

# Monkton Central School

January 15, 2010 - Newsletter #16

[www.mcsvt.org](http://www.mcsvt.org)

## Calendar

January 22 In-Service Day, no school for students  
February 22-26 Winter Recess

## News from the Principal

I hope this newsletter finds you all doing well. Recently, Ms. Way's class has been working with Mrs. Foley's students with the *Pennies for Peace Project*. The *Pennies for Piece Project* was started by Greg Mortenson and his daughter to raise money to build schools for girls in both Afghanistan and Pakistan. Through their studies, Mrs. Foley and Ms. Way's students learned that Mr. Mortenson and the people of Korpe, Pakistan, used a number of *Habits of the Mind* as they developed and implemented their project. They included listening with understanding and empathy as well as persistence, thinking flexibly, and working inter-dependently. As our students began working to support this project, they identified additional Habits of the Mind being used including listening with understanding and working interdependently. To date (in December) our students have collected \$179. If you would like to become involved, please let either Ms. Way or Mrs. Foley know. They would love to receive penny donations.

We know from our experience that schools are most successful when there is a strong partnership with parents. For this reason we welcome your participation at school. Volunteers are a vital and important part of our program. For some that may be during the day, in your child's class, or with special events. For others it may not be possible to volunteer during the day. In this case, consider becoming more involved with the PTO and their activities. While we invite parents to volunteer and to visit their children, I would like to ask that all visitors check in at the main office for security reasons. It is critically important that we know when others are at the school. While parents are welcome to join their children for lunch, I would ask that parents not join their children at recess. This is a social time for children to be with each other, engage in games of their choosing, and to be socially connected to each other.

I know I speak for all parents and staff in expressing my sincere sympathy to Mrs. Cousino and her family for their recent losses. I spoke with Mrs. Cousino this week and she expressed how much the outpouring of support and well wishes has meant to her and her family. This is truly a "caring community."

Finally, just a reminder that on Friday, January 22, we will be having teacher in-service and there is no school for the children. An explanation of our activities for that day appeared in the last newsletter.

Stay warm and all my best for the coming week.

Richard Schattman, Principal

## Lunch Schedule Modified – Wednesday, January 20 – Community Lunch

Due to the H1N1 vaccination clinic (second dose for students 9 years old and under) being held at Bristol Elementary School, we will be switching lunches for students. The students who usually eat at 12:00 noon will eat at 11:30 and the students who usually eat at 11:30 will eat at 12:00 noon.

## Breakfast

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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
February 1 - toast, cereal, fruit, milk	2 - English muffin, yogurt, fruit, milk	3 - toast, cereal, fruit, milk	4 - toast, cereal, fruit, milk	5 - double cinnamon toast, hard boiled egg, fruit, milk

## Lunch

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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
February 1 - baked fun fish, potato wedges, fresh fruit, dessert, milk - deli or peanut butter sandwich (in place of main entrée), salad bar	2 - Salad Bar Day - salad fixings and chicken, diced turkey, pepperoni, chopped egg, cottage cheese, mozzarella cheese, garlic bread, fresh fruit, chocolate mousse, milk	3 - home made pizza - cheese or BBQ chicken, fresh vegetable, fresh fruit, milk - deli or peanut butter sandwich (in place of main entrée), salad bar	4 - baked ham, garlic mashed potato, glazed carrots, applesauce cake, milk - deli or peanut butter sandwich (in place of main entrée), salad bar	5 - pig in a blanket, seasoned rice, fresh vegetable, fresh fruit, milk - deli or peanut butter sandwich (in place of main entrée), salad bar

## Power of School Breakfast Contest

In preparation for this year's Hunger Awareness Day, SNAV-VT's Legislative Committee is sponsoring a student creativity contest. The selected group of winners of this contest, one from each school, will be invited to join our Legislative committee when we participate in Hunger Awareness Day on Thursday, February 11, at the Statehouse in Montpelier. These students will help us hand out "school breakfast bags" to our legislators as they enter the chamber and will have the opportunity to tour the state house. The contest is open to elementary school students throughout Vermont who would like to submit a piece of writing or a poster which addresses the importance of a nutritious school breakfast to students.

Anne Coolidge

## Bolton Valley After School Program

**Session 1** - We head to Bolton Valley again today, 1/15. Remaining dates are 1/22 and 1/29, a makeup date (no lessons). Friday, 1/22, is an in-service day for teachers, with no school for children. **Our lift tickets are good from 3:00 - 8:00 p.m. on Friday, 1/22.** Bill Joos will be at Bolton early on 1/22 if skiers and riders want to get out on the mountain at **3:00 p.m.** Carpool drivers: please contact your families to make pick-up arrangements. Lastly, Bob Wahl picked up a pair of ski boots after last week's visit. Call Bob or Bill if they are yours!

**Session 2** - We have a record number of 54 skiers and riders registered for session 2! Session dates will be 2/5, 2/12, 3/5, 3/12, 3/19, with 3/26 as a make-up date. Please contact us if you have any questions.

Thanks, Bill Joos (453-6060) and Bob Wahl (989-0273)

## Chili Cook-Off and Dance

All chili cooks are invited to bring a pot of their own savory recipe – meat or veggie – and compete for cash prizes at the Chili Cook-Off and Dance at the Monkton Volunteer Fire Department on Saturday, January 30. Corn bread, beverages, and dessert will be provided. 50/50 raffle. Dinner at 5:30 followed by music and listening or dancing your beans off with Charlie and the Red Hots (Charlie Frazier, Derrick Semler, Eric Bessette, Pete Sutherland, and Mark van Gulden). Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for kids and seniors, or \$25 per family. For more information, including entering the cook-off, contact Karen Sutherland at 453-3795 or [karensu@gmavt.net](mailto:karensu@gmavt.net). This event presented by the Monkton Museum and Historical Society with assistance from the Monkton Community Coffeehouse to benefit the Boro Schoolhouse Restoration Project.



## **MCS PTO AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES**

**KEMPO** (Grades K-3) (Fridays 1/29, 2/5, 12 & 19) (3:10- 4:30) Art/ Music Room

**KEMPO** (Grades 4-6) (Fridays 3/5, 12, 25 and 4/2) (3:10- 4:30) Gym

20 students—Suggested donation: \$12

**Instructors: Mister Duffy and Master Shover of Villaris' Kempo**

This class is for beginners or experienced Kempo students. It is separate from the other Villaris classes at MCS. Come try a new martial art or brush up on your skills!

**JUMPING JACKS** (Grades K-2) (Thursdays 3/4, 11, 18, 25 and 4/1) (3:10-4:20) Gym

10 Students—Suggested donation \$15

**Instructor: Annie Hall of Jumping Jacks**

A class of gymnastics, ballet, tap, and creative movement. Annie has been working with children for years, presenting this active and fun class. She used to teach at the Hinesburg playgroup.

## **===COMING LATER IN THE WINTER AND SPRING...===**

**DRAMA** (Grades 4-6)

**Instructors: Darla Senecal and Nancy Luke**

Be a new player or come be a part of the show again. Last year's Little Mermaid was amazing! Show to be announced- we can't wait!

## **RED CROSS BABYSITTING CLASS**

Taught by Red Cross staff.

- Please return registration forms by the Friday before each class starts, either to your child's teacher, or the PTO box in the office.
- Registration is on a first come, first served basis.
- Families who receive free and reduced lunches do not pay for classes. We encourage all students to participate, regardless of ability to pay.
- Checks can be made out to Monkton PTO.
- *Students must be picked up from classes on time/ Please remember to send a note with your child the first day of class, giving permission for them to stay.*
- If you have any questions, please contact Kristin Blanchette at 453-7087 or [KBlanchette13@comcast.net](mailto:KBlanchette13@comcast.net)

### **PTO AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM REGISTRATION FORM**

PTO CLASS: \_\_\_\_\_ NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ PARENT #1 NAME AND #: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT #2 NAME AND #: \_\_\_\_\_ If Parent's can't be reached, we need 2 Emergency Contact names and phone numbers.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

Will your child go to the Mary Johnson Program following class? Y N Who will be picking your child up? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you need help with Transportation? Y N Please indicate any special needs the participant has/ is there anything else you want us to know?

This form is also available in the office and at the MCS web site: [www.mcsvt.org](http://www.mcsvt.org)