

Monkton Central School

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Calendar

January 14 PTO Meeting, 8:15 a.m.
January 14 School Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
January 22 In-Service Day, no school for students

News from the Principal

Welcome back to school. I hope you all had a pleasant break, enjoyed the snow, and rested. I hope you were able to join us and enjoy the Holiday Concert at Mt. Abe. The children worked long and hard to prepare and it showed. Thank you to all the teachers who worked diligently with their classes and a special thank you to Mrs. Dahl for her extraordinary effort.

We are planning the second H1N1 clinic for children who require a second shot. Only children under the age of ten are eligible to participate. We will once again be transporting the children to Bristol for the Health Department Clinic on January 20. Mrs. Mack will be contacting families to confirm their participation. Volunteers will once again be joining us to support the children. We are scheduled for 10:30 so the bus will leave here shortly after 10:00.

On January 26 the Vermont Symphony Orchestra group A'capella will be joining us at 10:30 for an all school assembly. You are welcome to join us for this exciting performance. Thank you to our great PTO for their support and sponsorship of this event.

On January 22 there will be no school for students. Teachers will be working on a number of important staff development activities throughout the district. Here at Monkton teachers will be focused on a number of important areas. First, teachers will be meeting to discuss student writing and to explore ways to better support all students to become excellent writers. In addition, teachers will be reviewing "behavioral data" and taking stock of how our "PBIS" approach to creating a safe and caring environment is going. Our responsibilities, as you know, go beyond attending to the three r's. We are also dedicated to helping students develop a strong sense of civic responsibility. Our work in this area will help support this goal. Finally, in the afternoon teachers will be focusing on "how to support all students" that may not be fully meeting the standards in a variety of areas of the curriculum. This discussion will focus on strengthening our *Educational Support Team*. I hope this brief explanation helps you to better understand the importance of staff development days. We know that it creates challenges for families with supervision and childcare and we greatly appreciate your support.

Teachers will begin the placement process (identifying your child's teacher for next year) toward the end of the month. This activity will take a few months to complete as we will be using a new process, one that promises to create well-balanced classrooms. While we cannot entertain specific requests for teachers, we do need your perspective on what is working for your child and what some of the challenges may be. You will be receiving a survey in our next newsletter. Please fill it out and return it to your child's teacher no later than January 29. Your comments and perspectives will be critical for us to consider as we create next year's roster.

Enjoy the snow and have a great week.

Richard Schattman, Principal

Announcing the New Student Newsletter!

Beginning in February, we will be including a monthly student newsletter. Chani, Sam, Layla, and Mr. Schattman will be working with teachers and students to publish the letter. The newsletter will include examples of student writing, coverage of school events, interviews, and more. Please share your ideas. All are welcome to participate and contribute. Thanks

Notes from the Nurse

I am seeking some donated exercise equipment for adaptive physical education for students here at Monkton Central School. A rowing machine and a tread mill in perfect working condition would be greatly appreciated. Please contact me for any questions or to make donations. Equipment can be picked up from your home at your convenience. Thank you for considering this special request, and please note that donations to the school are tax deductible.

Hilary Mack, School Nurse, 453-2314, ext. 13

Breakfast

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
11 - wheat toast, cereal, fruit, milk	12 - bagel with topping, cereal, fruit, milk	13 - toast, cereal, fruit, milk	14 - toast, cereal, fruit, milk	15 - French toast, sausage, fruit, milk
18 - toast, cereal, fruit, milk	19 - double English muffin, hard boiled egg, fruit, milk	20 - toast, cereal, fruit, milk	21 - toast, cereal, fruit, milk	22 In-Service - no school
25 - wheat toast, cereal, fruit, milk	26 - French toast sticks, sausage, fruit, milk	27 - toast, cereal, fruit, milk	28 - toast, cereal, fruit, milk	29 - bagel with topping, hard boiled egg, fruit, milk

Lunch

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
11 - home made vegetable soup, turkey sandwich on wheat, fresh fruit, milk - deli or peanut butter sandwich (in place of main entrée), salad bar	12 - delicious chicken fajita, seasoned rice, fresh vegetable, fresh fruit, milk - deli or peanut butter sandwich (in place of main entrée), salad bar	13 - Your favorite goulash, fresh vegetable, garlic bread, fresh fruit, milk - deli or peanut butter sandwich (in place of main entrée), salad bar	14 - scrambled eggs, baked ham, fruit juice, breakfast cake, milk - deli or peanut butter sandwich (in place of main entrée), salad bar	15 - hot dog in a bun, cheese, potato wedges, sour cream, fresh vegetable, fresh fruit, milk - deli or peanut butter sandwich (in place of main entrée), salad bar
1 - baked chicken nuggets, garlic bread, fresh vegetable, fresh fruit, milk - deli or peanut butter sandwich (in place of main entrée), salad bar	19 - delicious grilled cheese sandwich, fresh vegetable, fresh fruit, organic yogurt, milk - deli or peanut butter sandwich (in place of main entrée), salad bar	20 - Community Lunch - roast turkey, stuffing, potatoes, buttered corn, cottage cheese, cranberry sauce, ice cream, milk - deli or peanut butter sandwich (in place of main entrée), salad bar	21 - Your favorite buttered rotini and meat balls, garlic bread, fresh vegetable, fresh fruit, milk - deli or peanut butter sandwich (in place of main entrée), salad bar	22 In-Service Day No school for students.
25 - baked chicken pattie, your favorite seasoned rice, fresh vegetable, fresh fruit, milk - deli or peanut butter sandwich (in place of main entrée), salad bar	26 - soft taco on wheat wrap, fresh vegetable, fresh fruit, pretzels, milk - deli or peanut butter sandwich (in place of main entrée), salad bar	27 - cheese ravioli, choice of spaghetti sauce or meat sauce, garlic bread, buttered corn, fresh fruit, milk - deli or peanut butter sandwich (in place of main entrée), salad bar	28 - New Item - ham and cheese on a wheat bagel, potato wedges, fresh vegetables, fresh fruit, milk - deli or peanut butter sandwich (in place of main entrée), salad bar	29 - Dress your burger day! Choice of veggie burger or hamburger-cheese, pickles; sweet potato fries, fresh vegetable, fresh fruit, milk - deli or peanut butter sandwich (in place of main entrée), salad bar

Did you know we are always looking for new ideas and recipes. If you have any to share, please send them in, we would really appreciate it.

Anne and Debbie

It's Girl Scout Cookie Time!

Monkton Girl Scouts are selling Girl Scout cookies now through January 17. There are eight different flavors available at \$3.50 a box. What if you don't need cookies after the holidays? They freeze really well or you can purchase cookies that the girls will deliver to the John W. Graham Emergency Shelter in Vergennes. Help support your local Scouts by emailing monktongirlscouts@gmail.com for a cookie order form.

Toni Crosby

Monkton Girls Basketball - Opening Game on Monday, January 11

The Monkton 5/6 Girls have their first basketball game at 4 p.m. on Monday, January 11, in the Monkton Central School gym against New Haven. Come and cheer them on. Admission is free and there's not a bad seat in the house. There are home games every Monday this month at 4 p.m. and the games are about an hour long. We're looking for scorekeepers and referees. If you're interested, please contact Gregg Krech at 453-4440.



Family Swims at the Mt. Abraham Pool - Come enjoy some summertime fun in the middle of winter! The pool will be open from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on the following dates: Friday, January 15; Friday, January 29; Friday, February 5. The cost is \$3 for an individual, or \$10 a family. All proceeds benefit the Mt. Abraham Field Hockey Team.

Mary Stetson