

Monkton Central School

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Calendar

May 13 PTO Meeting, 8:15 a.m.
May 14 In-Service, no school for students
May 27 Walk Around the Pond, 9:30 a.m., (rain date May 28)
June 15 Last Day of School

Principal's News

Dear MCS Parents,

I hope your school vacation week allowed you to spend some precious time with your children. After a somewhat sleepy Monday, everyone is back in the swing of things. The fitness trail is in full use with groups of students racking up miles in their walking cards. Mrs. Murray's class is preparing to green up our grounds. Mrs. Ridolfo's and Mrs. Yerrick's students had an impromptu field trip outside to watch the pouring of the concrete for our new kiln room. It's wonderful to see the classes easily moving out onto our beautiful grounds as everything turns green. Speaking of our grounds...

Landscaping

There are several spots around our building that could use some generous landscaping support from the community. If you have some time, ideas, or contributions that you would like to offer in this regard, please call me or Steve Raymond. Thank you.

K/1 Students are Impressive!

This week, special kudos goes to the students of Mrs. Miller's and Mrs. Way's K/1 classes. Each of our nine top candidates for the kindergarten positions next year was asked to teach a 30-minute lesson to our K/1 students. Over the course of the nine sample lessons, students were introduced to a number of books, a science lesson, some art activities, and a variety of stretches and songs. Through all of this the students were patient, kind, and eager to learn. We have chosen some fantastic teachers as finalists and our superintendent is interviewing them to make her recommendations to the school board.

Volunteer Appreciation:

I want to thank a group of parents who have provided excellent science enrichment to our students via the Four Winds Program. These parents meet to prepare the science lessons and then spend time in classrooms teaching our students. They do a phenomenal job, as many of you know from the enthusiasm the kids show for these topics at home. Thanks especially to John Kelliher for doing such a thorough job heading up this program. He is looking for a few additional volunteers to join the group next year. Many, many thanks to this year's volunteers:

Anne-Marie Altadonna	Karen Dixon	Renee McGuinness
Angela Auclair	Emmy Harvey	John McNerney
Sandy Boyer	Betty Hoag	Jenny Morin
Terry Breton	Joan Holloway	Andrew Peterson
Peggy Chickanosky	John Kelliher	Beth Pratt
Barb Collette	Buzz Kuhn	Dinah Short

Upcoming Events:

This coming Wednesday, April 28, we will enjoy a music assembly from the Mt. Abe Jazz Group, A Cappella. Following the concert, all classes will have a picnic and a walk on the recreation trails. Thanks to Kelly Pierpont and Sandra Dahl for organizing these events.

I want to encourage everyone to attend the **Fine Arts Festival on May 11-13** featuring student work from virtually every child in the five towns of the Addison Northeast Supervisory Union. This is a wonderful event for grandparents and young children alike.

In the next week or two we will be having a fire drill that includes fire trucks with lights on. Please don't be "alarmed" if you're driving by and you see the trucks. We are working together with the fire department to make our drills more effective.

That's all for this time. Have a wonderful week!

Edorah Frazer, Interim Principal

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. Please read the attached flier to this newsletter: ***10 Steps to Staying Ahead of Lice***. More information is available at: healthvermont.gov/prevent/lice/headlice. Also, please inform the school as you discover lice and your child has received treatment. Please contact me (453-2314, ext. 13) if you have any questions or concerns regarding lice.

Hilary Mack RN

Thank you!

The Monkton School Board and entire MCS community would like to acknowledge George Bailey for donating his equipment, time, and energy in repairing our parking lot during vacation last week. Thank you George. MCS School Board

Book Fair

The spring book fair started today. Your child should have a flyer and a letter with more information in her/his backpack. This season's theme is "Book Fair Diner: All You Can Read." Students will be filling out wish lists during library classes (except for K-1 students). The fair will be open every day from 8:00 to 3:45 beginning Friday, April 23rd through Tuesday, May 4th.

The fair will be open late on Friday, April 30th, from after school until 7:00 p.m. During that evening we will have an ice cream social from 5:00 to 6:30. Come to the gym and enjoy a free scoop of ice cream and some 50's music.

We will be offering the classroom wish lists again this spring. This is a great chance to help build classroom libraries. Don't forget to check out what's available for summer reading, too.

If you would like your child to purchase only books at the fair, please call me (453-2314) or write me a note and ask your child to deliver it to the library. If you choose to do this, please also discuss your decision with your child so that he or she knows your expectations. Stop by the library and see the great books that are available this season!

Holly Esterline

Looking for Volunteers I am looking for volunteers to scoop ice cream at the ice cream social next Friday, April 30. The event is from 5:00-6:30 in the Monkton gym. Volunteers can work half hour shifts. Each volunteer may pick one paperback book (under \$10) from the book fair for each half hour shift worked. Please call me at 453-2314 ext. 34 to let me know if and when you'd like to work.

Holly Esterline

Breakfast

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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
May 3 - toast, cereal, fruit, milk	4 - cinnamon toast, cereal, fruit, milk	5 - toast, cereal, fruit, milk	6 - toast, cereal, fruit, milk	7 - assorted muffins, hard boiled egg, fruit, milk
10 - toast, cereal, fruit, milk	11 - bagel with topping, hard boiled egg, fruit, milk	12 - toast, cereal, fruit, milk	13 - toast, cereal, fruit, milk	14 - No school for students.

Lunch

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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
May 3 - French toast sticks with syrup, sausage links, fresh vegetable, fruit juice, milk - deli or peanut butter sandwich (in place of main entrée), salad bar	4 - taco (with home made taco seasoning), seasoned rice, fresh vegetable, fresh fruit, milk - deli or peanut butter sandwich (in place of main entrée), salad bar	5 - salad and yogurt bar - salad fixings: croutons, cottage cheese, turkey, ham, and pepperoni, yogurt, granola, berries, sprinkles, fresh fruit, milk - deli or peanut butter sandwich (in place of main entrée), salad bar	6 - home made goulash, garlic bread, green beans, fresh fruit, milk - deli or peanut butter sandwich (in place of main entrée), salad bar	7 - Dress your burger day: cheese, pickles, relish; French fries, fresh fruit, milk - deli or peanut butter sandwich (in place of main entrée), salad bar
10 - grilled cheese, organic vanilla yogurt, fresh fruit, milk - deli or peanut butter sandwich (in place of main entrée), salad bar	11 - buttered spaghetti or meat sauce, garlic bread, fresh vegetable, fresh fruit, milk - deli or peanut butter sandwich (in place of main entrée), salad bar	12 - English muffin pizza, fresh vegetable, fresh fruit, milk - deli or peanut butter sandwich (in place of main entrée), salad bar	13 - assorted breaded chicken, seasoned rice, fresh vegetable, fresh fruit, milk - deli or peanut butter sandwich (in place of main entrée), salad bar	14 - In-Service Day No school for students.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Did you know we had broccoli salad on the salad bar this week?

Help Wanted

It's Fine Arts Festival time again. This year the festival is May 11-13. I have had a terrific group of helpers every year who make the event seem almost easy! If you are able to help this Spring, please sign the form below and return it to school with your child.

Michaela Granstrom

_____ **I can help take artwork from Monkton to Mt. Abe on Tuesday morning, May 11.**

I will meet at the Monkton School on Monday afternoon (1:00) to load.

We will need one person with a truck with a covered full length bed.

_____ **I can help set up at Mt. Abe on Tuesday, May 11, starting at 8:30.**

_____ **I can help take down artwork (starting at 8:30 a.m. at Mt. Abe) on Friday, May 14, and return it to Monkton Central School. One person with a truck with a full length bed needed.**

Name _____ Phone No. _____

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Concession stand volunteers needed for minor and major baseball and softball home games. The kids and parents enjoy the concession stand each year at our home games at the recreation field. We sell hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken patties, veggie burgers, whole pickles, chips, candy, and drinks. Unfortunately, if we don't get at least two volunteers (yes you...moms, dads, grandparents, etc.) from each of the teams, that game will not have a concession stand. All proceeds from the stand go right back to the boys and girls baseball and softball teams to buy equipment.

If you are interested in helping please contact me, Liz Aldrich at 453-3075. Thank you.

Little League Update

Anyone with a jersey from last year, especially T-ball jerseys, please bring it to school and place it in the box located at the school entrance. Thank you. Also, a big THANK YOU to those who showed up to help clean up the Monkton Recreation field a few weeks ago.

Bob Radler, 453-6407

Women's Self Defense Benefit for Monkton Fire Department

Laurie Shover of Villari's Self-Defense will be holding a women's self-defense class to benefit the Monkton Volunteer Fire Department. The class will be held April 30th from 5:30 to 7pm at the MVFD on States Prison Hollow Rd and the fee is only \$15 for all women ages 12 and up. All checks can be made directly to MVFD. Do not miss this great opportunity to take time for yourself, learn life safety skills, and have fun too.

Darrel Duffy