

Monteith Messenger

November 3, 2017

Monteith Elementary School 1275 Cook Rd., Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236 313-432-4500 313-432-4501 attendance

Monteith Pledge

I will be respectful and kind to others.
I will practice responsibility.
I will always be safe.
Today I will DO my best to BE my best.

PARENT CONFERENCES

This year we are excited to announce that we will be using *Sign Up Genius* to schedule Parent-Teacher Conferences! Fall conferences will take place on Wednesday, December 6th from 5:00pm-8:00pm, and again on Thursday, December 7th from 1:00-3:00pm and 5:00-8:00pm. Conference slots are 15 minutes. You will be receiving a sign up genius invitation from your child's teacher on Friday, November 10th during the lunch hour. Please sign up for one conference time per child.

For those of you that aren't familiar with *Sign Up Genius*, it is a online scheduling tool. If you already have an account, you're all set. If you haven't set up an account please visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/> at your earliest convenience. We are looking forward to meeting with you in December!



Parent-Teacher Conferences

We are asking that parents please allow children to enter the building in the morning by themselves. They will become confident and know they can handle new situations each and every day! Thank you for your support!

Attendance Line 313-432-4501

Please call the attendance line or send an email (kwiatkp@gpschools.org) to the office each day your child is absent.

Monteith's Upcoming Events

November	
1-21	Gleaner's Food Drive and Diaper Drive
5	Daylight Savings Ends
7	Election Day NO School for Students Staff Professional Development
8	Picture Re-Take Day Morning
9	5th Grade Choir to Brownell - AM
12	District Open House 1:00-3:00pm
17	3rd Grade to Parade Company 8:30-11:30am
21	AM School Only 11:36 Dismissal PM Records
22-24	Thanksgiving Break
December	
5	Yearbook Group Pictures Morning
5	Student Council to Gleaners to pack food
6	Evening Conferences (5:00-8:00pm) Full Day of School Art Display Gr. 1,3,5
7	AM School Only Dismissal 11:36 Parent Conferences (Afternoon & Evening)
11	Grade 5 Native American Presentation
13	Winter Concert 7:00pm Brownell Grades 1, 3, 5
20	Instrumental Concert 8:50am
20	String Extravaganza 7:00pm at GPSouth
21	Band-O-Rama 7:00pm at GP North
25-2	Winter Break
January	
3	School Resumes Full Day
15	NO School MLK Day
16	Parent Meetings at Middle Schools for Incoming 6th Graders
18	Parent Meetings at Elementary Schools for Incoming Kindergarteners
19	AM School Only 11:36 Dismissal PM Records
24	Adolescent Health Meeting for Parents of 4th & 5th Grades 6:30pm in the Library

Vocal Music Notes

Monteith Winter Concert

Brownell Middle School Auditorium

Wednesday, December 13, 7:00 pm

Featuring the 1st, 3rd and 5th grades and the 4th/5th grade Choir.
All students should wear holiday "dress up" clothes to the concert.

Rehearsal will take place in the *Monteith* Gym this year.



Student Council Food and Diaper Drive

Our Student Council is sponsoring the Gleaner's Food Drive plus adding the Detroit Diaper Drive. We hope you will be able to support by sending in non-perishable food, diapers, and baby hygiene products. Please bring your items to Monteith November 1 through November 21 and place them in the containers in the hallways. Student Council members will go to Gleaners in December to help assemble food packages for those in need. Please help us support Gleaners and the Detroit Diaper Drive. Thank you!!



Picture Re-Take Day

School pictures will be taken on **Wednesday, November 8.**

Photographs will be taken between 8:45am and 11:00am. Parents who are not satisfied with their child's picture and wish to have them retaken will **need to return the complete package.** Students who were absent on Picture Day will have their picture taken on Retake Day. If you wish to order pictures at that time, please turn in a completed order form with payment on Retake Day. Order forms are available in the office.



Service and Safety of the Month

Isaac W. and Michael D. are the Safety Members for the month of September.

Ahmad O. and Liam C. are the Safety Members for the month of October.

Angel R. and Evie C. are the Service Members for the month of October.

Thank you for your hard work to make Monteith a safe and great school.



Early Arrival Concerns

We are having a problem with students arriving at school too early. Although I like the enthusiasm to arrive early, it leads to an unsafe situation. The problem with early arrivals is that there is no one outside to supervise the children. It is very important that your child arrives to school on time, but recently we have students arriving on the school grounds well before 8:00 am. The only students arriving early are the safety/service students who are allowed in the building at 8:05am Tuesday-Friday.

Please make sure children are arriving to school by the first bell at **8:20am**. The second bell is at 8:25am and students will be marked tardy after **8:25am**. On Mondays the first bell is at **9:05am** and second bell at **9:10am**.

Thank you for your ongoing efforts to keep our students safe.

Pumpkin Week at Monteith was a success!

Pumpkin Week at Monteith was a great success! Thanks to all of the families who participated in the 17th annual Pumpkin Contest. The 85 pumpkins were all very clever and beautifully decorated. What creative students and families we have here at Monteith!

Everyone did a wonderful job! The \$425.00 collected for the contest will be donated to the United Way Foundation.

A special thanks to: Mrs. Keelean, Mrs. Kinnaird, Mrs. Hartman, Mr. Stahl, and Mr. Devich for their help organizing this special annual event. Thank you also to the Volpe family for donating a gift certificate to Eastside Bagel for our 3rd place winner. We appreciate your generosity!

The winners are:

1st Place: Savich Family ; "Toothless" Prize: 3 month pass to the Robot Garage

2nd Place: Cursi Family ; "Triple Scoop" Prize: Gift Certificate to TCBY

3rd Place: Darlington Family; "Blueberry" Prize: Gift Certificate to Eastside Bagel

Principal's Choice Award: Smith Family "Pumpkins to Pie" and Dennis Family "Shelley Ann "

Prize: Lunch with Mrs. Keelean, from Coney Island

Congratulations to the winners and to all families who participated!

**To see all of the amazing pumpkins, please go to
the Monteith Photo Gallery on the Monteith website.**



*Every school is open for Every school is open for
you to explore.*

1-3 p.m., Sunday, November 12.



Digital Picks

*From your Elementary Library
Media Specialists*

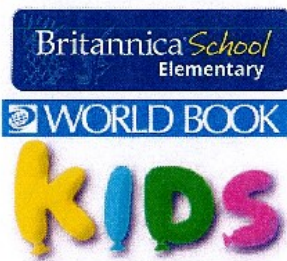
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The Grosse Pointe Public Schools offer easy, 24-7 access to a variety of kid-friendly digital resources for reading and research. Links to all of these wonderful websites/databases can be found on our school's homepage under the "Library" tab--just select "GPPS Library Reference Sources" and explore!



BookFLIX pairs high-quality Weston Woods videos of more than 120 popular fiction stories with non-fiction e-books on related topics. Themes include "Animals and Nature," "Earth and Sky," "People and Places," "ABCs and 123s," and "Adventure." Games and puzzles add to the fun!



Britannica and **World Book** have been helping students research for generations! These kid-centric digital versions provide trustworthy and current information in an engaging combination of articles, images, maps, infographics, videos and games. Links to additional sources, a built-in dictionary, AND a read-aloud feature make these invaluable resources for curious K-5 researchers.



Kids InfoBits is an easy-to-navigate database of timely articles, images, infographics, and videos on popular topics, drawn from a variety of reference books, magazines, and news periodicals.



Kiddle offers a kid-safe alternative to searching the web with Google. A visual search engine for kids powered by Google, Kiddle offers webpages, images, and videos selected and vetted by Kiddle editors especially for a young audience.

Elementary Library Media Specialists

- **Danielle Gostomski:** Kerby, Mason, Poupard, Richard
- **Amy Hermon:** Kerby, Maire, Poupard, Richard
- **Sherry Martin:** Defer, Ferry, Mason, Monteith, Poupard
- **Cheryl Quinlan:** Defer, Kerby, Maire, Mason, Monteith
- **Rachel Walpole:** Defer, Richard, Trombly





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ART NEWS

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ARTSONIA & Holiday Gifts

Thank you to all of the parents who have logged into Artsonia and who have activated their accounts! Reminder e-mails were generated by Artsonia and sent to those parents who have not activated accounts. If you received an e-mail from Artsonia, and think you have activated your account-please follow the link and try activating again. You may view your students' artworks at any time by logging in to www.artsonia.com. As different seasons soon approach, we will begin working on different themed projects for each grade level. We will be getting an early start this year to ensure that we have created an artwork you might want to put on a gift for a friend or family member such as a mug, key chain, interchangeable jewelry, or even holiday or birthday cards. Students are always very excited when they know that friends and family are sporting their most recent creations, or have received a special note on a card which bears their favorite artistic creation. Please consider Artsonia as a means for not only exciting your student, but helping to give back directly to Monteith's Art Department through your purchase. ❖

Reminder: Grades 1, 3, and 5 will have artwork on display this fall during conferences in the lobby and art hallway.

"MONA....LISA"

Our quiet signal in class is the words "Mona Lisa". Mona Lisa keeps a watchful eye over our classroom and follows us with her eyes no matter where we move. When we hear the word "Mona" from Miss Zoufal, we respond in a whisper "Lisa", clasping our hands together for quiet hands, we have quiet mouths and eyes on our teacher. Mona watches us from the front of the room to remind us about being respectful and to help us earn stars for a Free Art Day. ❖

FREE ART DAY!

Each class period, we use a classroom system revolving around a good "A.R.T.I.S.T". Being a good artist not only means we are talented, but means we are making good choices, respecting others, respecting materials, doing the "Mona Lisa", keep our voice at an indoor level (2), following directions and treating each other with respect. Our A.R.T.I.S.T letters are posted on the board, to remind us to make good choices in the art room. When we are not making good choices as a class we lose a letter of the word A.R.T.I.S.T. Each class however, can earn their letter(s) back by making good choices, working nicely with other students and respecting materials. For every two letters remaining up on the board, we receive a star on our Artitude chart (max of 3 stars per class). Students help each other to make good choices in the classroom. Once a class reaches twenty stars, the class earns a Free Art Day. On Free Art Day, students rotate from station to station experimenting with different art materials and create an artwork of their choice to take home that day. With so many classes earning stars, we are sure to be bringing home some really fun artworks from Free Art Day.



It is easy being green,
if we all work together!

Monteith's Green Team

GREEN TEAM UPDATES

Mrs. Hughes will be working with the Green Team on winterizing the Friendship Garden. The leaves make great compost and mulch to help winterize the plants, seeds, and pods to help the animals survive through the winter.

We would like to thank Mrs. Barr for working with the Litter Critters to help clean up the playground. The children were able to clean up the garbage on the playground. This project helps to keep the Earth a greener place to play.

Please stop by the Green Team board across from the office to see some great pictures of the children on Walk/Bike to school day or check out the Monteith website under Photo Gallery.

The Monteith Green Team would like to introduce Minty the Frog. Minty will be the face of the Green Team at Monteith. He will be visiting your child's classroom very soon. Minty is full of valuable information.



PTO FALL NEWS



We are deep into Fall and the Holiday Season is approaching quickly! Here are a few reminders and congratulations to our Fun Run Fundraising Champs!



SANTA BREAKFAST IS SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9!
MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

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website at



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IN MID NOVEMBER, THE CHILDREN WILL BE ABLE TO SEND THANKFUL GRAMS TO THEIR FRIENDS!!
LOOK FOR A FLYER WITH ADDITIONAL DETAILS SOON!!!



MONTY CARDS ARE STILL AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE for \$10!! These awesome discount cards provide great discounts at local businesses and restaurants!! You will love how much money you can save at local pizzarias, shops and local restaurants!!! Go to www.monteithpto.com to buy yours today!



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MONTEITH FAMILIES FOR AN AMAZING AND SUCCESSFUL FUN RUN!!! We raised a whopping \$27,998!!!! WOW!!!! Thank you so much for all of your efforts! Congratulations to the top fundraisers, Mason Best, Benjamin Rickerman, Marissa Rickerman, Caleb Butler and Emmett Gnann, who won Nerf Tactical parties, Painting Parties and a catered lunch for their outstanding efforts and dedication!

Congratulations to the following Pledge Superstars, who won catered lunches for their dedication and hard work!! Joshua Triplett, Isaac Hall, Brennan Welch, Peter Welch, Drew Gwinnell, Tristan Noel, Brisco Rainbolt, Zoe Schechter, Pierce Danziger, Kaitlin Harris, Brady Winbigler, Emily Lorelli, Charlie Meredith, Grace Piggott, Abby Smith, Benjamin Bloom, Victoria Herd, Elle Johnston, Juddy Potter, Jonathon Rutherford, Tommy Rutherford, Alexander Sommerville.



OUR NEXT PTO MEETING IS THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2017 at 6:30 in the Monteith library!! PLEASE JOIN US!!!! We'd LOVE for you to join us!!!

UPCOMING PTO EVENTS & MEETINGS

December

Breakfast with Santa - Saturday, 12/9/17

PTO Meeting - Thursday, 12/14/17 at 6:30 pm in the Monteith Library

January

PTO Meeting - Thursday, 1/11/18 at 6:30 pm in the Monteith Library

School Dance - Friday, 1/19/18 in the evening

February

PTO Meeting - Thursday, 2/8/18 at 6:30 pm in the Monteith Library

March

PTO Meeting - Thursday, 3/8/18 at 6:30 pm in the Monteith Library

Book Fair - 3/19/18 - 3/23/18

Milk n' Bookies - Thursday, 3/22/18 in the evening

Parents Night Out - Event and date to be determined

April

PTO Meeting - Thursday, 4/12/18 at 6:30 pm in the Monteith Library

May

PTO Meeting - Thursday, 5/10/18 at 6:30 pm in the Monteith Library

June

Ice Cream Social - Friday, 6/8/18 in the evening

PTO Meeting - Thursday, 6/14/18 at 6:30 pm in the Monteith Library

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- You will receive an email to click on the link
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- Click on Edit Kroger Community Rewards and input your Kroger Plus card number
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