

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

Greetings on a warm and sunny day!

I have some great news, some gratitude to express, and a couple of requests. First, the big news. We have hired our new kindergarten teachers! Please welcome:

Caitlin Leggett

Ms. Leggett taught a wonderful science lesson (complete with lab coat, kazoo, and sensory touch bags) to Mrs. Miller's class. The students recorded data using a variety of adjectives in describing the objects they felt in their bags. Ms. Leggett is interested in both science and the arts. She lives in Bristol and currently teaches kindergarten with a Responsive Classroom approach at the Underhill I.D. School. She will be teaching our straight K class.

Abigail Bartlett

Ms. Bartlett taught a read-aloud of *If You Give a Pig a Pancake* with a focus on compound words in Suzy's classroom. She had a double major in Elementary Education and Fine Arts at St. Michael's College, where she is currently earning a Master's in Reading. This year she is teaching kindergarten at the Waterville Elementary School, and will be teaching our K/1 class.

Both of these teachers are bringing energy, enthusiasm, creativity, a love for the arts, and a background and commitment to kindergarten teaching. We were fortunate to have had a very strong applicant pool that gave us the opportunity to hire teachers with kindergarten experience along with their sparkling energy!

Many thanks to the Monkton General Store for donating ice cream toppings for our 50's ice cream social. The ice cream is a great dessert to top off a very successful book fair. Thanks also to Holly Esterline, with support from Jodi Rotax, in the library for a fun and educational event. The fair extends through Tuesday.

Also thanks to Todd Farrell of Farrell-Lea Farm, Nursery, and Landscaping for his donation of bark mulch and trees to the school. We will use them to enhance the school's landscape.

Many of you know that this year we have enjoyed a lively array of activities during our Fabulous Friday assemblies. What you might not know is that Laura Sturtevant is our M.C. extraordinaire, always cooking up something educational, musical, and fun to start our day on Fridays. Today she got us all dancing to 50's music after explaining to the kids the difference between an LP and a 45. K-6 and teachers alike did the twist together to start our day. We all headed off to our classrooms and offices with smiles on our faces. Thank you, Mrs. Sturtevant!

Now the requests...

Our **Walk Around the Pond** will be a morning event on May 27th. We need a slew of volunteers to help us along the path with traffic control and water stations. It will be a fun event, so give yourself a morning in the sun and call the office (453-2314) if you can volunteer.

At 1:00 the same day there will be a **retirement celebration** for our teachers and principal who are moving on this year. All school and community members are invited. See details below.

□□□**Last but very importantly, we have had some close calls in the parking lot with our busses this week. As a reminder: NO VEHICLE CAN PASS A BUS THAT HAS ITS RED STOP SIGN OUT AND FLASHING RED LIGHTS ON, EVEN IF THE BUS IS PARKED IN OUR PARKING LOT. PASSING BUSES CREATES A VERY UNSAFE SITUATION FOR OUR STUDENTS AND DRIVERS VIOLATING THIS LAW WILL BE REPORTED TO LAW ENFORCEMENT. IF YOU DON'T WANT TO GET CAUGHT BEHIND A BUS, PLEASE PARK IN THE LOWER LOT. Thank you for helping us keep the school safe.**□□□□□□□□

Be safe and have fun! Enjoy the warmth and sunshine!

Edorah Frazer, Principal

Head Lice:

This week I sent home some more information regarding head lice treatment and prevention. As we know lice treatments usually kill but do not remove nits from the hair. Nits are the lice eggs which are attached to the hair shafts. They are tear shaped, yellowish tan, and are usually near the scalp around the nape of the neck, behind the ears, or on the crown of the head. Natural light makes them easier to find. Your child's head will usually itch. It is essential that nits be removed from the hair nightly for two weeks to reduce the chance of recurrence of lice infestation. Use a fine toothed nit comb and hair clips and bright light to assist with this process. In 7-10 days following treatment any nits (eggs) left behind can hatch. For this reason it is a good idea to check for lice several times over the next three weeks. After treatment, put on clean clothing and launder or clean any bedding and household items that could be infected. Pay special attention to the mattress, couch, carpets, stuffed animals, the car seats, brushes and combs. Your prompt action at home, together with the efforts at school, can help prevent further recurrences of this pest. Hilary Mack RN

Book Fair

The fair will be open every day from 8:00 to 3:45 through Tuesday, May 4th.

The fair will be open late today (Friday, April 30), 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.

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

Breakfast

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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.
17 - toast, cereal, fruit, milk	18 - double English muffin, cereal, fruit, milk	19 - toast, cereal, fruit, milk	20 - toast, cereal, fruit, milk	21 - double cinnamon toast, hard boiled egg, fruit, milk

Lunch

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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.
17 - Finger Food Day - tuna or egg sandwich, dolphin crackers, cheese sticks, vegetable sticks, fruit juice bars, milk - deli or peanut butter sandwich (in place of main entrée), salad bar	18 - baked ham, garlic mashed potatoes, buttered corn, bread, fresh fruit, milk - deli or peanut butter sandwich (in place of main entrée), salad bar	19 - meatball sub, French fries, fresh vegetables, fresh fruit, milk - deli or peanut butter sandwich (in place of main entrée), salad bar	20 - New Item - pork fried rice, egg rolls, stir fried vegetables, fortune cookies, oranges, milk - deli or peanut butter sandwich (in place of main entrée), salad bar	21 - salad and deli meat buffet - ham, turkey, bologna, macaroni salad, broccoli salad, bread and butter, chocolate mousse, fresh fruit, milk

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Monkton Central School Food Garden

Hey all you gardeners out there: we need your help! I have wanted to start a food garden for years so that our lunch program can profit from the harvest that could come out of our school garden. This week a few people from our school attended a Farm to School Program event at Mt. Abe called the Stone Soup Summit. It was a great way to get new ideas about ways to bring food into our cafeteria from our local farms. What better way to have good food than to have our own garden and to purchase other foods (that we do not grow) from local farms?

VOLUNTEERS are what we need!!!! The work would take place starting now and into the fall. If you would be interested in helping with the many different steps that it will take to get this project going, please call me. This could be the start of something great at MCS.

Nina Badger, 453-5023

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. _____

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

Teacher Appreciation Week - May 3rd - May 7th

Next week is Teacher Appreciation Week; please take a moment to thank a teacher.

A note from you and your child is a simple way to say "Thanks". We are so lucky at MCS to have dedicated, hardworking, and caring teachers. They help make learning fun!



SAVE THE DATE!

Thursday, May 27th(Rain Date Friday, May 28)

Join us at 1:00 p.m. for a PTO hosted school and community Retirement Celebration!

Celebrating the many years of service and wishing a grand retirement for:

Rich Jesset

Jan Davis

Judy Taylor

Audri Miller

Watch the newsletter for more information in the upcoming weeks!

Donation Request!

The PTO is planning a Retirement Celebration for the retiring staff. We are planning a potluck picnic and are hoping families can choose an item from the list below. Please send in your donation on May 27. Donations may be dropped off between

8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Please help! If you can help, please fill out the slip below and return to the school office.

I can donate:

Watermelons (total needed 6) _____

Bags of Ice _____

Boxes of Crackers _____

Bags of Chips (total needed 10) _____

Juice _____

(100% juice- no carbonated drinks)

Name _____