

Monkton Central School

September 24, 2010 - Newsletter #4

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Calendar

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,

It has been another busy week here at Monkton Central School. I have been spending time in classrooms and continuing to learn student names. The tenor in the school is happy and productive. It is a great place to be.

You may remember that MCS joined the Addison Northeast Foodservice Cooperative this year. Our cooks, Anne and Debbie, are working with Kathy Alexander with these goals of the cooperative in mind:

- Fiscal responsibility and sensible management practices in school foodservice programs
- Focus on highly nutritious school meals utilizing fresh, whole foods to support education and health habits
- Forging community relationships to support and sustain school foodservice programs with an emphasis on using local products and resources

As part of this we have begun having taste tests of local foods in some of our classrooms. This week Orb Weaver donated cheese and Boyer's Orchard donated apples for a taste test in Ms. Yerrick's class. Shawna Sherwin procured these foods for us. Many thanks to all. The Addison Independent was on hand to document the event.

This brings me to two reminders:

1. Please make sure that you have sent in the form telling us if you DO NOT want us taking and using photographs of your child. That form came home at the beginning of the year as part of the student information packet. The deadline for sending them in was today. Please send yours in if you want to and haven't already.
2. We are publishing the **Student Directory**. It will have names, phone numbers, and addresses of all students and their families. My understanding is that MCS publishes this every year (thanks to Dawn Griswold). *If you do not want to be included in this directory, please make sure to let us know by Monday, September 27, 2010.*

We are not allowing students to play with toys at school and we ask that you help children remember to keep their toys at home. Students bringing toys to school inevitably have an increase in conflicts, loss, and/or they may isolate themselves with their toys. We'd prefer students to be engaging with their peers in more positive ways.

Next Thursday, September 30, is our school-wide Open House. Please come and meet your child's teacher and the other teachers in the school. There will also be a silent auction. See the body of this newsletter for details!

Have a great weekend,
Susan Stewart

Fall Book Fair

Our fall book fair will be here before you know it. The book fair starts Friday, October 8, and runs to Tuesday, October 19. This year we will need several volunteers to help with the book fair, especially first thing in the morning (7:50-8:30) and at the end of the day (1:30-3:10). There are other times needed as well. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact me at hesterline@anesu.org or at 453-2314 ext. 22.

Also, the theme for this book fair is "Here's To Our Heroes: Reading Saves the Day". In celebration of this theme, we will have a "dress as your hero" day on Friday, October 8th. Children and adults can dress as their hero. Some ideas are a famous person, a parent, or a fictional character. This is a PE day, so please make sure your student brings appropriate shoes with them if necessary.

Thank you. We're looking forward to another great fair.

Holly Esterline

ARE YOU A 5th GRADER? DO YOU WANT TO SKI OR RIDE FOR FREE?

The Vermont Ski Areas Association and its member areas want all fifth graders to have the opportunity to ski or ride with their families. This program is designed to encourage families to spend time together in the mountains enjoying a healthy, safe and FUN family activity. **How much does my passport cost?** The only cost is a \$10 administration and processing fee. After that, you can ski and snowboard all winter for FREE! **When is the Passport valid?** Passports are valid from December 1, 2010 - May 1, 2011, excluding blackout dates. Check blackout dates on each area's coupon or in the Rules and Regulations section. **Why fifth grade?** Fifth grade is a great age for children to successfully learn to ski or snowboard. We hope that through a positive introduction to the sport, 5th graders will continue to be lifelong lovers of skiing and snowboarding. This program also fosters health and physical fitness for fifth graders and their families. For more information, or an application form go to the 5th Grade Passport Website: http://www.skivermont.com/find_your_zone/passport/

Bob Radler, Monkton Recreation Program

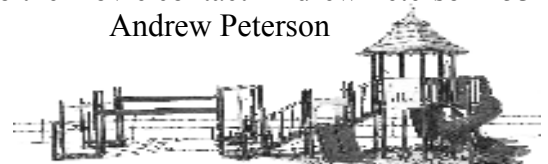
Monkton Central School - September 2010 Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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 whea	Breakfast for Lunch Day pancakes with syrup, blueberries, straw-berries, 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

"Moving Midway"

In a benefit for the moving of the old Monkton Schoolhouse there will be a screening of the award winning film "Moving Midway" with filmmaker Godfrey Cheshire, who will take questions after the movie on Friday October 8th at 8pm. The cost is \$10. To see a trailer for the movie and find more information on the movie, go to www.movingmidway.com. Refreshments after the movie will be from the 2nd annual Monkton pie contest. To enter a pie, contact Karen Sutherland @ 453-3795, for tickets to the movie contact Andrew Peterson 453-7307 justandrew@gmail.com.

Andrew Peterson



PTO

We are a mere six days away from our OPEN HOUSE scheduled for Thursday evening September 30. The gym doors will open at 6:00 p.m. for you to enter the gym and peruse the many PTO silent auction items that are up for bid. The classroom activities begin at 6:30 and end at 7:30. Folks will have another 10 minutes before the auction ends at 7:40 sharp. Winning bidders will be able to pay for the items and take them home. Hope to see you on Thursday!

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! If you have any questions please contact your child's class room parent. Thanks a baker's dozen.

Renee McGuinness, Monkton PTO

Monkton Central School's PTO Silent Auction

Come bid on Thursday, September 30, from 6 to 7:40 pm on the following amazing items:

Gift Certificates from:

Almost Home Market
Anne Marie Altadonna Massage
Bristol Cliff's Music
Buzz Kuhn's Photography
Cubber's
Hinesburg Animal Hospital
Knits and Bolts
Shelburne Museum
Lawrence Memorial Library
Wahl Landscaping
Vermont HoneyLights, Inc.

Savings Bonds from:

Merchants Bank
National Bank of Middlebury

Lift Tickets at:

Bolton Valley (2)
Mad River (2)

Greens Fees at:

Rocky Ridge (2)
Cedar Knoll (2)

Assorted Gift Items, Plants, Pots, Original Artwork, Toys and Much more from:

Chatterbox Boys Tshirts
Danforth Pewter Picture Frame
Echo Leahy Center (4) day passes
Tickets to Flynn Center (2)
Prairie Fire Tree from Farrell Lee Farm
Mt. Abe Sweatshirt from In Stitches
Plane Ride over Monkton with John McNerney
Gift Pack from Kimball's Office Services
4 Tupperware Tumblers from Jen Ross
Cheeseboard from Mark Boyer
Kleen Kanteens (6) from Peregrine Outfitters, Inc.
Assorted Life Jackets from Peregrine Outfitters, Inc.
Ceramic Pots from Pine Tree Gardens
Print of Monkton Farm Landscape by Reed Prescott
Hand-made Quilted Wall Hanging from Sandra Dahl
Coffee Gift Pack from Vermont Coffee Company
Toys & Goodies from Greetings
Scarves from Greetings
Lotion & Liquid Soap from Vermont HoneyLights

Plus a whole lot more from area Green Houses & other local businesses yet to come in.

PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE - WANT TO HELP ADD EQUIPMENT TO THE PLAYGROUND?

Three years ago we applied for and received a \$5,000 grant from Lowe's and were able to make some significant improvements to the playground. The PTO would like to apply for that grant once again this year. The goal would be to add more playground equipment once again. If you are interested in helping decide what to put in the grant, please call Kristin Blanchette at 453-7087. Thanks!

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					

