

Monkton Central School

September 10, 2010 - Newsletter #2

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Calendar

September 16	PTO Meeting, 8:15 a.m.
September 16	School Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
September 30	Open House

Principal's Notes:

Dear Families,

When I am at school I see happy faces, busy learners and lots of energy! I know our students and teachers will welcome the weekend!

As many of you know, I have missed a few days already this year because my husband is in the hospital in Albany. I often need to be there during the day. I expect to have only one or two more weeks of traveling back and forth. I appreciate the hard work that the school employees are putting forward in my absence. We stay in close touch via email. Many of you have expressed your concern and support for me. Thank you. We are ok.

Last week the newsletter listed our Open House and PTO Silent Auction date incorrectly. The correct date is Thursday, September 30, from 6:30 to 7:30. We hope to see you there!

Our first PTO meeting will be next Thursday at 8:15 in the Teachers' Room. Please join us.

Next Tuesday Mr. Grace's/Ms. Carter's and Mrs. Foley's classes will take the conservation field trip at the Field Days site.

On Friday, Russ Baker will chat with students about Cub Scouts.

Have a great weekend!

Sincerely,
Susan Stewart

Thank you to the many families who have returned their Student Information Sheet. If you have not, please complete the form and return it to the school office. Thank you.

News from the Nurse

The children are settling back to their school routine and so too is the nurse's office. I have scheduled vision screening to take place on September 20-21. This year the Luse Center at UVM will be involved with the annual hearing screenings, with a date to be determined. Fluoride permission forms are attached. Fluoride will start weekly in October. Please sign and return the permission slips by September 21. Please continue to check your child's hair for lice. As always you may contact me with any health concerns regarding your child.

Hilary Mack, School Nurse.

Volunteers Needed to Lead Natural Science Workshops in Your Child's Classroom

Volunteering for Four Winds Institute is an opportunity to connect with nature, the students and teachers in your child's classroom, and fellow parent and community member volunteers. As a Four Winds volunteer you will bring fun and engaging natural science lessons to your child's classroom. Adult volunteers meet on the first Thursday of every month from 8:30 a.m. -10:30 a.m. for a workshop taught by a naturalist/educator from the Four Winds Institute. Training locations alternate between the Monkton Firehouse and Beeman Elementary School in New Haven. We'll learn about an interesting natural science topic and participate in activities designed to teach children about the month's subject. Then, on a date and time scheduled with your child's teacher, you will go into the classroom with your partner and lead the children in the activities, and take them outside for a close-up look at the month's topic (45 minutes to one hour depending upon the classroom). Volunteer positions are open to parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and all interested members of the community. For more information call the program coordinator, John Kelliher at 802-338-7050.

Four Winds Nature Institute is a non-profit organization *advancing the understanding, appreciation and protection of the environment through community-based natural science education and research.*

VOLUNTEERS SPECIFICALLY NEEDED FOR THE FOLLOWING CLASSROOMS: BARTLETT, YERRICK, STURTEVANT, MCLANE, PIERPONT, CARTER/GRACE, FOLEY

IT'S TIME TO STEP UP TO THE PLATE AND CONTRIBUTE TO YOUR CHILDS EDUCATION! JOIN US! IT'S FUN!

WomenSafe Annual Volunteer Training

Do you have a desire to help to make your community a more just and safe place to live? Are you looking for a rewarding volunteer experience? WomenSafe, a local nonprofit organization that works toward the elimination of physical, sexual, and emotional violence against women and their children through direct service, education, and social change is now accepting applications for their annual Volunteer Training. This dynamic training opportunity is scheduled to start on September 25, so get your application in now! The 32-hour comprehensive training will give participating community members all the tools they need to provide direct service over the 24 - hour hotline, at court hearings, and in the WomenSafe office; work in our Supervised Visitation Program; coordinate public awareness and community outreach events; provide childcare and perform administrative assistance tasks. For more information, or to receive an application, call WomenSafe at 388-9180 or email us at info@womensafe.net. We look forward to hearing from you.

Willow Wheelock

SOCCER

Registration for the Monkton Recreation Department 2010 soccer program continues. All Monkton residents in grades K - 6 may play. Please complete a 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. Registration forms may be downloaded from the link on the MCS home page (mcsvt.org), picked up at the school office, or at the town clerk's office. Coaches will contact registered players to schedule practices. Bob Radler, 453-6407



PTO

2010-2011 promises to be another fabulous year for the Monkton Central School PTO! As parents of a student at Monkton School you are a member of the PTO! This membership offers you a chance to participate in the great things we do. We can't continue to do all these great things without YOUR HELP and YOUR PARTICIPATION!

LET US KNOW! *It's simple!*

1. YOU choose your level of involvement!
2. Return this form with your name and number
3. We call you!!

- PTO Meetings- *attend a meeting-it's a great way to connect with parents & be a part of the great things we do.*
- I'll come to a meeting! Our first meeting is 9/16/10 in the staff room-8:15am.
- Room parent (*Helps teacher with the 3 parties during the year, makes calls for the bake sale & sometimes other things.*)
- Holiday Bazaar (a MCS style holiday bazaar-many items made by the PTO)
 - Craft making
 - Set up/take down
 - Making calls for donations
- Bake Sales (*for Open Houses, food sales....*)
- Grant writing for Artist Residencies
- Silent Auction (*takes place the night of the school wide Open House*)
 - Donation phone calls
 - Picking up donations
 - Set up/Take down
 - Writing Thank you notes for donations
- After School programs (drama, pottery, dance improv, jewelry making....)
 - I have a talent-I could teach _____ in an afterschool program.
 - Extra hands
- Box Tops (involves clipping and mailing 2x's a year)
- Publicity for our events
- Four Winds classroom volunteer (*Environmental learning program 1 training session/mth & teaching in the classroom 1x/month*) Lots of FUN!
 - World Language program (*In the classroom weekly for two 6 wk sessions*)
 - Playground committee (*helping to improve our playground*)
- Fall Fundraising (*September*) (*school wide wrapping paper sales 9/18-10/2*)
 - Counting
 - Delivery Day (*November 4, 2010*)
- Red Barn Fundraising— (*A school wide food sales of VT made products late March*)
 - Counting
 - Delivery Day
- Teacher Appreciation Week (*PTO members typically bring a snack or meal to the staff room for every day of Teacher's Appreciation week May 2-6, 2011*).
 - Bring a food item I prefer _____ (choose a day M-F)

Name _____
 Student's Name _____
 Phone Number _____

I CAN HELP IN ANOTHER WAY..._____

Thanks for your support!

The Top Ten Reasons to join the Monkton Central School PTO! And attend a PTO Meeting ...

10. It's a great way to meet other families with children the same age as your own.
9. You will become a greater part of your children's learning experiences!
8. To help raise money for a great cause - your children's education!
7. Get to know the Teacher's at MCS and to understand their needs and ideas.
6. It's one more way to meet and talk with the new Principal.
5. There's a lot to be done!
4. It's an hour or so off each month from your hectic routine.
3. Camaraderie-we have fun!
2. Experience the feeling of self worth through volunteering your time and seeing your efforts pay off in the smile of your children and their friends.
1. And finally, the number one reason to join us....

WE NEED YOU!

Please attend the next PTO meeting on Thursday, September 16, @ 8:15 in the staff room.
If you haven't gotten involved with the PTO because you haven't been asked!

Please consider yourself asked!!!

Having a student at MCS makes you a member of the PTO, with no fees or dues, just access to valuable information about MCS.

Please join us!

Monkton Central School PTO Silent Auction

Our 8th **Annual Open House Silent Auction** will be taking place during the **Monkton Central School Open House** on **September 30**. 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 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): _____

Hot Lunch Prices

Breakfast: \$1.50 (full price)
 Free (reduced)
 1.50 (adult)

Lunch: \$ 2.50 (full price)
 .40 (reduced)
 4.50 (adult)

Milk \$.45

	Breakfast	Hot Lunch	Cold Lunch	Lunch Milk	Snack Milk
Monday					
Tuesday					
Wednesday					
Thursday					
Friday					

Amount in envelope for child #2: \$	
Student's Name	
Student's Grade	

	Breakfast	Hot Lunch	Cold Lunch	Lunch Milk	Snack Milk
Monday					
Tuesday					
Wednesday					
Thursday					
Friday					

Amount in envelope for child #3: \$	
Student's Name	
Student's Grade	

	Breakfast	Hot Lunch	Cold Lunch	Lunch Milk	Snack Milk
Monday					
Tuesday					
Wednesday					
Thursday					
Friday					

Amount in envelope for child #3: \$	
Student's Name	
Student's Grade	