

# 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)
May 31	Memorial Day, no school
June 15	Last Day of School, 11:50 student dismissal

## Principal's News

Dear MCS Community,

Things always start to speed up once we turn the calendar to May, and this past week has been no exception. Here's some forward-looking information so we can all stay on top of things.

## Next Year's Classes

We have determined the class structures and teachers for next year:

K – Caitlin Leggett  
K/1 – Abbie Bartlett  
1/2 – Suzy Way  
2 – Barbara Yerrick  
3 – Dawn Ridolfo  
4 – Laura Sturtevant  
4 – Virginia McLane  
5 – Kelly Pierpont  
5/6 – Kevin Grace  
6 – Sue Foley  
Literacy Specialist – Stephanie Murray  
Math Specialist – Zandra Cousino

We are still working on student placements in classes, and letters will go out to families the first week of June with that information. Our numbers are growing, and it looks like we'll have 12-16 more students next year than we have now, in part because our outgoing 6<sup>th</sup> grade is a class of 16, and our incoming kindergartners are 27 and counting!

## Next Week

**Tuesday, May 11<sup>th</sup>**, our MCS band will be performing at the Fine Arts Festival at Mt. Abe.

**Wednesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>**, K/1 – 3/4 classes will go by bus to attend the Fine Arts Festival.

**Thursday, May 13<sup>th</sup>**, 4/5 – 6 classes will go by bus to attend the Fine Arts Festival.

**Friday, May 14<sup>th</sup>**, NO SCHOOL – Teacher In-service Day.

## Following Week

**Tuesday, May 18<sup>th</sup> – Thursday, May 20<sup>th</sup>** are testing days for grades 3-6. Please try to avoid scheduling appointments for your children on these days.

**Wednesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>**, both K/1 classes will be visiting the Echo Museum in Burlington.

We are still looking for volunteers to help with water stations and traffic control for our **Walk Around the Pond** day on May 27<sup>th</sup>. Please let the front office (453-2314) know if you can help us out with this.

Finally, the staff would like to thank everyone who brought in treats, flowers and kind notes during **Teacher Appreciation Week**. It was a wonderful display of support for a very committed, skilled and hard-working group of educators. Thank you!

Edorah Frazer, Principal

### Appropriate Dress

Dan Noel, the Robinson Elementary School Principal, wrote eloquently about expectations for students' clothing at his school, and I thought it would be a good message for us also:

“Helping kids understand what others might feel uncomfortable with, helping kids focus more on learning and less on impressing peers, and having important conversations about what respectful dress looks like are all part of growing up and are part of our work with kids. We also hope you can have these conversations with your kids. Help them to see and share your values. Help them to understand why what they choose to wear is so important. My guess is that together we can help instill the kind of values that will help them be successful wherever they decide to go in life.”

As the weather gets warmer, just a reminder that our dress guidelines include no visible underwear, skirts, and shorts should be longer than the tips of the fingers, and any words or images on clothing should be appropriate for an educational setting. Thank you!

### Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who came to our spring book fair. We have new books in the classrooms, the library, and your homes as well as funds we can use to purchase needed items for the school. Thank you very much!

Thank you to Monkton General Store for donating the toppings for the ice cream social and thank you to everyone who helped out with the ice cream social on Friday. It was lots of fun thanks to your time and energy. Special thank you to:

Laura Sturtevant	Sandy Dahl	Suzy Way
Sheri Smith	Liz Aldrich	Jan Davis
Melissa Beatty	Cathy Carlisle	Stephanie Murray
Renee McGuinness	Zandra Cousino	Anne Coolidge
Debbie Preston		

Thank you also to Jodi Rotax and Dwight Irish for packing up the book fair for me. You are all much appreciated. Holly Esterline

### **Breakfast**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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
24 - toast, cereal, fruit, milk	25 - French toast sticks with syrup, sausage, fruit, milk	26 - toast, cereal, fruit, milk	27 - toast, cereal, fruit, milk	28 - assorted muffins, hard boiled egg, fruit, milk

### **Lunch**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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
24 - Hodge Podge Day - no choice - fish nuggets/ chicken nuggets/corn dogs, French fries, fries, fresh fruit, milk - deli or peanut butter sandwich (in place of main entrée), salad bar	25 - New Item - cheese or vegetable quiche, ham slices, fresh vegetable, fresh fruit, milk - deli or peanut butter sandwich (in place of main entrée), salad bar	26 - pizza rollups (cheese or pepperoni), ranch rice, fresh vegetable, fresh fruit, milk - deli or peanut butter sandwich (in place of main entrée), salad bar	27 - Retirement Picnic - PTO sponsored - no charge - hot dog in a bun, chips, vegetables and dip, deviled eggs, watermelon, cheese and crackers, yogurt, cake, cookies, ice cream, milk	28 - pancakes and syrup, sausage, juice, fresh vegetable, milk - deli or peanut butter sandwich (in place of main entrée), salad bar

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**Needed: 20 paddlers and one drummer.**

The Draggins of Monkton are looking for paddlers. The Lake Champlain Dragon Boat Festival is Sunday, Aug 8th, with a practice on July 18th. We need 20 paddlers and 1 drummer to fill our Monkton boat. It's a great day on the Burlington waterfront and a great cause to be a part of. This year's fund raising efforts will focus again on Camp Ta-Kum-Ta. There is no experience necessary, and we would love to have you join us. Please contact Suzanne Bushey if you have any questions or would like to sign up. (453-4421 - borohill@gmavt.net) Registration has already begun and the team slots fill up quickly, so we need to assemble our team asap. For more information check out the website: ridethedragon.org.

Suzanne Bushey

**Playground News**

Safety improvements were made to the playground last weekend. Thank you: Bob Wahl, for donating and delivering new pea stone; Andrew Peterson, Otto Funke, Bill Joos, John Kelliher, and Neil Jensen for their time and energy.

Bob Radler



**SAVE THE DATE!**

**Thursday, May 27<sup>th</sup>(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!**

**RED BARN FUNDRAISER**

The fundraiser has come to an end, I would like to thank the students and parents for all of your efforts in selling the products. Also, a big thank you to the teachers for tons of support. I especially appreciate the help from Dawn Griswold and the other volunteers. We had another successful year and the proceeds will help fund many more enriching activities for our students. Congratulations to Carley Sherwin top selling student, Ms. Pierpont's classroom #1 top selling class, and Ms. Yerrick's classroom #2 top selling class enjoy your ice cream parties!!

Thank you, Marty Brown

**YEARBOOK**

The year is coming to an end quickly and it is time to start thinking about the yearbook. If you are interested in placing an ad in the yearbook, here is what we need: any images, logos, your preference for style, and your message (what you would like it to say). A drawn layout is fine too. Just gather it all together and email it to [bdgris@gmavt.net](mailto:bdgris@gmavt.net) (put YEARBOOK in the subject line please) or send it into the office in an envelope marked PTO-Yearbook. Deb Rickner, our yearbook designer/coordinator extraordinaire will build the ad. The prices are as follows;

- Business card size ad, approximately 2"x3"--\$20
- Double business card size, approximately 4"x3"--\$35
- Half page, approximately 4"x7"--\$50
- Full page --\$100

If you placed an ad last year and would like the same exact ad placed this year, you will receive a 10% discount. Checks should be made payable to Monkton Central School PTO. Thank you! Dawn Griswold, 453-8488, [bdgris@gmavt.net](mailto:bdgris@gmavt.net)

**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.**

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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** \_\_\_\_\_