciting year at Magnolia Trace! We are “Building a Legacy”!

Second graders have been working hard getting used to routines and procedures in the classrooms. As we get settled into our routines, please remember that it is very important that your student be at school and on time. If your child would like to eat breakfast in the cafeteria please make sure your child is at school by 8:30 am in the morning.

We are so excited to be focusing on “The Leader in ME” and the “Seven Habits of Healthy Kids” at MTE this year. Students will learn about each of the seven habits and how to incorporate them into their own learning and positive behavior at school. We will be focusing on making goals and becoming “Out of this World” leaders.

Fairy Tales and Tall Tales are our focus in ELA. Students are learning the different characteristics of each of these types of stories and are becoming familiar with them as we read examples daily. Handwriting and phonics are also part of our daily learning and students are working hard to become fluent readers.

Eureka Math is our math curriculum and students are learning strategies for adding and subtracting. Our students are shining bright this year and we can’t wait to see all the wonderful learning that will happen at MTE!

Please remember that parents and teachers are a team and communication is key for student success! Please reach out with questions or concerns throughout the year. Thank you for sharing your child with us, it is going to be a fantastic year!

- Second Grade Teachers

Third Grade

Welcome parents and students to third grade where We Are Building our Legacy at MTE!

We are looking forward to an enriching and successful year. Third grade brings new adventures, more responsibility, and unlimited potential!

Students are off to a good start as they explore the concepts of multiplication and division in math.

We will be reading *The Stories Julian Tells* this nine weeks in ELA and learning how books bring joy and connect people. This novel will give students the opportunity to make connections between literature and the lessons that we can learn.

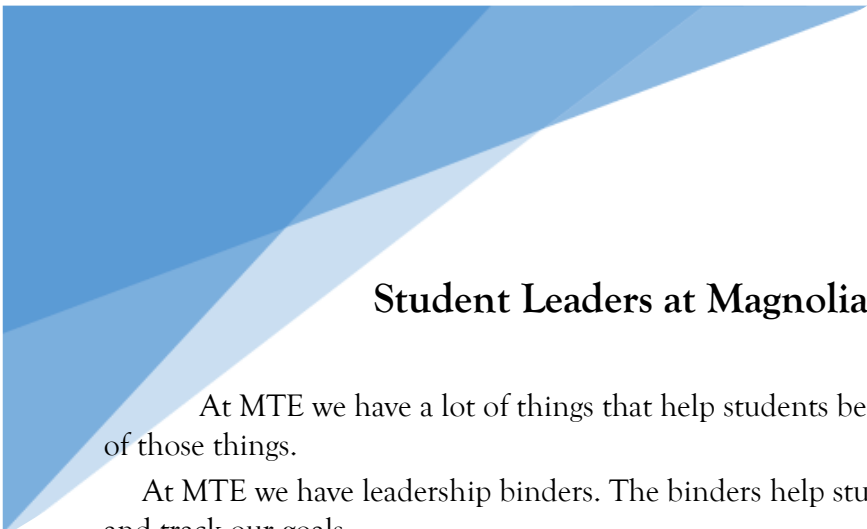
Third graders are also learning about the founding of the United States including the Declaration of Independence and the American Revolution in social studies.

In science, classes will investigate force and motion.

Let's work together to make third grade an engaging, educational experience for our students. MTE third graders certainly are excited about being leaders around MTE!

- Third Grade Teachers

STUDENT CORNER



Student Leaders at Magnolia Trace

At MTE we have a lot of things that help students become leaders. Here are some of those things.

At MTE we have leadership binders. The binders help students become responsible and track our goals.

At MTE we also have green slips of paper called Maggie Bucks. Maggie Bucks can help students become leaders because they are given when students are being leaders.

At MTE we have Habit awards. You might get one if you are being a leader and following one or more of the 8 Habits. A teacher or student may put your name in to get an award if they see you demonstrating a Habit.

At MTE we have ambassadors. Your teacher picks you when your teacher thinks you can go with other students to meet Mr. Jabbia and the School Board. Ambassadors learn about serving as a leader. They put in the Maggie Mansion points each week.

At MTE we have Maggie Managers. These positions help students learn leadership jobs to help the school.

At MTE we have a Student Lighthouse Team. They help Ms. Breaux and Dr. Longman lead the school. They do things like the broadcast, the newsletter, thank you notes, and other things to help teachers and students at Magnolia Trace!

By: Blake Schwalenberg



STUDENT CORNER

The Self Habits

We are going to teach you about our 3 Self Habits. Self Habits help you accomplish your goals! They are habits 1, 2, and 3.

Let's start with Habit 1. Habit 1 is Be Proactive. That means you're in charge. I am proactive when I am responsible.

By: Henry and Nora

We are going to tell you about Self Habit 2. Habit 2 is Begin with the End in Mind. It means to have a plan. I set goals for myself and I think about my choices.

By: Ridge

This is habit 3, Put First Things First. It means work before you play. This is important because you need to put big rocks first. In my classroom, we complete our classwork, then we can play with the STEM bins.

By: Josiah Ferris and Eloise Alt





LIBRARY: CHECK IT OUT!



Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2026 - 2027 school year. We are excited about all the wonderful things we have going on in the library. The first priority of our library is to instill a love of reading in your child. If we work in unison, this can happen for all of our students. Please take time to read with your child nightly and discuss what he or she is reading. The impact of your involvement is monumental. The children have been excited to see all the new and exciting things they will soon get to experience in the library. Makerspace stations is one new thing that our second grade students will experience this school year. The kids will be able to utilize this area during special days during the school year. Another exciting event coming in September is Book Fair. Look for exciting information coming home soon. Finally, please remind your child to return his or her library book each week.

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

Thank You,

Julie Kuylen, Librarian

Joanne Santos, Library Assistant

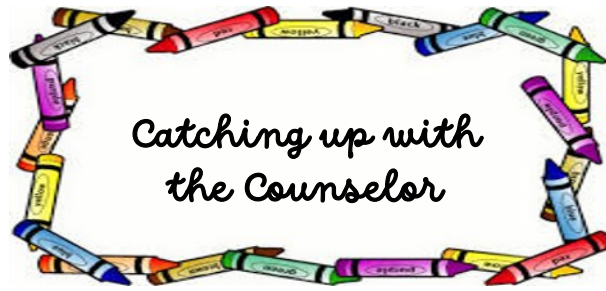


Coach's Corner

Welcome to a new year of P.E. I look forward to having a great year with your children and teaching them about Physical Education. We will be learning about movement, spacing, various athletic skills, being physically fit and sportsmanship.

Please try to remind your child to wear tennis shoes on P.E. day. Also, if your child needs to sit out for P.E., please send a note.

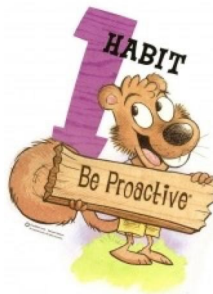
- Coach Dusang



Hey Maggie Friends & Family!

Welcome back to a new school year! I know most of you are excited for all the new things this year: teachers, classmates, friends, & coursework. I am very excited to be at Magnolia Trace for another year and working with all of the students. I am also excited to be bringing hands-on learning to counseling lessons & continuing with Leader in Me! Our first topic of the year is recognizing our emotions.

Habit #1: Be Proactive is where we will begin. Being proactive means taking action before something happens. Here is a list of books for families that can be read at home in order to learn more about being PROACTIVE! We hope you try one of these at home.



On My Honor by Marion Dane Bauer

Amazing Grace by Mary Hoffman

Jeremy Thatcher, Dragon Hatcher by Bruce Coville

Hoot by Carl Hiaasen

Brave Irene by William Steig

Seedfolks by Paul Fleischman

Abel's Island by William Steig

Hatchet by Gary Paulsen

Rocky Road by Rose Kent

A Picture Book of Jesse Owens by David A. Adler

The Most Magnificent Thing by Ashley Spires

Mrs. Jordan

LIGHTHOUSE LEADERS



M.T.E.--- There's a Leader in Me!









SEPTEMBER MTE LUNCH MENU

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30	1. Louisiana Style Red Beans & Rice w/Fresh Baked Roll All Day 2. Roasted Chicken Drumstick w/Red Beans All Day	1. Jumbo Beef & Cheese Quesadilla w/ Ranchero Beans All Day 2. Beef Nacho Supreme w/ Ranchero Beans All Day	1. Manager's Choice All Day 1. Chicken Tenders with Mac and Cheese All Day 2. Chicken Tenders with Fries All Day	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	1. Garlic Mozzarella Cheesy Bread, Seasoned Corn All Day 2. Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza, Seasoned Corn, Marinara Sauce All Day	5
6	No School All Day	1. Chicken Tenders, Mac & Cheese & Texas Toast All Day 2. Chicken Tender Basket w/ Fries All Day	1. Cheesy Beefy Mac, Green Peas & Fresh Baked Roll All Day 2. Roasted Chicken Drumstick w/Fries & Fresh Baked Roll All Day	1. Mandarin Orange or General Tso's Chicken, Steamed Rice, Seasoned Broccoli All Day 2. Hamburger w/ Fries All Day	1. Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza, Seasoned Corn, Marinara Sauce All Day 2. Garlic Mozzarella Cheesy Bread, Seasoned Corn All Day	12
13	1. Breaded Chicken Sandwich, Fries All Day 2. Chicken Nuggets w/ Mac & Cheese All Day	1. Beef Tacos with Fixings, Ranchero Beans, Cinnamon Breadstick All Day 2. Walking Tacos with fixings & Ranchero Beans All Day	1. Manager's Choice All Day 1. Spaghetti and Meat Sauce All Day 2. Burrito All Day	1. Steamed Chicken & Veggie Dumplings, Seasoned Carrots, Fresh Baked Roll All Day 2. Mandarin Orange or General Tso's Chicken, Steamed Rice, Seasoned Broccoli All Day	1. Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza, Seasoned Corn, Marinara Sauce All Day 2. Garlic Mozzarella Cheesy Bread, Seasoned Corn All Day	19
20	1. Chicken Tenders, Mashed Potatoes & Texas Toast All Day 2. Breaded Chicken Sandwich, Fries All Day	1. Walking Tacos w/ Fixings All Day 2. Beef Tacos with fixings, Ranchero Beans, Cinnamon Breadstick All Day	1. Spaghetti & Meat Sauce, Green Beans, Fresh Baked French Bread All Day 2. Corn Dog w/ Fries All Day	1. Mandarin Orange or General Tso's Chicken, Steamed Rice, Seasoned Broccoli All Day 2. Hamburger w/ Fries All Day	1. Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza, Seasoned Corn, Marinara Sauce All Day 2. Garlic Mozzarella Cheesy Bread, Seasoned Corn All Day	26
27	1. Louisiana Style Red Beans & Rice w/ Fresh Baked Roll All Day 2. Roasted Chicken Drumstick w/ Red Beans All Day	1. Jumbo Beef & Cheese Quesadilla w/ Ranchero Beans All Day 2. Beef Nacho Supreme w/ Ranchero Beans All Day	1. Manager's Choice All Day 1. Chicken Tenders with Mac and Cheese All Day 2. Chicken Tenders with Fries All Day	30	1	3

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

SEPTEMBER MTE BREAKFAST MENU

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30 Pancake w/ Sausage on a Stick All Day	31 Country Breakfast Scramble with Hashbrown bites All Day	1 Flaky School made Biscuit w/ Sausage All Day	2 Schoolmade Muffins All Day	3 Chicken Biscuit All Day	4	5
6 No School All Day	7 Chicken Sausage Cruncher Sticks All Day	8 Flaky School made Biscuit w/ Sausage All Day	9 Toasty Cheese Sandwich All Day	10 Chicken Biscuit All Day	11	12
13 Pancake w/ Sausage on a Stick All Day	14 Grits bowl w/Turkey Sausage All Day	15 Flaky School made Biscuit w/ Sausage All Day	16 Schoolmade Cinnamon Roll All Day	17 Chicken Biscuit All Day	18	19
20 Breakfast Pizza All Day	21 Fruit & Yogurt Parfait w/ Granola All Day	22 Flaky School made Biscuit w/ Sausage All Day	23 Ham & Swiss Croissant All Day	24 Chicken Biscuit All Day	25	26
27 Pancake w/ Sausage on a Stick All Day	28 Country Breakfast Scramble with Hashbrown bites All Day	29 Flaky School made Biscuit w/ Sausage All Day	30	1	2	3