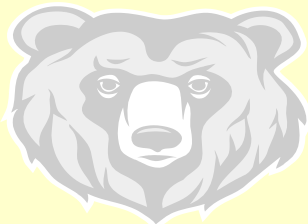


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March 2010 Events

12-Student Council Dance
14-**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS
TIME STARTS-2AM-
SPRING AHEAD**
16-PTA Meeting
18-BOE Meeting
19-Student Council
Mismatch Day
26-PTA-School Store
26-PTA Tricky Tray-Doors
open at 6PM
31-BOE Budget Hearing

April 2010 Events

1-**1PM Dismissal**; Third
Marking Period ends
2- Good Friday- **School
Closed**
5-9 **SPRING BREAK**
12-Fourth Marking Period
begins
20-School Board Election-2-
9pm; **1PM Dismissal**
21-Parent Conferences-
1:15-3:15; **1PM Dismissal**
22-Parent Conferences-6-
8pm; **1PM Dismissal**
23-Parent conferences-
1:15-3:15; **1PM Dismissal**

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From the Principal

"To accomplish great things, we must not only act, but also dream; not only plan, but also believe." Anatole France

CONGRATULATIONS, to our Art Teacher, **Mrs. Moran**, for being selected as Montague's Teacher of the Year for 2010! Mrs. Moran will be honored along with her colleagues from all of the Sussex County schools at a luncheon in April.

The Tri-State Spelling Bee is Sunday, March 14th at Delaware Valley Middle School beginning at 1:30pm. Congratulations to our finalists, Paige Conklin, Shannon Mulroony, Jon Patzan, Paul LiTrenta and Courtney Dykstra.

Parent Conferences are scheduled for April 21, 22 and 23. Report Cards will be given out during those times. To schedule a conference, please call or email Mrs. Romyns (promyns@montagueschool.org). **All three days are 1PM dismissals**, so please remember that your children will need to bring their lunch on conference days. When you are here for conferences, please support the PTA Book Fair.

Kindergarten Registration will take place during conference hours. Please pick up a registration packet, available in the lobby and complete the paperwork before meeting with Mrs. Alles. To schedule an appointment, please call (973-293-7131, ext 214) or email Mrs. Alles (jalles@montagueschool.org).

Kindergarten Open House is April 15th from 10-11am. We are inviting all 4 year olds and their parents to spend an hour visiting the kindergarten classrooms. Pre-registration is required, so please call or email Mrs. Romyns (promyns@montagueschool.org). Thank you, to the PTA for assisting with Kindergarten Open House.

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

FEBRUARY Students of the Month:

Kindergarten-KEVIN MULVANEY
First Grade- AUSTIN VANCE
Second Grade-COLLIN GIBSON
Third Grade-JILLIAN OLENIK
Fourth Grade-ABIGAIL BLISSENBACH
Fifth Grade-SARAH BICCUM
Sixth Grade-ALEXIS WACK

Principal's Principles for March:

- Friendship
- Courage
- Adaptability
- Loyalty
- Self-confidence



Staff News and Class Happenings

- ❖ The Enthusiastic Reader Award is sponsored by the Northwest Jersey Reading Council and the Sussex County Library Media Association. Children are nominated by their teachers and the school librarian based on their enthusiasm for reading, sharing books, using books for a variety of purposes and reading independently. Over seventy student names were submitted to the Northwest Jersey Reading Council who then selects winners at three grade levels.

CONGRATULATIONS to **Shannon Mulroony**, who was selected to represent enthusiastic readers from sixth through ninth grades. Shannon and her parents have been invited to a recognition reception on March 18th in Sparta. All seventy of our enthusiastic readers are winners! Thank you to **Mrs. Goyette** and **Ms. Murrell** for coordinating this very special activity for our school.



- ❖ **Mrs. Goyette** reports that The Read-Across-America contest is underway. The theme is: "Oh the Places You'll Go When You Read- Across-America." All children have received reading logs and many students returned postcards telling about the places they have read about. Postcards are hanging in the hallway and cafeteria. Students are earning stamps and bookmark tickets for the books they read and the top readers will be invited to **Pizza with the Principal!** The class that sends in the most postcards will have an ice cream party. Keep up the good work! The contest ends April 23rd so there is plenty of time to participate. To kick off the contest, we had some special visitors: **Monty** (who loves to read) and **The Cat in the Hat!**

- ❖ **NORWESCAP** Head Start offers no cost preschool program for income eligible children ages three to five years old. Breakfast and lunch are provided. Full and half day programs are available. Applications are now being accepted for the 2010-2011 program year. Call 973-875-8565 for information. The program is located in Sussex.

