

Monkton Central School

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Calendar

December 7	School Board Meeting
December 11	PTO Holiday Bazaar
December 17	Holiday Concert at Mt. Abraham UHS in Bristol, 6:30 p.m.
Dec 23 – Jan 1	Holiday Break
January 14	PTO Meeting, 8:15 a.m.

News from the Principal

I hope this newsletter finds you all well. In the spirit of the holiday season, the PTO is planning its annual Holiday Bazaar for Friday, December 11. Parents have met in various homes to work on craft items so the children would have a good supply of gifts to choose from. The bazaar provides students the opportunity to purchase gifts for their family members costing between 25 cents to \$5. As in the past, older study buddy partners of our kindergarten and first grade students helping them at the bazaar. Due to its success over the years, the Holiday Bazaar raised funds that support the PTO's student enrichment programs. I want to thank all of you who contributed your time and energy to continue this wonderful tradition. It really helps to bring out the positive spirit of the holiday season! If you have questions about the bazaar, please feel free to call the school (453-2314).

Again, in the spirit of the season, Ms. Dahl, our music teacher, has been as working with students in grades K through 6 to prepare them for the winter concert scheduled to take place at Mt. Abe on Thursday evening, December 17, at 6:30. It looks to be another wonderful event of music and song. We would like all children to arrive and be seated in the auditorium by 6:20. The concert will begin at 6:30 sharp. We expect the concert should last about one hour.

If you signed your child(ren) up for the H1N1 vaccination clinic scheduled for December 18, but have already had your child immunized elsewhere, please call the school office (453-2314) as soon as possible and let us know.

Finally, we are asking families to review with their children expectations for behavior on the playground. Recess is a time for children to run and play, burn off energy, get needed exercise, and have fun. It is also a time when children develop many of their "social habits" and ways of being a part of a group. We want to be a school that exemplifies the qualities of kindness and inclusion. Unfortunately, we have been hearing stories from many of the students that they feel apart and unwelcome when out on the playground. Mrs. Hugh's is speaking with classes about friendship, conflict resolution, and the need to live by the school's values and guidelines. Your help in this regard would be greatly appreciated. Please refer to the parent handbook for guidance or call your child's teacher, Mrs. Hughes, or myself if needed. Thanks for your support and have a great week.

Richard Schattman
Principal

PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS:

We finished our short JUMP ROPE unit before Thanksgiving with students practicing short ropes, long ropes, and Chinese jump ropes. Many, many students improved their skills in at least two areas. We are now doing BASKETBALL. The skills being practiced are dribbling, shielding, passing, and shooting. These skills are practiced in grade level appropriate drills and activities. As there is a lot of mud outside, please see that your child has a pair of inside shoes for PE. Sneakers that tie or are secure (Velcro) are needed to be safe for all. Sneakers flying through the air or left behind are not safe to others moving in class.

Judy Taylor

Habits of Mind

How are you using Habits of Mind? The Habits of the Mind bulletin board outside the library needs new posters! The following kids are scheduled to share a Habits of Mind poster in December: Tristan Parker, William Smolinski, Morgan Poquette, Morgan Edgerly, Quincy Cook, Caroline Sodaro, Brynn Winchester, Quinn Casillas, Olivia Paine, Isaiah DiNapoli, Leo Farrell, Lexi Chickanosky, Christopher Boyer, Megan McIntyre, Anthony Clodgo, Will Aldrich, Ethan Brace, Layla Paine, and Caleb Cousino. Bring your posters to Mrs. Murray or Ms. McLane as soon as you can.

Also, we would still like to post the November children's posters: Anthony Dicoivitsky, Halle Huizenga, Christofer Wolak, Aaron Brown, Liam Kelliher, Emily Morin, Ryan Rougier, Jacob Hoag, Cora Funke, Hannah Crosby, Gillanne Ross, Carley Sherwin, Damon Tower, Kyle Beatty, Kyle Morin, Emma Radler, Ann Marie Hoag, George Bailey, Patrick Brown, and Chani Krech. Any October children who did not get a poster hung up, bring them on in!

Virginia McLane

Breakfast

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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7 - toast, cereal, fruit, milk	8 - pancake and syrup, sausage, fruit, milk	9 - toast, cereal, fruit, milk	10 - toast, cereal, fruit, milk	11 - bagel with topping, cereal, fruit, milk
14 - toast, cereal, fruit, milk	15 - double cinnamon toast, hard boiled egg, fruit, milk	16 - toast, cereal, fruit, milk	17 - toast, cereal, fruit, milk	18 - double English muffin, yogurt, fruit, milk
21 - toast, cereal, fruit, milk	22 - bagel with topping, cereal, fruit, milk	23	24	25
Holiday Recess				

Lunch

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
7- New Item - cheese ravioli with meat sauce or spaghetti sauce, fresh vegetables, fresh fruit, milk - deli or peanut butter sandwich (in place of main entrée), salad bar	8 - make your own grinder - turkey, ham, or bologna, cheese slices, pickles, fresh vegetable, fresh fruit, milk - deli or peanut butter sandwich (in place of main entrée), salad bar	9 - home made macaroni and cheese, buttered green beans, fresh vegetable, fresh fruit, milk - deli or peanut butter sandwich (in place of main entrée), salad bar	10 - scrambled egg, sausage links, fresh vegetable, fruit juice, milk - deli or peanut butter sandwich (in place of main entrée), salad bar	11 - hot dog in a bun, potato wedges, fresh vegetable, fresh fruit, milk - deli or peanut butter sandwich (in place of main entrée), salad bar
14 - home made turkey soup, peanut butter sandwich, crackers, fresh vegetable, fresh fruit, milk - deli or peanut butter sandwich (in place of main entrée), salad bar	15 - soft taco with hamburg, cheese, lettuce, salsa, fresh vegetable, fresh fruit, milk - deli or peanut butter sandwich (in place of main entrée), salad bar	16 - buttered spaghetti or with meat sauce, garlic bread, fresh fruit, milk - deli or peanut butter sandwich (in place of main entrée), salad bar	17 - English muffin pizza, fresh vegetable, pretzels, fresh fruit, milk - deli or peanut butter sandwich (in place of main entrée), salad bar	18 - Community Lunch - baked ham, mashed potato, buttered corn, rolls, cottage cheese, dessert, milk - deli or peanut butter sandwich (in place of main entrée), salad bar
21 - baked chicken pattie, rice pilaf, fresh vegetable, fresh fruit, milk - deli or peanut butter sandwich (in place of main entrée), salad bar	22 - grilled cheese sandwich, pretzels, fresh vegetable, fresh fruit, yogurt, milk- deli or peanut butter sandwich (in place of main entrée), salad bar	23	24	25
Holiday Recess				

Did you know that every day our salad bar has at least ten or more items?

Scout Community Holiday Caroling

Please join the scout holiday caroling event on Sunday, December 6, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Carolers will meet in the Monkton Central School gym at 1:00, warm-up with a few songs and head out in groups to designated homes within our community. Groups will present a basket with Vermont products and various homemade goodies to each home. Families with Cub Scouts or Girl Scouts are requested to bring a dozen cookies in Zip Loc bags to add to the gift baskets and to provide a snack upon our return. Please divide the cookies into bags of six each. Dress warmly, bring your jingle bells and a warm smile, and join us for a fun and rewarding event. Please contact Kristen Farrell (877-2276) or Sandy Boyer (453-3786) with questions. Hope to see you there.☺

Sandy Boyer

Addison United Soccer - To all students interested in playing soccer this Spring (2010), the Addison United Soccer Club is looking for players (boys and girls) ages 8 through high school. To sign up contact Chris Wilson at 802-734-8945 or email coachchrsvt@gmail.com.
Dwight Irish

Foreign Language

For decades studies have shown that learning a second language at the elementary level aids brain development of children. Foreign language is not readily available for students in the ANESU school district until eighth grade. Come to the second meeting for parents who would like to see Foreign Language taught at MCS as a special on Tuesday, December 8, from 7-8:00 p.m. in the reading room at MCS. Call Kristin Blanchette (453-7087) or Joan Holloway (453- 2884) if you have any questions. Kristin Blanchette



Hannaford Helps Schools – December 6 is the last day.

Hannaford stores are helping our school provide funds for our students. All WE need to do is four easy steps: (1) Shop at Hannaford and look for participating products, (2) Look for participating products and Extra Credit products, (3) Collect the "School Dollars" at the check out, and (4) Submit the "School Dollars" at the store - if a spot says Monkton - or send them to school. All students can help by bringing in "School dollars" and put them in the bin in the lobby. This program runs from **September 6 through December 6 only**. We need to redeem our "school dollars" by the 18th of December and we are allowed to spend them on our students for things such as athletic equipment, computers, or even playground toys. More information is available on line by visiting hannaford.com/hhs. Thank you for your support. Peg Chickanosky, Monkton PTO

PTO Holiday Bazaar Needs Your Help

Next Friday is the big day! Thank you to all who have been helping so far. Next Tuesday we will have a craft night at the school at 7:00. Wednesday night we will be making goodies at the school. Please call Nina (453-5023) if you can help on Wednesday night. On Thursday night we will be putting baskets together and setting up the bazaar at 6:00. We need **LOTS** of people that night. We are also still in need of lots of candy and small stuffed animals (Beanie size). For more information contact Nina Badger (453-5023), Janet Kimball (453-2675), or Dawn Griswold (453-8488). Nina Badger

Monkton Holiday Bazaar Raffle Items

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| <p>7th Generation African Market Basket (\$55)</p> <p>Honey Garden Apiaries Gift Bag (\$29)</p> <p>VT Soap Gift Bag (\$21)</p> <p>Geiger Hat/Scarf (\$125)</p> <p>Awake Coffee (\$10)</p> <p>Green Mt Coffee Breakfast Gift Crate (\$38)</p> <p>Gift Certificate American Flat Bread (\$25)</p> <p>Dakin Farm's Basket (\$29)</p> <p>Hillsboro Farms Maple Syrup 16oz (\$15)</p> <p>15" Vermont Teddy Bear (\$35)</p> <p>Gift Certificate – Vermont Cookie Love (\$28)</p> | <p>2 CD Set from local artists Karen & Pete Sutherland (\$30)</p> <p>Danforth Key Chain (\$15)</p> <p>Canus Soap Gift Bag (\$20)</p> <p>Wooden Trays by Pimpernel-Made in England (\$39)</p> <p>VT Coffee Co. Gift Box (\$18)</p> <p>Speeder & Earl's Coffee – 12 oz (\$10)</p> <p>Gift Certificate Daily Chocolates-Vergennes (\$10)</p> <p>Birn Chocolate Gift Box (\$22)</p> <p>Ann Clark Gift Basket (\$100)</p> <p>Hand Painted Pitcher with matching mugs and bowls (\$30)</p> |
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Ticket prices are: one for \$1 or seven for \$5. (Ticket may go toward any item you choose.) Please detach and fill out the number of tickets you wish to buy and return them to the school along with the money in an envelope marked : Bazaar Raffle Tickets.

We also have a **SPECIAL OFFER - - - 21 tickets for \$10 (one ticket for each item). Special offer tickets are available in the office.**

Tickets will be on sale for two weeks. Stop by the office any time between Monday (December 7) and Monday (December 21) to check out the great raffle items. **Winners will be drawn at the end of the day on Monday, December 21.** (Winners will be notified by phone and may pick up items Monday (Dec. 21) or Tuesday (Dec. 22). Tickets may also be purchased at the Holiday Bazaar on Friday, December 11.

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