

# Monkton Central School

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## Calendar

November 3	PTO Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
November 13	Parent Conference Day, no school for students
November 20	Community Lunch
November 25-27	Thanksgiving Recess

Dear parents,

This is a time of the year when there is a great deal happening at the school. Soon we will be concluding the first grading period and scheduling parent conferences. While there is a day on the calendar designated for this purpose, teachers will work with you to find a time that works in your schedule. We believe parent conferences are an important part of our partnership with you and want to make sure that our conversations regarding your child's progress happen at a time that enables you to participate.

Education is truly a partnership between the teachers, parents, and children. Only when we are working together can your children have the kind of quality learning experience we all expect as part of the Monkton community. Communication is key. As a school we are striving to find ways to communicate that which is important in a clear and timely manner. The new alert system (ALERTNOW) being instituted by the ANESU and Superintendent Howard is an example of this commitment. We hope that this new notification system will enable us to assure that you have timely information regarding school closings, events, and other important items. It will take a while to work the kinks out and your patience is appreciated.

Thank you to all who helped support the children as they completed the NECAP recently. These assessments will provide one measure of student performance and will be used as we plan for each and every child. Results for the reading, math, and writing sections will be returned to us by early February (2010). There will be multiple opportunities to discuss the results in the Spring. More to come on this topic later.

Some parents have been asking about the status of N1H1 flu at the MCS. To date we are aware of a limited number of flu cases in the school. While there is no doubt that N1H1 is within the community, we have been very fortunate to have only a limited number of cases in the area. All families are asked to keep your children at home when symptoms of the flu are seen.

Follow all of the precautions that have been suggested including hand washing, proper coverage when sneezing, and not sending your child to school until they are well (no less than 24 hours after a fever is gone and symptoms have ended). Thank you for your ongoing support and vigilance as we try to minimize the spread of this flu.

A reminder that the weather is changing quickly. We plan on letting the children out for recess unless the temperatures drop below 10 degrees (with wind chill) or if it is raining. It's a great time of the year to be outside so please make sure that your children are dressed appropriately. Every student should also have a change of clothes in his/her backpack.

Finally, I would again like to thank all of you that have come by and introduced yourselves to me. It has been a great three weeks and I look forward to meeting more of you with time. Take care and have a wonderful weekend.

Richard Schattman, Interim Principal

## H1N1 Clinic Update

The Vermont Department of Health notified us this week that the H1N1 vaccination clinic for school age children to be held at **Bristol Elementary School has now been rescheduled for December 18<sup>th</sup> due to the shortage of vaccine**. A follow-up clinic for the 2<sup>nd</sup> dose for children under age 10 will be re-scheduled for January 2010. The clinic at Mt. Abraham U.H.S. for grades 7-12 has also been cancelled and will be re-scheduled for the week of December 14-18. If you are seeking vaccination opportunities prior to December 18<sup>th</sup>, you should continue to check with your child's doctor and look for public vaccination clinics that are planned in the coming months. When we become aware of such opportunities, we will pass on the information.

Superintendent Evelyn Howard

## New web address

The web address for Monkton Central School has changed. The new address is [www.mcsvt.org](http://www.mcsvt.org). We will be remodeling the site throughout the year and we hope to be adding pages for individual classrooms. The site will still be available during this process.

Holly Esterline

We will be having another Community Lunch on Friday, November 20. The menu is: roast turkey, baked potato, gravy, stuffing, cranberry sauce, corn, dessert, milk - deli or peanut butter sandwich (in place of main entrée), and salad bar. The price for adults is \$4.50. Please call Anne or Debbie (453-2314, ext. 30) or send a note if you would like to join us for lunch.

## Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who came to our fall book fair. We had a very successful fair. I know the staff and students are enjoying the new books in the classrooms and the library. I hope you and your family are enjoying your new books at home, too. Thank you for supporting our school!

Holly Esterline

### **Breakfast**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Nov 2 - toast, cereal, fruit, milk	3- double toast with peanut butter on the side, yogurt, fruit, milk	4-toast, cereal, fruit, milk	5 - toast, cereal, fruit, milk	6 - double pancake with syrup, sausage pattie, fruit, milk
9 - toast, cereal, fruit, milk	10 - double English muffin with peanut butter on the side, hard boiled egg, fruit, milk	11 - toast, cereal, fruit, milk	12 - toast, cereal, fruit, milk	13 - Parent Conference Day No school.
16 - toast, cereal, fruit, milk	17 - bagel with topping, cereal, fruit, milk	18 - toast, cereal, fruit, milk	19 - toast, cereal, fruit, milk	20 - double English muffin, hard boiled egg, fruit, milk

### **Lunch**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Nov 2 - baked chicken nuggets, seasoned rice, fresh vegetable, fresh fruit, milk - deli or peanut butter sandwich (in place of main entrée), salad bar	3 - home made goulash, garlic bread, fresh vegetable, fresh fruit, dessert, milk - deli or peanut butter sandwich (in place of main entrée), salad bar	4 - Salad Bar Day - romaine and iceberg lettuce, tomatoes and other salad bar fixings, pickles, cottage cheese, dessert, milk - deli or peanut butter sandwich (in place of main entrée), salad bar	5 - scrambled eggs, baked ham, fresh vegetable, fruit juice, breakfast cake, milk - deli or peanut butter sandwich (in place of main entrée), salad bar	6 - Dress Your Burger Day - cheese, pickles, ketchup, mustard, fresh fruit, milk - deli or peanut butter sandwich (in place of main entrée), salad bar
9 -pancake with syrup or strawberries from Norris Berry Farm, sausage links, fresh vegetable, fruit juice, milk - deli or peanut butter sandwich (in place of main entrée), salad bar	10 - delicious shepard's pie (mashed potato, corn, hamburger), home made bread, fresh fruit, milk - deli or peanut butter sandwich (in place of main entrée), salad bar	11 - home made pizza (cheese or BBQ chicken), fresh vegetable, fresh fruit, chocolate mousse, milk - deli or peanut butter sandwich (in place of main entrée), salad bar	12 - buttered rotini and Italian meatballs in sauce, garlic bread, fresh vegetable, fresh fruit, milk - deli or peanut butter sandwich (in place of main entrée), salad bar	13 - Parent Conference Day No school.
16 - grilled cheese sandwich, fresh vegetable, pretzels, organic yogurt, fresh fruit, milk - deli or peanut butter sandwich (in place of main entrée), salad bar	17 - Your favorite fun fish, baked French fries, fresh vegetable, home made bread, fresh fruit, milk - deli or peanut butter sandwich (in place of main entrée), salad bar	18 - soft taco with home made taco seasoning, cheese, lettuce, salsa, sour cream; fresh vegetable, fresh fruit, milk - deli or peanut butter sandwich (in place of main entrée), salad bar	19 - Finger Food Day - egg or peanut butter sandwich, cheese sticks, Sun Chips, animal crackers, fresh vegetables, frozen juice bar, milk - deli or peanut butter sandwich (in place of main entrée), salad bar	20 - Community Lunch - roast turkey, baked potato, gravy, stuffing, cranberry sauce, corn, dessert, milk - deli or peanut butter sandwich (in place of main entrée), salad bar

Did you know we are using mostly romaine lettuce on the salad bar?

## SOCCKER REMINDER

The annual soccer awards banquet will be held on Friday, November 6, from 6:00 - 7:30 in the school cafeteria. If you haven't turned it in yet, please bring your soccer jersey, T-Ball jersey (or any other sport jersey) to the banquet. All families who attend are asked to bring an item to share as follows: Kindergarten and grades 1 & 2: juice, milk or cider; Grades 3 & 4: a dessert item; and Grades 5 & 6: a healthy snack. Thank you, Bob Radler & the Monkton Recreation Committee

After School Program - Calling all skiers and riders.

The popular **After School Program at Bolton Valley**, sponsored by the Monkton Recreation Department, returns for another year of fun on the slopes. Please join us to learn about the program and complete forms on **Wednesday, October 28, at 7:00 pm in the Art/Music Room**. Dates, fees, lessons, leasing, rentals, carpooling, and chaperones are among the topics to be discussed. If you cannot attend, forms will be available at the entrance to MCS. **All forms and payment are due back by Friday, November 13**. Please contact us if you have any questions.

Thanks, Bill Joos (453-6060) and Bob Wahl (989-0273)



### Holiday Bazaar News

Hey all you crafter's - is there anyone interested in doing a project at home? We need help in cutting out patterns of material, painting (any artist out there?), and putting crafts together. We have had a few crafts nights already and will be having more until December 11. Next week craft night will be held at the school on Thursday at 7:00. All are welcome.

Items we are looking for: round pine cones (lots of them), small jewelry boxes, and CANDY (great time to get it is after Halloween, please no Halloween wrappers).

Also, if you are planning to make a craft or food item on your own please let us know. This year there are ten classrooms. All craft items are divided equally amongst the classrooms.

Feel free to contact Nina Badger or Janet Kimball with any questions.

Thank you, Nina (453-5023) Janet (453-2675)

**Difficult Conversations: Tips and Tools for Making Them Easier** - We all dread those difficult conversations - conversations like asking your boss for a raise, talking to your sister about smoking around your kids, or confronting your neighbor about their dog who barks non-stop! The subject of a Difficult Conversation can vary greatly, but there are general techniques and tools that can be used in any Difficult Conversation to help make it easier. This workshop will focus on teaching you these techniques and allow you time to practice the skills that you have learned. **Date: Tuesday, November 17; Time: 5:30-8:00pm; Location: Vergennes Union High School Library; Cost: FREE!** Snacks and refreshments will be provided. **RSVP by 11/16 to [aupp2009@yahoo.com](mailto:aupp2009@yahoo.com)** or phone 802-877-6344 (Boys and Girls Club of Greater Vergennes). **Sponsored by: The Addison County Tobacco Control Roundtable and Boys and Girls Club of Greater Vergennes.** Facilitated by Phoebe Barash, Barash Mediation Services.

Melanie Clark