

# Monkton Central School

## September 17, 2010 - Newsletter #3

[www.mcsvt.org](http://www.mcsvt.org)

### Calendar

September 17	PTO Fund Raiser Begins
September 30	Open House
October 4	PTO Fund Raiser Ends
October 12	Monkton Creates! Contra Dance and Pot Luck
October 20	School Picture Day
October 21-22	Vermont NEA Days, no school

### Principal's Notes:

Dear Families,

Thank you for your tolerance as I continue to be your remote principal. The staff at MCS has been great about keeping me informed and taking my direction while I am away. We correspond daily via email. I am hoping that I'll be back full time soon.

Students and teachers continue to settle in nicely. Their projects have begun to appear on the walls. The place looks great. Teachers who have taken on new roles or are new to the school are doing a great job. Teachers who have been in the classroom for years seem to be enjoying themselves and inspiring eager learners.

We are having some trouble with our heating system. We expect it to be repaired by October 8. When the weather is chilly, know that your child may need some warm clothes even for inside. Please make sure they have appropriate clothing for fall days outside as well.

Thanks for your ongoing support of your children and of our work at school.

Sincerely,  
Susan Stewart

All students in grade 3 through grade 6 will participate in the New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP) October 5 - 15. Please encourage students to give these tests their very best effort. You can help your child prepare for the assessment by making sure that she or he has an early bedtime and has a good breakfast before heading off to school. Please try to schedule appointments other than these weeks. Thank you for supporting your child and our school during the testing period.

### News from the Nurse

Please continue to check your children for head lice and nits and treat accordingly. Only through co-operation from home and school can we control head lice.

Just a reminder – if you want your child to participate in the Fluoride Mouth Rinse Program, please sign the permission form and send it back to school as soon as possible.

As the cold season approaches, it is important to send your children dressed appropriately and ready to participate in outdoor recess/activities. I also encourage all children to have a change of clothes at school. There are no extra clothes kept on hand at school.

Hilary Mack, School Nurse

## News from the Kitchen

A great big thank you to Nina Badger for donating her time, effort, and money for the school garden. We have already used sweet red peppers and cucumbers from the garden. This past week we have used squash, watermelon, and corn on the cob from the Norris Berry Farm. Thank you also to everyone who donated vegetables from their gardens. A reminder to all who participate in the free and reduced program last year, you need to reapply before October 1. If you fail to do so you will have to pay full price. Also, snack milk and cold lunch milk are not part of the free and reduced program and must be paid for. The price for milk is \$.45.

Anne and Debbie

Monkton Central School - September 2010 Menu				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
20 toast, cereal, fruit, milk	21 assorted muffins, hard boiled egg, fruit, milk	22 toast, cereal, fruit, milk	23 bagel with toppings, cereal, fruit, milk	24 toast, cereal, fruit, milk
Finger Food Day egg salad or peanut butter sandwich on wheat, cheese sticks, frozen juice bars, animal crackers, fresh veggies	English muffin pizza pretzels, peanuts fresh fruit Or peanut butter & jelly sandwich on wheat	buttered rotini or meatballs and sauce green beans, garlic bread fresh fruit Or peanut butter & jelly sandwich on wheat	ham & cheese quiche broccoli rolls fresh fruit Or peanut butter & jelly sandwich on wheat	sloppy Joes on wheat bun buttered carrots fresh fruit Or peanut butter & jelly sandwich on wheat
27 toast, cereal, fruit, milk	28 double cinnamon toast, scrambled egg, fruit, milk	29 toast, cereal, fruit, milk	30 English muffin, cereal, fruit, milk	1 toast, cereal, fruit, milk
chicken or cheese quesadilla, salsa, sour cream, seasoned rice fresh veggies, fresh fruit Or peanut butter & jelly sandwich on wheat	hot dog on wheat bun with toppings sweet potato fries fresh fruit Or peanut butter & jelly sandwich on wheat	lasagna garlic bread green beans fresh fruit Or peanut butter & jelly sandwich on wheat	Breakfast for Lunch Day pancakes with syrup, blueberries, strawberries, juice, double sausage links Or peanut butter & jelly sandwich on wheat	shepard pie apple sauce cake fresh fruit fresh veggies Or peanut butter & jelly sandwich on wheat

## Inaugural Roadside Hoedown in Celebration of the Signing of the Constitution

Join us for an afternoon filled with kids' games, horseshoes, and a taffy pull on Saturday, September 18. Old cars, trucks, and tools welcome for display. Suggested donation of \$12. Field days begin at 2:00 p.m.; barn dance, pot luck dinner, bake sale, and silent auction at 6:00 p.m. Donations to the silent auction are welcome. Music by Pete Sutherland. Funds raised go towards the scholarship fund for youth activities of Unbound Grace, a nonprofit corporation. We welcome any ideas you have for our revolutionary era historical theme. Volunteers are greatly appreciated for parking cars and tending games. Held at Sentinel Farms, 4118 Route 116, Starksboro. For more information contact Kerry Kurt at 377-1066 or email [kerry3k@aol.com](mailto:kerry3k@aol.com). Joan Holloway

## Child Passenger Safety Week

This nationally sponsored week promoting safe seating practices for children in motor vehicles will be held September 18 - 25. There will be six child safety inspections held around the state. For more information log on to the web at [www.beseatsmart.org](http://www.beseatsmart.org).

Did you know most children between ages four and eight need booster seats? If you child is NOT riding in a booster seat, take this Five Question Test:

1. Does the child sit all the way back against the auto seat?
2. Do the child's knees bend comfortably at the edge of the auto seat?
3. Is the lap belt below the tummy, touching the thighs?
4. Is the shoulder belt centered on the shoulder and chest?
5. Can the child stay seated like this for the whole trip?

If you answered "no" to any of these questions, your child needs a booster seat to ride safely in a car. Riding in a booster seat is more comfortable too! For more information call 1-888-TOT-SEAT.

J. Michelle Laberge

# **PTO**

# **PLEASE READ!**



Dear Parents:

Each year, Monkton Central School PTO has its annual fundraiser selling gifts, wrapping paper, and gourmet chocolates with Genevieve's Fundraising. Each child received a sales packet and information letter, today. This is one of our biggest fundraising activities. The PTO uses these funds to support the school by providing a variety of enriching programs and opportunities for your children. Last year we raised \$2,900. These funds were used for field trips, guest speakers, after school enrichment, learning kits, and an enrichment fund that provided \$200 to each classroom teacher.

**THIS IS A VOLUNTARY FUNDRAISER.** Place orders for each individual child or one order as a family. As always, you can make a donation to the PTO instead of selling Genevieve's.

## **STUDENT SAFETY IS OUR #1 PRIORITY!**

## **UNSUPERVISED DOOR TO DOOR SALES BY CHILDREN SHOULD NOT BE CONDUCTED.**

**START DATE: Friday, September 17, 2010**

**FINISH DATE: Monday, October 4, 2010**

We would like to encourage your participation now, more than ever. Every sale helps! **NO SALE IS TOO SMALL!** Help us reach our goal of topping last year's sales.

Thank you in advance for your support!

The Monkton Central School PTO

Questions--contact **Dawn Griswold 453-8488 or [bdgris@gmavt.net](mailto:bdgris@gmavt.net)**

\*\*\*\*\*OUT of TOWN FAMILY ORDERS\*\*\*\*\*

If your child will be receiving orders via the Internet ([www.genevieves.com](http://www.genevieves.com)), you must set up account for your child **FIRST!**

Our school code is **5921**

**Crumbs Needed** - Open House wouldn't be the same without brownie crumbs and frosting smeared onto the gym floor. Help maintain this long-standing tradition by bringing a baked good for the Open House PTO Bake Sale. Here's an idea: bake two batches of muffins for breakfast for that crazy morning after the open house - one batch for yourself and another batch for the folks who have no time and/or ability to bake. Cakes, cupcakes, brownies, cookies, etc., will also be accepted. If you really want to impress someone, bake a pie! YUM! PIE! Thanks a baker's dozen.

Renee McGuinness, Monkton PTO

## **Monkton Central School PTO Silent Auction**

Our 8<sup>th</sup> **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](mailto: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	