

Monkton Central School

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Calendar

April 6	PTO Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
April 8	Talent Show, 1:00 p.m.
April 8	School Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
April 9	Science Fair, 1:00 p.m.
April 12-16	Spring Recess
May 27	Walk Around the Pond (rain date May 28) 9:30 a.m.

Principal's News

Hello MCS Community-

The highlight of this week for me was attending the ANESU awards ceremony at Mt. Abraham. We heard stories of dedication and creativity from each school, and had the opportunity to honor three outstanding members of our own school community:

"Mr. Joe" Ekroos, bus driver extraordinaire, was given a touching tribute by students Taylor Duffy and Sofia Wolak. Their nomination letter talked about how safe they feel on the bus and how attentive he is to absences and illnesses of students.

Barb Collette, mother of MCS students Foster and George, received an award for her outstanding work with our students as a special education intern. Barb will be graduating with her Master's in Special Education from UVM on May 23rd. Congratulations, Barb!

Jan Davis was the third award recipient from MCS. Jan's award made particular reference to the annual unit she designs in tandem with the high school spring musical. Jan tells her students the story and explains its characters and context, teaches them the song lyrics, shows them the video production, and then takes them to Mt. Abe on the evening of the performance. The next day, her students write critiques of the show and Jan delivers them to the cast. Many of her students begin their interest in theater this way and end up performing in the musical themselves when they get to Mt. Abe! Thanks to parent Joan Holloway for nominating Jan for this award.

From the sandbox to the lacrosse field, our students are enjoying the outdoors with vigor. Along with the new energy and activity come the first scratches and scrapes of the season. Hilary Mack, our nurse, informs me that every year at this time there is an increase in minor injuries (similar to the minor traffic accidents that come with the first snow). We are working with the kids on friendly and fair play. This would be a great time to talk to your children about being open to playing with some different people at recess or sitting with them at lunch.

This week we have enjoyed sample classes from several teaching candidates for the P.E. position for next year. The hiring committee chose some excellent finalists, and they will go on to be interviewed by Evelyn Howard, our superintendent, and then approved by the school boards of Monkton and Lincoln. We hope to know who our new teacher will be by next week.

Enjoy the sunshine!!

Edorah Frazer, Interim Principal

Little League Update

Registration for baseball, softball and T-ball ends today, Friday, April 2nd. Coaches will be given their team rosters and will then be contacting parents in the next week or two. Practices will begin as soon as the fields dry up. T-ball will begin after April vacation. **Anyone with a jersey from last year, especially T-ball jerseys, please bring it to school and place it in the Recreation box located in the school entrance. Thank you.** Also, please remember the "green up" day being held **tomorrow, Saturday, April 3rd**, at the Monkton Recreation Field on Hollow Road from 10:00 - 1:00. Please come help clean up the field and get it ready for games. Bob Radler, 453-6407

Saturday, May 15 - 2nd Annual MONKTON DAY, including the Town-Wide Yard Sale (additional tables at the Firehouse) from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. sponsored by the Monkton Community Coffeehouse. There will also be a plant sale at the Methodist Church, and the Spaghetti Supper at the school sponsored by the Boy Scouts. Those interested in joining in the town-wide yard sale should contact jurban@gmavt.net. Please include all contact information, including phone and mailing address, so you can receive instructions on how to get your yard sale signs and where to send your \$10 registration. Deadline is May 5.

As a public service and a way of connecting folks in our far-flung community, Karen Sutherland has begun compiling a listing of public events in Monkton through the Spring, Summer, and Fall of 2010 and invites collaboration! Email Karen with details of your arts related or community event at karensu@gmavt.net. This calendar will be posted on our own local community bulletin board at: monkton.talk.submit@gmail.com where you will find many other interesting articles, news, and town tidbits.

Karen Sutherland

Breakfast

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
5 - toast, cereal, fruit, milk	6 - muffins, hard boiled egg, fruit, milk	7 - toast, cereal, fruit, milk	8 - toast, cereal, fruit, milk	9 - double toast, yogurt, fruit, milk
19 - toast, cereal, fruit, milk	20 - pancakes and syrup, sausage, fruit, milk	21 - toast, cereal, fruit, milk	22 - toast, cereal, fruit, milk	23- buttermilk donut, hard boiled egg, fruit, milk
26 - toast, cereal, fruit, milk	27 - bagel with topping, cereal, fruit, milk	28 - toast, cereal, fruit, milk	29 - toast, cereal, fruit, milk	30 - double English muffin, hard boiled egg, fruit, milk

Lunch

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
5 - grilled cheese, fresh vegetable, fresh fruit, yogurt, milk - deli or peanut butter sandwich (in place of main entrée), salad bar	6 - chicken pattie on a bun, seasoned rice, fresh vegetable, fresh fruit, milk - deli or peanut butter sandwich (in place of main entrée), salad bar	7 - home made meat loaf, garlic mashed potato, buttered corn, fresh fruit, milk - deli or peanut butter sandwich (in place of main entrée), salad bar	8 - spaghetti (buttered or with meat sauce), garlic bread, fresh vegetable, fresh fruit, milk - deli or peanut butter sandwich (in place of main entrée), salad bar	9 - pancakes with syrup or blueberries, sausage links, fresh vegetable, fruit juice, milk - deli or peanut butter sandwich (in place of main entrée), salad bar
19 - tuna on wheat, cheese nachos with salsa, sour cream on the side, fresh vegetable, fresh fruit, milk - deli or peanut butter sandwich (in place of main entrée), salad bar	20 - hot dog on a wheat bun, baked French fries, fresh fruit, chocolate mousse, milk - deli or peanut butter sandwich (in place of main entrée), salad bar	21 - home made pizza (cheese or veggie), fresh vegetable, fresh fruit, milk - deli or peanut butter sandwich (in place of main entrée), salad bar	22 - scrambled eggs, ham or sausage, hot bread, fruit juice, milk - deli or peanut butter sandwich (in place of main entrée), salad bar	23 - lasagna, garlic bread, fresh vegetables, fresh fruit, milk - deli or peanut butter sandwich (in place of main entrée), salad bar
26 - baked fish and fries, fresh vegetable, fresh fruit, cake, milk - deli or peanut butter sandwich (in place of main entrée), salad bar	27 - buttered rotini, meatballs in sauce, garlic bread, fresh vegetable, fresh fruit, milk - deli or peanut butter sandwich (in place of main entrée), salad bar	28 - assorted pizza day (no choice) , pizza sticks or pizza rollups, fresh vegetable, fresh fruit, milk - deli or peanut butter sandwich (in place of main entrée), salad bar	29 - shepard's pie (hamburg, mashed potato, corn), fresh fruit, cottage cheese, home made bread, milk - deli or peanut butter sandwich (in place of main entrée), salad bar	30 - baked chicken nuggets, seasoned rice, fresh vegetable, fresh fruit, milk - deli or peanut butter sandwich (in place of main entrée), salad bar

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Did you know on Tuesday we are having Ranch rice?

New Town Hall Meeting

There will be a meeting on Thursday, April 8, at 7:30 p.m. at the Firehouse to hear ideas and/or suggestions regarding the new town hall. For more information contact Charlie Huizenga at 877-2888.



2010 Vermont Scholastic Chess Tournament

We are now only one week away from the 2010 Vermont State Scholastic Chess Championships! If you haven't sent in your registration form yet, you should do so right away. Registrations by mail need to be postmarked by April 5th to get the discounted entry fee of \$10 -- that's half off the cost of registering at the door. Also, don't forget you can register by email as late as April 9th and still save money. Full details for the tournament are at: http://vtchess.info/Events/2010_VT_State_Championships.htm Special note for High School participants: Last year we were a bit cramped using classroom space. This year we will be using the library, so you should have plenty of room to stretch out. This will also allow room for spectators in that area, which has been very popular at past tournaments. I hope to see you all on April 10th! -- Mike Stridsber, Tournament Director



MCS PTO AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES-Drama "Alice in Wonderland"

(Grades 4-6) Saturdays April 3, 10, 24, May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, June 5,(9-11) in the Gym. Performance June 11 - 20 Students/ Suggested donation: \$21. **Instructors: Darla Senecal and Nancy Luke.** Be a new player or come be a part of the show again!

Calling all Mad Hatters, Cheshire Cats, Kings and Queens of Hearts, White Rabbits and other creatures. Last year's Little Mermaid was a big hit! Registration forms are available in the office and on-line at www.mcsvt.org. (Click on the Newsletter section then click again under FORMS. If you have questions please contact Kristin Blanchette at 453-7087 or KBlanchette13@comcast.net