

# Monkton Central School

September 3, 2010 - Newsletter #1

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## Calendar

September 6	Labor Day, no school
September 16	PTO Meeting, 8:15 a.m.
September 16	School Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
September 22	Open House

## Principal's Notes:

Dear Families and Community Members,

We're off to a great start at Monkton Central School this year. It was thrilling to see so many of you here the morning of opening day, the first of your grand traditions I have enjoyed first hand. Thank you for participating in the school community. Students have commented on the changes they see in the school, the freshly painted gym, the new lunch tables, and their fresh rooms.

We also have some fresh new faces in our school: Caitlin Leggett is teaching Kindergarten, Abbie Bartlett is teaching a multiage K-1 class, Stacy Carter joins us to share the job of teaching our fifth and sixth grade class with Kevin Grace, and Jeff Hudson joins us on Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday to teach physical education. We are thrilled to have these talented professionals join us!

We are working on revising the Family Handbook and hope to have it in your hands next week. In the meantime, I just want to remind you of our bus note and visiting policies.

## **Bus Notes:**

Our focus is on keeping track of all students at the end of the day. This is challenging: lots of information. Please know that unless we have a written note about your child doing something other than riding the bus home to his/her house, we send him/her home. If your child goes somewhere else every day, such as the after school program, we need to be informed of that in writing. Please let us know where your child goes when. We'll keep that on file and act in accordance with your directions. If your child is doing something different on a particular day, please send in a note in the morning on that day. Unless it is an emergency, please avoid changing your child's plans during the day. Our priority at the end of the day is getting each of your children to their destination safely.

## **Visiting the School:**

We want you to feel welcome in the school. We also want to make sure all students are safe in the school and we are aware of who is in the building. If you are in the building for more than 10 minutes, please sign in the main office and wear a name badge. The name badges are very helpful to me especially as I get to know who you all are!

We do need volunteers for specific jobs and events. Please consider being your child's room parent. If you are interested, contact your child's teacher. We also would benefit from having more parents volunteer to be involved in our Four Winds program. You will find more information about this attached. Finally, we need a representative, at least from each grade level but even better would be one from each classroom to attend PTO meetings and events.

Thanks so much for considering these opportunities to join our learning community.

To insure the safety of students **please fill out and return the Student Information Sheet attached to this newsletter as soon as possible.** This form provides staff with emergency phone numbers and people with permission to pick up your student.

## Newsletters:

As part of your Student Information Form we are including a place for you to indicate that you do not need a paper copy of this newsletter. We'd love to cut costs doing as much communication without paper as possible. If you are readily able to access the internet, please consider giving up the paper copy of our school newsletter. Let us know what you decide!

Best,  
Susan Stewart

PS. Here's the URL of the video we saw at our first assembly:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x6D9jiEYxzs>

We discussed the way it highlights types of books, genres, the arts, creativity, learning, fun, dance and perseverance. I like how the clip shows how students can integrate their interests!

## News from the Nurse

Welcome back to school. I hope you had a great summer. I would like to remind you, as we start a new school year, that if your child is to be administered medication during school hours, you need to remember the following requirements for prescription medication:

- 1) **written permission from the physician** containing information on the reason for giving the medication, the dose of medication, and time the medication is to be given
- 2) **written permission from the parents** with any necessary instructions
- 3) the medication must be in a **pharmacy labeled bottle**

For over the counter medication you will need to follow only step 2 and step 3 from the above list. Medication cannot be given at school without proper permission and in the pharmacy labeled bottle. If your physician wishes to fax us written permission, our fax number is 453-6123. Thank you for your cooperation.

Hilary Mack, School Nurse

## SOCCKER REGISTRATION

Registration for the Monkton Recreation Department 2010 Soccer Program is now taking place and will continue until Friday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. All Monkton residents in grades K - 6 may play. Please complete the attached registration form and submit it with the registration fee attached. Completed forms should be placed in the Soccer Registration box located in the foyer at the school entrance, or at the town clerk's office. If needed, registration forms may also be downloaded from the link on the MCS home page ([mcsvt.org](http://mcsvt.org)), picked up at the school office, or town clerk's office. Coaches will begin to contact registered players next week to schedule practices.

Bob Radler 453-6407

## GIRL SCOUT REGISTRATION NIGHT

Girl Scout registration will be Thursday, September 9 in the Reading Room. Please drop in anytime between 6:30 and 7:30 pm. This is open to all girls in grades K-6.

Toni Crosby 453-5388

# **PTO**

Did you know?

**YOU ARE A MEMBER OF THE PTO!** This membership offers major benefits to you and your child. Studies shows when parents are involved in their children's education, the children are more likely to:

- Earn better grades and score better on tests
- Attend school regularly and pass their classes
- Show better behavior and have improved social skills
- Be more positive in their attitude towards school
- Complete homework assignments
- Continue their education

The results are evident and long lasting. The benefits continue through your child's life.

There are major benefits for you as a parent:

- You participate in your child's learning experience
- A chance to meet new parents
- be involved in the Monkton school community
- Have fun!

Why should you get involved? Because taking part can make a difference for your child! It is a **POWERFUL** tool!

Spread the word! Join us September 16 for our first PTO meeting-8:15 in the staff room!

Questions?? Dawn Griswold 453-8488 or John Kelliher 877-9988, PTO Co-chairs

## **Monkton Central School PTO Silent Auction**

Our 8<sup>th</sup> Annual **Open House Silent Auction** will be taking place during the Monkton Central School Open House on September 22<sup>nd</sup>. We have several amazing items to bid on already but want to add the many fabulous items that we receive from our own MCS community. Many of you are business owners or work for businesses that offer very valuable items or services. We would love to include them in our auction because all of the proceeds go directly to the PTO, who in return, enhances our enrichment program by bringing resident artists into our school, supplement field trip expenses and bring foreign language to MCS (just to name a few.) We would not be able to have these amazing programs without our PTO. Therefore, if you have something to donate please fill out the form below and send it in with your child and I will contact you about how to get the item, or if it is easier simply send me an email [sherwinfamily@gmavt.net](mailto:sherwinfamily@gmavt.net) or give me a call. This event is one that I look forward to every year and I appreciate your support in helping to make it successful.

Shawna Sherwin

Person Donating: \_\_\_\_\_

Item: \_\_\_\_\_ Value: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact info (phone # and email): \_\_\_\_\_

