



Monteith Messenger

October 4, 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.

Dear Monteith Families,

September has been a wonderful month full of love and support for our school. Having our PTO Fun Run this fall has brought us all together and helped us to become a learning community that believes in each other and supports the growth of our students. Thank you to all the families that have helped to make this event such an incredible experience for our school. I am so excited to see all the families at the Fun Run on Friday afternoon!

As we move into the 2nd month of school, we are really focusing on the needs of the students now that we have had the opportunity to get to know them. We have a few reminders for parents that will help our students grow independently and will help support teachers with meeting the needs of the students.

REMINDERS:

Drop off & Pick up:

Cook: Please remember that Cook Rd. is a no parking zone. We have the 4th & 5th grade students line up at the front door because they are older and know the routines at Monteith so please just drop them off and allow the drop off lane to keep moving. If you need to park please park in the lot in a spot.

Chalfonte: Please make sure you are not parking right outside the entrance of the parking lot. Make sure you are not blocking traffic by making illegal turns in or out of the parking lot.

Parking Lot: Please do not get out of your car in the pick-up/drop off circle. Please do not park in the circle. If you would like to park please find a parking spot.

Please be nice to Mrs. Keelean and Ms. Fellows, we are trying to keep the parking lot safe for all of our families. Drive with caution and be courteous. We are a family at Monteith (even when traffic is involved.) Kindness matters!

Children are growing up and becoming independent and we, as a school, are here to help them. One of the ways student's first show they can take responsibility and show their independence in a positive way is allowing them to enter the school without their parents accompanying them into the building. We encourage them to be brave and take responsibility for their materials. We want them to be able to enter school at this point and know the routine to put things away and enter class on time.

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!

Sincerely,
Shelleyann Keelean

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

October	
4	Student Count Day
4	Walk-to-School Day
6	Fall Fun Run Fundraiser - 1:30-3:15pm
12	PTO Meeting in Library - 6:30pm
13	4th Grades to Mineral & Fossil Show at MCCC 8:45-11:30am
31	AM School Only (Parade, Parties, Assemblies) 11:36 Dismissal PM Staff Devel.
November	
1-21	Gleaner's Food Drive
5	Daylight Savings Ends
6	5th Grade Choir to Brownell - AM
7	Election Day NO School for Students Staff Professional Development
8	Picture Re-Take Day Morning
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
6	Evening Conferences (5:00-8:00pm) Full Day of School
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

Vocal Music Notes

Monteith Winter Concert

Brownell Middle School Auditorium

Tuesday, 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 News

Monteith Student Council is proud to announce its new members. We are looking forward to another exciting and rewarding year with our leaders. Our Goal is to help Monteith and our community be a better place. Please continue to clip and send in the Box Tops for Education.

Congratulations to the new Student Council Members!

1st Grade: Nicholas Hurd, Elliot M., Vincent Birnbaum, Isabella Orlando,
Marion DeLisi, Courtney Raymond

2nd Grade: Joshua Triplett, Emery Gollaher, Luke Bruveris, Audrey Nugent,
Gabe Mahoney, Ella Pope

3rd Grade: Dylan Gregorec, Leah Sonnenberg, Aiden Swain, Catie Suarez,
Branden Hill, Aakanksha Nagori

4th Grade: Max Donaldson, Victoria Herd, MaKayla G. Aine Mahoney,
Jack Odell, Olivia Meter

5th Grade: Stevan Petkoski, Evie Crevier, Donell James, Aliya Abraham,
Ben Jacob, Addison Lovell

Student Council Advisors: Mrs. Wang, Mrs. Liagre

Halloween Information

As plans are being made for Halloween, the following reminders will help to assist you in your planning.

- ◆ Toy weapons are not allowed.
- ◆ Violent costumes are not allowed.
- ◆ Please make sure costumes are safe and appropriate as students will be walking on stairs, around the school and neighborhood.

Masks are not allowed for these safety reasons.



Our school Halloween Parade will begin at 8.45am. Weather permitting we will exit the building by the front door, walk down Cook Road then up the sidewalk toward the playground, continuing to the back/south entrance and reenter the building.

Parents, grandparents and others are welcome to stand **outside** along the parade route to view the many wonderful costumes our students wear.

After the parade, students return to the classrooms for parties or an assembly. The assemblies begin at 9:45am for grades K - 2 and at 10:40am for grades 3 - 5. Classroom parties are at 9:45am for upper grades and 10:40 for lower grades.

All students will be dismissed for the day at 11:36am.

We hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable Halloween.



17th Annual Pumpkin Decorating Contest

Wednesday, October 25th, 2017

WHO: Monteith Families

WHAT: Pumpkin Decorating Contest—Fundraiser for United Way

COST: \$5.00 due by Friday, October 20th. CASH ONLY
(One pumpkin per family; decorated pumpkins only, NO CARVED PUMPKINS)

WHEN: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25th
Pumpkin Drop-off time is between 8:00-8:15 a.m.

WHERE: The front hallway. Tables will be set up for pumpkin display.

WHY: United Way Fundraiser. All proceeds will go to United Way.

Students will vote for their favorite pumpkin on Thursday, October 26th
1st, 2nd and 3rd place prizes will be awarded on Friday, October 27th.

PUMPKIN PICK-UP: ALL pumpkins must be picked up after school on Friday,
October 27th. Any unclaimed pumpkins will be discarded.



Pumpkin Decorating Entry Form



Family Name: _____

Teacher(s): _____

Please fill out the above form and return it to school with \$5.00 cash in an envelope marked "Pumpkin Contest" by Friday, October 20th.



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Digital Picks From your Elementary Library Media Specialists!



Swift Playgrounds

Swift Playgrounds is a revolutionary app for iPad that makes it fun to learn and experiment with code. You solve interactive puzzles in the guided “Learn to Code” lessons to master the basics of coding, while additional challenges let you explore code and create programs that are engaging and unique.

To learn more, please visit
<https://www.apple.com/swift/playgrounds/>



Link-a-Pix

Link-a-Pix are exciting logic puzzles that form whimsical pixel-art pictures when solved. Challenging, deductive and artistic, this original Japanese invention offers the ultimate mix of logic, art and fun while providing solvers with many hours of mentally stimulating entertainment. Each puzzle consists of a grid containing clue-pairs in various places. The object is to reveal a hidden picture by linking the clues and painting the paths so that the number of squares in each path equals the value of the clues being linked together.

To learn more, please visit
<http://www.conceptispuzzles.com/index.aspx?uri=puzzle/link-a-pix>



Tynker

Tynker is the easiest way for kids to learn programming. Solve fun puzzles using visual blocks or Swift to learn the basics. Then create amazing games using over 100 guided tutorials and interactive courses. Great for the Hour of Code!

To learn more, please visit <https://www.tynker.com/>

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





ART NEWS

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Introduction of Your Student's Art Teacher: Miss Natalie Zoufal

Dear Parents,

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to you. My name is Natalie Zoufal (Miss Zoufal), and I will be your student's art teacher. I attended Western Michigan University where I received a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Graphic Design as well as my certification in Art Education. I have a Masters Degree in Art Education from Wayne State University.

To tell you a little about myself, I grew up in Grosse Pointe where my family still resides. My favorite artist is Van Gogh and my favorite color is blue. My hobbies include sailing, gardening, traveling, and computers.

I believe that an education including the arts will help your student to achieve in other areas of his/her life and I hope to enhance that education in any way possible. I look forward to assisting your child in his/her learning of the arts and enriching his/her education in the arts.

The best way to contact me through the school year is to e-mail me at ZoufalN@gpschools.org. My schedule this year is A, B, D, days at Monteith and C Days at Mason Elementary ❖

Art Show During Conferences

Artworks will be displayed in the art hallway and main lobby.

Grades 1, 3, 5 will be displayed during fall conferences. Grades KG, 2, and 4 will be displayed during spring conferences.

What Your Student Needs For Art Class: Art Shirt



PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE...

Provide an **ART SHIRT** for your child to leave at school. This can be an old worn out shirt, and can be used for many years to come for art fun. We work with messy materials and no matter how careful we are, sometimes accidents occur. ❖

Artsonia www.artsonia.com

Student Online Art Gallery

I am excited to announce that we will be continuing our use of Artsonia this year for online student art portfolios. All of your students' artworks will be photographed and uploaded to our online student gallery. The gallery is organized by projects and grade levels and includes a project description, standards, and title. You will receive an e-mail when new work is posted if you have an account. I encourage your family, friends, and others to become "fans" of your student's artworks, as well as leave comments for the student. All Kindergarten or newly enrolled students have been sent a permission slip (sent home) to send back to school so that I may create your account. For those who already have accounts, your account carries over from year to year and you will use the same login and password. New this year is permission from parents for students to enter artist statements through our "classroom mode" when we visit the computer lab. After you log in, please check to make sure you have given permission. A percentage of any purchases made on Artsonia come right back to Monteith's Art Department. I thank you in advance for becoming fans, interacting with your student and his or her artworks, and leaving comments for your students. ❖



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

Monteith's Green Team

Recycle! Recycle! Recycle!

This year we are working together to collect used glue sticks, old markers, batteries, tape rolls, and printer ink cartridges. Every classroom will have a recycle bucket.

This bucket will be picked up monthly by our Litter Critters. Please feel free to send in the listed items into your child's classroom for pick up at the end of the month.



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3rd, 4th, and 5th Grade Litter Critters 2017-18

Mrs. Corbett – Serafina Maras, Tommy Rutherford

Mrs. Pelyak – Elliana Orlando, Dominic Smolarek

Mrs. Porada – Remy Henri, Grace Piggott

Mr. Arwady – Jessica Taylor and Kamyra Mahone

Mr. Backman – Teagan Hughes, Kelsey Schafer

Mrs. Vasquez – Caleb Butler, Sophia Gualdoni

Mrs. DeWitt – Blake DiCicco, Paul Candela

Mrs. Schrage – Devin Persyn, Colin Smith

Mr. Symonette – Sophia Baker, Alexander Robinson



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Monteith Green Team Encourages Reading!

Enjoy the love of reading - and help keep our Earth green!

The idea came from Monteith's Green Team parent, Colleen Hughes. Her husband, Mike, constructed a little library made from recycled plywood, cedar, and other materials which was officially welcomed with principal, Shelleyann Keelean, Green Team teacher Diane Richards, and 4th grade teacher, Andy Backman, on Wednesday, September 13, 2017, with a ribbon cutting ceremony.

Local artist, Nicole Richards, with the help of 3 Monteith students, Teagan Hughes, Piper Crossley, and Aine Mahoney, painted it in the Spring and Summer. Trader Joe's supplied some snacks for the girls, and it is registered with www.littlefreelibraries.org.

We welcome our Monteith families and the visiting community to share the love of reading. Take a book - leave a book!



(Photos: Christine Crossley)



Building Relationships The Monteith Culture Club

October 2017

We are proud to announce our mission statement and hope it will lay the foundation for growth.

Our mission is to nurture and build the welcoming culture at Monteith Elementary.

Upcoming Events

October 5th 6:30 pm : Kerby Diversity Alliance

The Kerby Diversity Alliance has invited Ginni Winters from Wayne Resa to speak on the topic "How to talk to your children about current events and differences". All are welcome.

Location: Kerby Elementary School Library
285 Kerby Rd, Grosse Pointe Farms

October 11th 4:30-5:30 pm: Monteith Culture Club Meeting

Please come share ideas, learn more about the group and volunteer. We will have a short planning meeting for the Annual event and Family Tastefest.

Light refreshments will be served.

Location: Monteith Elementary Library

For more information email us at: monteithcultureclub@gmail.com

Monteith PTO – 2017-2018 School Year Events

The following is a list of events for the upcoming school year. Checking the Monteith Elementary PTO Calendar (<https://www.monteithpto.com/>) will be the most current way to track events for this year. The Monteith PTO Facebook Page is also helpful for monitoring events. Please note that all events are subject to change. We hope you all will plan to attend as many of these events as possible!

September

Fun Run Kick-Off!

- Assembly - 9/8/17 during school
- Fun Hair/Hat Day - 9/15/17 during school
- Pajama Day - 9/22/17 during school
- Mis-Match Day - 9/29/17 during school

PTO Meeting - Thursday, 9/14/17 at 6:30 pm in the Monteith Library

Movie Night - Friday, 9/29/17 at 7:00 pm

- Join us on the front lawn at Monteith as we enjoy the movie *TROLLS*! Refreshments will be available for purchase. Bring a blanket or short lawn chair.

October

Fun Run Fundraiser! This is our main fundraiser for the year, so please give what you can to support our school!

- Spirit Week - 10/2/17 - 10/6/17
- FUN RUN - Friday, 10/6/17 during school

PTO Meeting - Thursday, 10/12/17 at 6:30 pm in the Monteith Library

Haunted Garage - Friday, 10/27/17 from 6:00 - 9:00 pm

- Pre-purchase your tickets to attend the scariest (and also family-friendly) event of the year...if you dare!

November

PTO Meeting - Thursday, 11/9/17 at 6:30 pm in the Monteith Library

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