

Monkton Central School

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Calendar

Feb 22-26	Winter Recess
March 11	PTO Meeting, 8:15 a.m.
March 12	Parent Conference Day
March 25	Kindergarten Registration

Principal's News

I want to wish you all a wonderful winter break. We will be returning on March 1st and will have school on Town Meeting Day. The School Board has worked hard with the administration to craft a budget that both holds the bottom line (less than a 2% increase) and provides the school with the essential support to continue providing a quality educational program. If you have questions about the budget and would like to discuss it, please come to the school informational meeting on Monday, March 1, at 7:00 PM (at the school). I want to encourage each and every one of you to vote on Tuesday.

We continue to review the NECAP assessment data and will be prepared to share it with you during your March teacher/parent conference. Teachers will be looking at the overall school data as well as individual student data between now and when you meet. A brief review and analysis is available to you in your town report.

Kindergarten registration day has been scheduled for Thursday, March 25. Both K-1 classes will be canceled for the day to allow the teachers to be active participants in the registration. New kindergarten students and their parents will be receiving information packets after vacation. If you have a child eligible for kindergarten (5 years old on or before September 1) or if you know of anyone eligible, please call the school office at 453-2314. We would like to obtain as accurate a count as possible and see children eligible for Kindergarten on registration day.

I am happy to let you know that a new interim principal has been hired. Idora Frazer will begin officially on March 11. I will be working with Idoro prior to that date to make sure that the transition is smooth and successful. Congratulations and welcome Idora.

Finally, I would like to welcome Jodi Bartley to the staff. She will be working with us one day per week as our (long term) substitute health educator. Many of you know Jodi as the past director of our after school program and a substitute teacher. While we welcome Jodi, we also want to wish Louise all the best with the new addition to her family.

Have a wonderful vacation.

Richard Schattman, Principal

Battle of the Books

Our annual Battle of the Books will take place Monday, March 1 -- the Monday we return from February vacation. The fifth and sixth grade "battle" will be in the gym from 12:45-1:45. The third and fourth graders will compete from 2:00-3:00. Parents and other family members are welcome to attend. Good luck to all our teams.

Holly Esterline and Mary Gemignani

Note from the Nurse - Lice

This is a reminder that lice continues to be present at school. Please observe your child for any symptoms, check their hair and scalp regularly for lice, and treat for lice as necessary. Also inform the school as you discover lice and your child has received hair treatment. Please contact me (453-2314, ext. 13) if you have any questions or concerns regarding lice.

Hilary Mack RN

Breakfast

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
March 1 - toast, cereal, fruit, milk	2 - double cinnamon toast, yogurt, fruit, milk	3 - toast, cereal, fruit, milk	4 - toast, cereal, fruit, milk	5 - bagel with topping, hard boiled egg, fruit, milk
8 - toast, cereal, fruit, milk	9 - toast, oatmeal or cold cereal, fruit, milk	10 - toast, cereal, fruit, milk	11 - toast, cereal, fruit, milk	12 - Parent Conference Day
15 - toast, cereal, fruit, milk	16 - English muffin, hard boiled egg, fruit, milk	17 - toast, cereal, fruit, milk	18 - toast, cereal, fruit, milk	19 - pancake and syrup, baked sausage, fruit, milk

Lunch

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
March 1 - chicken fajita, sour cream, salsa, seasoned rice, fresh vegetable, fresh fruit, milk - deli or peanut butter sandwich (in place of main entrée), salad bar	2 - bag lunch - tuna sandwich on wheat, fresh vegetables, cheese sticks, apple, Sun Chips, milk - deli or peanut butter sandwich (in place of main entrée), salad bar	3 - home made cheese pizza, fresh vegetables, fresh fruit, pretzels, milk - deli or peanut butter sandwich (in place of main entrée), salad bar	4 - buttered spaghetti or home made meat sauce, garlic bread, fresh fruit, milk - deli or peanut butter sandwich (in place of main entrée), salad bar	5 - Western Day - choice: hamburger or veggie burger, BBQ, cheese, pickles, macaroni salad, cowboy cookies, moo juice, milk - deli or peanut butter sandwich (in place of main entrée), salad bar
8 - grilled cheese sandwich on wheat, fresh vegetable, fresh fruit, pretzels, yogurt, milk - deli or peanut butter sandwich (in place of main entrée), salad bar	9 - your favorite chicken nuggets, seasoned rice, fresh vegetable, fresh fruit, dessert, milk - deli or peanut butter sandwich (in place of main entrée), salad bar	10 - home made sloppy joe on a wheat bun, buttered green beans, fresh fruit, chocolate pudding, milk - deli or peanut butter sandwich (in place of main entrée), salad bar	11 - hot dog on a wheat bun, baked assorted fries, fresh vegetable, fresh fruit, milk - deli or peanut butter sandwich (in place of main entrée), salad bar	12 - Parent Conference Day
15 - Finger Food Day - egg or peanut butter sandwich, cheese stick, carrot sticks, celery sticks, pretzels, fresh fruit, cookie, milk - deli or peanut butter sandwich (in place of main entrée), salad bar	16 - French toast sticks with syrup, baked sausage links, fresh vegetable, fruit juice, milk - deli or peanut butter sandwich (in place of main entrée), salad bar	17 - Salad Bar Day -salad fixings and chicken, ham, pepperoni, chopped egg, cottage cheese, mozzarella cheese, green apples, cake with green frosting, milk - deli or peanut butter sandwich (in place of main entrée), salad bar	18 - buttered rotini and meatballs in sauce, garlic bread, fresh vegetable, fresh fruit, milk - deli or peanut butter sandwich (in place of main entrée), salad bar	19 - cheese pizza or BBQ chicken pizza, fresh vegetable, fresh fruit, milk - deli or peanut butter sandwich (in place of main entrée), salad bar

Did you know we are doing two new menu items the week of March 22?

Baseball Clinic

There will be a baseball clinic in the school gym during the month of March as follows: Tuesdays (March 9, 16, 23, and 30) from 5:30 – 7:00 for Kindergarten thru grade 3 and Fridays (March 12, 19, and 26) from 5:30 – 7:00 for grades 4-6. For more information contact Rob Mullin, 425-3768.



MCS PTO AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

KEMPO (Grades 3-6) (Fridays 3/5, 12, 25 and 4/2) (3:10- 4:30) Gym - 16 openings—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!

CHESS (Grades 3&4) (Tuesdays 3/9, 16, 23, 30) (3:10- 4:30) Art/Music room - 10 students/ Suggested donation: \$12

CHESS (Grades 5&6) (Thursdays 3/11, 18, 25 and 4/1) (3:10-4:30) Art/Music room - 10 students/ Suggested donation: \$12

Instructor: Dwight Irish from Monkton Central School - This class is for beginners, and more advanced. Learn the rules and etiquette of the game, and develop an understanding of how to play chess. There is a state tournament in April for those who are interested.

KID'S COOKING CLASS Session 1 (Grades 3-5) (Mondays March 8 & 15) - (3:10-4:45 in the kitchen) 6 students/ Suggested donation: \$6

Instructor: Amy Moody, caterer extraordinaire. Amy has run the Foreign language dinners for the past several years. Students will work in the kitchen to collectively prepare one or two recipes each week. No cooking experience required, but students should bring enthusiasm and the willingness to work with others. Topics covered will include reading a recipe, measuring ingredients, healthy snacks, fun fruits and vegetables, smoothies muffins and whatever else we can squeeze in.

KID'S COOKING CLASS Session 2 (Grades 3-5) (Mondays March 22 & 29) - (3:10-4:45 in the kitchen) 6 students/ Suggested donation: \$6 Same as above. Please sign up for one session only.

RED CROSS BABYSITTING CLASS (Ages 11-14) Saturday, March 6, 9-3 pm - 4 spots left-Suggested donation: \$20 (The Red Cross requires 6 participants in order to run the class.) Taught by Red Cross Staff, participants will receive a textbook, workbook, DVD and upon successful completion of the class their Red Cross Certification.

Registration forms are available in the office and on-line at www.mcsvt.org.

If you have questions please contact Kristin Blanchette at 453-7087 or KBlanchette13@comcast.net