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October NEWS HOUND PTA NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Fall time is here and we are in full swing. We had an amazing start to the year. Student and teacher leaders exemplified coming together as a team! I would like to personally thank Dr. Longman and our MTE staff for the support given and the work they did while I was out. I am extremely proud of our school community.

In the month of October we are digging deep into our learning experiences. We are ending our first nine weeks and beginning our second nine weeks. We are celebrating our students' success on October 9th with our first celebration day. Please note when we have half day for students it usually falls at the end of the nine weeks. We take this time to celebrate our students' positive behaviors and work during the previous nine weeks. All clubs and activities are in full swing. At our open house we shared all upcoming dates and activities families can do at home to help with student reading fluency, mathematical content and student goal setting. These are our three big rocks for this year! It is detailed in our School Advancement Plan.

In October we are going to have our National School Lunch Week, Bus Safety Week and Red Ribbon Week. This will include some dress up days, activities during school, and overall awareness of safety on the bus and in our community. Please talk with your child about what it means to be safe on the bus, at our school, and out in the community.

I had the joy of joining our Maggie Buddies meeting and our students learned about everyone having a genius. This is one of our core, leader in me, paradigms. We all have something we are good at that can contribute to the better whole. Students were encouraged to share with others when they recognize someone else is sharing their talents by giving them a compliment. I want to extend that challenge pass those who participated in our Maggie Buddies Meeting. Everyone deserves to know they are valued and seen in a positive light. I would like our families, faculty, staff, and students to encourage one another so we can all help our school community be a positive, safe, and thriving learning community.

I appreciate all of you and wish you a great month of October!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Breaux
MTE Principal

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 10/1: Custodian Appreciation Day
- 10/2 & 10/5: No School - Parish Fair Days
- 10/6: Coach Appreciation Day; Fire Drill
- 10/7: Lighthouse Meeting 4-5 pm
- 10/8: Grade Level Robotics
- 10/9: Celebration Day; End of 1st 9 Weeks; 1/2 Day Students
- 10/12: Choir 3:45 pm
- 10/12-10/16: National School Lunch Week
- 10/19-10/23: School Bus Safety Week
- 10/26-10/30: Red Ribbon Week
- 10/30: Trunk or Treat; Maggie Buddies 3:05 pm

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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 with the Book Fair and we hope everyone loves their new reading material! Thank you to everyone who volunteered. We could not have done it without you.

Our next school event will be our Trunk or Treat event on October 30th. We're hoping to have a trunk decorated by each class so be on the lookout for an email from your room representative if this 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! I've heard a rumor that there might be a candy monster hanging out at MTE so we're going to have to work hard to keep him fed!

October will also be the month where we celebrate our custodians and bus drivers. School lunch week will also take place the week of October 12th. Our first celebration day will also be this month, along with the end of the 9-week term.

I can't believe we have been in school for so long. It has been flying by!

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 us at magnoliatraceelementarypta@gmail.com.

Chanelle Smith

MTE PTA President 2026-2027

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TIME: 3PM-8PM

ORGANIZATION: MAGNOLIA TRACE PTA

EVENT DATE: 10-22-2026

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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 oral reading fluency. 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!

- 2nd 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

As always, thank you for your support!

- 3rd Grade Teachers



WATTERS WORLD: Art News



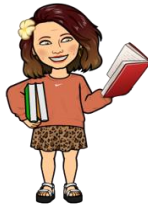
Coach's Corner

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





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 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, Librarian
Joanne Santos, Library Assistant
Magnolia Trace Library



Catching Up With the Counselor

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 "Make a Difference. Be a Hero". 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.



- *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

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*

Hispanic Heritage Month

Hispanic Heritage is celebrated in the United States. We honor and learn about the history, cultures, and contributions of Hispanic Americans.

At MTE we are celebrating Julian O, Veronica M, Renata G, Matias B, Lucca B, Ivana M, Mia C, Joel S, Violet U, Hugo F, Katlyn F, and Paul L.. We like learning about their countries during Morning Meeting. They are proud of family customs and festivities, dances, sports, and art. Food is especially important and loved. Some of our friends even speak Spanish.

The most represented Hispanic country at MTE is Honduras. We also have friends from Columbia, Mexico, El Salvador, and Nicaragua.

It's fun to learn about other places and people!

By RJ Wortmann



Leadership Habits 4, 5 & 6

We would like to teach you about habits 4, 5, and 6. Habits 4-5-6 teach us how to play together nicely and be kind friends.

Habit 4 teaches us how Everyone Can Win! If someone is left out they can be on your team. You might win!

Habit 5 is to Listen Before You Speak. This is important because you might ask a random question that's off topic and you might not know what you are learning about. That's why you should follow habit 5.

Habit 6 is SYNERGIZE. Synergize is where you work together to help each other grow.



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October Cafeteria Breakfast Menu

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

October Cafeteria Lunch Menu

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	27 1. Louisiana Style Red Beans & Rice w/ Fresh Baked Roll All Day 2. Roasted Chicken Drumstick w/ Red Beans All Day	28 1. Jumbo Beef & Cheese Quesadilla w/ Ranchero Beans All Day 2. Beef Nacho Supreme w/ Ranchero Beans All Day	29 Manager's Choice All Day 1. Chicken Tenders with Mac and Cheese All Day 2. Chicken Tenders with Fries All Day	30 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 No School- Fair Day All Day	2
	4 No School- Fall Break All Day	5 1. Chicken Tenders, Mac & Cheese & Texas Toast All Day 2. Chicken Tender Basket w/ Fries All Day	6 1. Walking Tacos w/ Fixings All Day 2. Beef Tacos w/ Fixings, Ranchero Beans, Cinnamon Breadstick All Day	7 1. Cheesy Beefy Mac, Green Peas & Fresh Baked Roll All Day 2. Roasted Chicken Drumstick w/ Fries & Fresh Baked Roll All Day	8 1. Corn Dog w/ Fresh Fruits & Veggies All Day 2. Corn Dog w/ Fresh Fruits & Veggies All Day	9
	11 1. Chicken Tenders, Mashed Potatoes & Texas Toast All Day 2. Breaded Chicken Sandwich, Fries All Day	12 1. Walking Tacos w/ Fixings All Day 2. Beef Tacos w/ Fixings, Ranchero Beans, Cinnamon Breadstick All Day	13 1. Spaghetti & Meatsauce, Green Beans, Fresh Baked French Bread All Day 2. Corn Dog w/ Fries All Day	14 1. Mandarin Orange or General Tso's Chicken, Steamed Rice, Seasoned Broccoli All Day 2. Hamburger w/ Fries All Day	15 1. Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza, Seasoned Corn, Marinara Sauce All Day 2. Garlic Mozzarella Cheesy Bread, Seasoned Corn All Day	16
	18 1. Breaded Chicken Sandwich, Fries All Day 2. Chicken Nuggets w/ Mac & Cheese All Day	19 1. Beef Tacos w/ Fixings, Ranchero Beans, Cinnamon Breadstick All Day 2. Walking Tacos w/ Fixings & Ranchero Beans All Day	20 Manager's Choice All Day 1. Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, roll All Day 2. Quesadilla and fries All Day Manager's Choice All Day	21 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	22 1. Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza, Seasoned Corn, Marinara Sauce All Day 2. Garlic Mozzarella Cheesy Bread, Seasoned Corn All Day	23
	25 1. Louisiana Style Red Beans & Rice w/ Fresh Baked Roll All Day 2. Roasted Chicken Drumstick w/ Red Beans All Day	26 1. Jumbo Beef & Cheese Quesadilla w/ Ranchero Beans All Day 2. Beef Nacho Supreme w/ Ranchero Beans All Day	27 Manager's Choice All Day 1. Jambalaya, green beans, roll All Day 2. BBQ Chicken Sandwich and fries Manager's Choice All Day	28 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	29 1. Garlic Mozzarella Cheesy Bread, Seasoned Corn All Day 2. Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza, Seasoned Corn, Marinara Sauce All Day	30
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