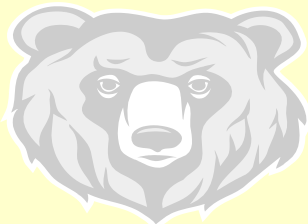


# The Bear's Paw

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Black Bears**

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## DECEMBER 2010

15-BOE Meeting  
15-PTA Meeting  
16-Winter Concert  
17-Student Council's  
Fancy Friday  
21-Grandparents and  
Grand friends  
23-1PM Dismissal;  
Progress Reports go  
home

## JANUARY 2011

3-School Re-opens  
17-NO SCHOOL-Martin  
Luther King Day  
19-PTA Meeting  
22-Bear Breakfast  
25-BOE Meeting

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## From the Principal

Other things may change us, but we start and end with the family.  
~Anthony Brandt

From the Principal

Holidays and joy are two elements of our lives that are naturally intertwined. Traditional celebrations awaken within us a desire to reconnect with the people we care about. In that spirit, the Winter Concert on December 16<sup>th</sup> will have some special performances! Also, in the spirit of the season, the Montague Education Association is hosting a holiday celebration for grandparents and grand friends of Montague students in preschool to second grade. This special event will be on Tuesday December 21, 2010 at 9:30am. The children are busy practicing the holiday songs and dances that they will perform for you! My wish for you and your families is that the joy and meaning of this holiday season remain with you every day during the New Year.

CONGRATULATIONS, to our **NOVEMBER** Students of the Month:

Kindergarten-SARAH RUSH  
First Grade-WAYLIAM DELEEUX  
Second Grade-KURT HUGES  
Third Grade-RILEY EVERITT  
Fourth Grade-OLIVIA ANDERSEN  
Fifth Grade-ALONSO PEREZ  
Sixth Grade-ERICA TERWILLIGER

THANK YOU, to our PRINCIPAL'S PRINCIPLES readers for  
**NOVEMBER:**

- MEGAN VAN HERWYNEN-Open Mindedness
- DAVID BANCROFT-Character
- TERRY BEATTY-Trust
- MAXWELL MARION-Respect
- TEA FAIRWEATHER-Honesty

**MONTY** visited us on December 1<sup>st</sup> to congratulate the  
MONTY BUCK RAFFLE WINNERS FOR NOVEMBER:

- ❖ Angelina Garnere
- ❖ Amanda Campbell
- ❖ Luke Thatcher
- ❖ Emily Preziosi
- ❖ Sydney Hutchinson
- ❖ Lindsey Kopetsky
- ❖ Gavin O'Brien
- ❖ Emily Dvorak
- ❖ Jayda Straetz

## STAFF NEWS:

**Mrs. Kithcart's** kindergarten class won the Golden Sneaker award for October because they won a sticker each time they had PE class.



Congratulations to **Mrs. Alles**, our School Nurse, for receiving 100% on the Annual Immunization Audit from the Sussex County Health Department. A nurse from the county health department reviews student health records to ensure that all immunizations are complete and comply with New Jersey code. Thank you, **Mrs. Alles!**



**Mrs. Wright's** fifth and sixth grade students completed the basic archery unit. The following sixth grade students completed two years of archery instruction and passed a test by the NASP, National Archery in our Schools Program, to become certified as Level II archers: **Kristen Snyder, Martin Rukaj, Kyra Straetz, Jade Faines, Erica Terwilliger, Lindsey Predmore, Destiny Stockland, Max Marion, Megan VanHerwynen, Derek Thatcher, and Andrew Babcock.** The top two archers in the sixth grade are **Kristen Snyder** and **Andrew Babcock.** The top two archers in the fifth grade are **Matt Herdman** and **Steven Beck.** Congratulations, all!

**Miss Harrington and Miss Murrell's** fourth grade class with the help of **Ms. Feldman** has decided to forego the usual gift giving this year and embrace the spirit of giving in a different way. The students will bring in pet food, toys and supplies for their pet supply donation box. The decorated donation box will be presented to local pantries and shelters. Way to go!



Congratulations to the following students who have been selected for the third/fourth grade LEAP class: **Katarina Bisl, Chelsea Bacho, Diana Gelderman, Hanna Langan, Anthony Savarese, Anna Yan** and **Jonathan Browning.**



**Mrs. Fischer** and **Mr. Ferriere's** sixth grade gave an outstanding performance of William Shakespeare's *Julius Caesar* to a packed house on December 9<sup>th</sup>! Great job!

The Student Council volunteered their time on November 20<sup>th</sup> to help Minisink Church distribute food to Montague families. The students greeted people at the door, packed boxes and assisted carrying the boxes to cars. This was a terrific lesson in community service. Student Council, we're proud of you! Thank you, **Mrs. Fischer** and **Mr. Ferriere** for organizing and supervising this event for the students.



Did you know that the **Treasured Friends Contest** is underway through December 20<sup>th</sup>? All students from kindergarten through sixth grade are eligible. It's simple; the students read a book, fill out the **Treasured Friends** form and ask their parents to sign the form. The forms are submitted to **Mrs. Goyette.** Twenty-one winners will be drawn. The winners will select a Treasured Friend from the treasure box in the Library. You have to be in it, to win it, so keep reading!!