

MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

“Change is the law of life and those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future.” John F. Kennedy

The Administration, Faculty and Staff welcome new and returning families to the 2011-2012 school year. As we reflect on the past school year and the retirement of four outstanding faculty members, we look forward to the start of the new school year and welcome new faculty members to our MES family.

This is the time when we reaffirm the constants that contribute to the outstanding educational programs at Montague Elementary School. Montague’s learning environment centered on students, directed by teachers and supported by home and community is our strength. Small class sizes along with grade level teaching teams reflect our school’s strong emphasis on learning how to learn. Highly Qualified Teachers and Paraprofessionals teach children to become independent learners with the desires, the skills and the abilities for lifelong learning. We will continue to encourage your children to be the very best they can be; to demonstrate a sense of personal pride as well as collective pride for our school; to make positive contributions to our school and community; to make good choices that result in positive, successful and healthy outcomes and to live The Principal’s Principles through Monty’s High Five every day.

Are you ready to partner with us for your children’s future? I encourage you to get involved in your child’s education both inside and outside of the classroom. Being involved now ensures their future success. Research indicates that what parents do at home greatly influences their children’s academic performance. Children’s attitudes toward reading, learning and developing good study habits are developed at home. Studies have consistently linked parent involvement at home with higher grades and positive behaviors.

There are many ways to be involved in your child’s education both in school and at home. Ensure that your children are in school every day on time; establish before and after school routines; create study and homework routines; model positive standards of behavior; read with your children every day; attend parent-teacher conferences; maintain communication with teachers and staff; volunteer in the classroom; join the PTA. Their success will be the result of our school-family partnership.

We look to the future confident that the best possible educational experience will continue for all of Montague's children. Thank you for supporting our efforts and working with us.

This calendar/handbook contains school contact information, rules, regulations and policies. It is accurate at the time of publication. I encourage you to visit the school website: www.montagueschool.org and the faculty homepages often for updated information.

As always, I appreciate your support and look forward to seeing you at school!

**Janice L. Hodge,
Chief School Administrator/Principal**

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Welcome Back

On behalf of the Montague School Board, I would like to welcome all those who will be attending school this year. We are looking forward to another successful year in education. The School Board always strives to provide our children with the best educational experience possible. Please keep in mind that our school is an integral part of our community and we welcome your participation. Let's all enjoy the upcoming school year together.

**Kenneth O'Connor, President
Montague Board of Education**

MESSAGE FROM THE PTA

Keys to Success

*Parent involvement, Parent Support,
Parent communication with teachers*

On behalf of Montague PTA, I would like to welcome all new students, returning students and all teachers and staff to the 2011-2012 school year!

As always parent involvement, parent support and parent communication with teachers is our "Key to Success"

We welcome and encourage all of our families to become a PTA member and to come share your ideas and suggestions.

We are excited about this school year and we look forward to a new and wonderful school year!

**Melany Lyon,
PTA President**