

Monkton Central School

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Calendar

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 Monkton Families,

THANK YOU FOR COMING TO OUR OPEN HOUSE! What a blast that was. I'm so happy to have had a chance to meet some of you. I loved seeing your children with their families and I know the teachers did too! The teachers and students worked hard to prepare their rooms and work for you. It was gratifying for them to have you come see what we are up to. The school exuded a warm glow last night! Thanks for making that happen. Also, many thanks to all the people who organized the Silent Auction and Bake Sale: the bakers, the donors, and the bidders.

Speaking of the Open House, we have some left over dishes here. If you could come pick yours up, that would be helpful.

Speaking of collecting belongings, I'm going to take the many items left in the Lost and Found away next Wednesday. If your child has lost some clothing, please come in and look for it before then.

Drop off/ Buss Arrival time: We are working on the early morning situation at our school. Adults standing outside the gym with kids are there to supervise the students. Don't feel you need to stop and chat. We are going to begin doing walks and jumping jacks with students. Hopefully this will make this time more fun, or at least more engaging.

If you drop off your child, feel free to do that as close as 7:55. That's when we head in to school. Also, please do not let your children out of your car until you are right up to the curb. When people get out of the car between the parking lot dividers (median) it is very difficult for drivers to see them. For everyone's safety, please only let your children out at the curb. If you are parking, please walk through the parking lot with your child. Thanks for your help with this!

Testing: NECAP Testing begins next week for students in grades 3, 4, 5 and 6. Our testing days are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday for the next two weeks (three weeks for grade 5). Please help by making sure your child follows a regular eating and sleeping routine. We know that students who are well fed and well rested, not feeling stressed are able to do their best thinking.

Student Directory: I'd like to thank Dawn Griswold for putting together this year's student directory. That will be handy to have!

Again, thanks for all you do to support your students in their school lives!

Sincerely,
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

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!

Youth Wellness Fair

Drop in on Saturday, October 16, between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. at Mary Hogan Elementary School Gym. There will be presentations: Bosu Ball Demonstration (10:30), Dental Health (11:30), Culinary Cooking Demos (12:30), Zumba Demonstrations (1:00- 2:00), Breastfeeding Support Group, American Red Cross, CareNet, Planned Parenthood, Car Seat Safety, Middlebury Ambulance, Therapy Dogs of Vermont, WIC, and Parent Child Center. This Youth Wellness Fair is sponsored by Middlebury Pediatric and Adolescent Medicine, Rainbow Pediatrics, and Vermont Department of Health.

Vermont Department of Health

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Genevieve's Fundraiser - Envelopes for the Genevieve's Fundraiser must be turned in to school by **Monday, October 4**. PLEASE return all envelopes, even if you have chosen not to sell anything, as this really helps with the record keeping. **Thanks for your help with this very important fundraiser!** Thanks for your help!
Dawn Griswold, 453-8488 or bdgris@gmavt.net

Craft Nights! It is that time of the year again-time for the Holiday elves to start working on crafts for our December Holiday Bazaar. If you have never been to a craft night, come by and see what's happening. Most craft nights we have 1-3 working craft projects; sometime they involve sewing, gluing, cutting, painting or sometimes just tying knots! You don't have to be a pro either, we will gladly accept all help you can offer.

Stop by the staff room Thursday, October 7, at 7:00 for our first night. We usually finish at 9:00. It's a great way to meet parents, laugh, chat, and help out for the bazaar. Feel free to call with any questions.

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PS - If you can't make a craft night, but would like to help out, let me know. We often have projects that can be sent home and returned to school when completed.

For those who took chess with Mr. Irish last spring, or anyone interested. **CHESS ANYONE? 8th Annual Berlin Fall Scholastic Open**

Date: November 13, 2010

Location: Berlin Elementary School, Berlin VT

Organizers: Mike and Corinne Stridsberg, mike@vtchess.info

Summary: Unrated tournament for grades K-12, 4 round Swiss, Game/30.

Kristen Blanchette

2 WAYS YOU CAN HELP MCS RAISE MONEY AND GET SCHOOL SUPPLIES WITHOUT SPENDING ANY EXTRA TIME OR MONEY

At Hannaford, receive money vouchers for buying participating products. Program runs now until December 5, 2010. Deposit vouchers into the displays at the stores, or in the box in the foyer at Monkton Central School.



For the Price Chopper Program, sign up your AdvantEdge card at pricechopper.com and the school will earn points each time you shop. Other family members and friends can sign up their cards, and earn points for our school too. We can then choose items from a school supply catalogue at the end of the promotion. Open now until February 12, 2011.

Thanks to everyone who participates! Kristen Blanchette

PTO Silent Auction Winners

The following people were successful bidders at the Silent Auction. Please pick up your items in the school office. Checks should be made payable to Monkton PTO. Thank you.

Shawna Sherwin

Sheri Whipple - Almost Home Market Gift Certificate
Joan Holloway - Anne Marie Altadonna Massage Gift Certificate
Paul Dicovitsky - Last Resort Gift Certificate
Rob Mullin - Buzz Kuhn's soccer CD
Emmy Harvey - Breast Cancer Awareness Basket
Rob Mullin - Boyer's Gift Basket
Craig Russell - Savings Bonds from National Bank of Middlebury
Dawn Ridolfo - Tickets to Flynn Center (2)
Alice Camp - Prairie Fire Tree from Farrell Lee Farm
Tammy Russell - Kleen Kanteen water bottle
Leman Bronson - coffee press
Nyky Poquette - Ceramic Pots from Pine Tree Gardens
Denise Walther - Print of Monkton Farm Landscape by Reed Prescott
Rob Mullin - Hand-made Quilted Wall Hanging from Sandra Dahl
Maeve McGuinness - Scarve from Greetings
Sheri Whipple - Scarve from Greetings
Barb Collette - Dupont's oil change
Atiera Abatemarco - Grateful Dog Grooming
Mary Gemignani - Dupont oil change
Liz Arena - Avon Gift Pack
Kristen Blanchette - Norris Berry Farm jelly