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ITS ALL ABOUT THE KIDS!

With the change of seasons and the weather getting cooler we have had more and more students arriving to school too early, which leads to an unsafe situation. The problem with early arrivals is that there is no adult supervision for the children. It is very important that your child gets to school on time, but recently we have had students arriving before 7:45 am.

The only students who should be arriving early are those who are in Kids Club or have morning jobs, such as safety and/or morning announcements. Those students should follow the directive from the supervising staff member in charge.

Please make sure children are arriving to school by the first bell at 8:20 am. The second bell is at 8:25 am. After that time, students will be considered tardy, and are to come directly to the office for a tardy slip. **Please be advised that if children continue to arrive to school before 8:15am, their parents will be contacted and required to register for Kids Club.**

Dismissal is at 3:38 pm. We understand that life happens; such as traffic, being stopped by a train, etc. in which case please make arrangements with a neighbor, friend, relative for pick up, OR register for Kids Club. If you notify the office of any change in pick up plans we will be able to relay the message to your child(ren).

WELCOME MS. DeVILLE

Dear Monteith Community,

Hello! My name is Brandy DeVille and I am the full time social worker at Monteith Elementary. As your school social worker, I am available to support the social, emotional and academic needs of the Monteith community. To prepare me for this wonderful opportunity, I attended Michigan State University for my Undergraduate program in Social Work, and I received my Masters in Social Administration, with a certification in School Social Work, from Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio.

As the year progresses, I will be facilitating educational support groups, school wide programming, and classroom lessons. I have a number of curriculums to use with your children and I will be developing additional programming, as needed. I am eager to begin programs to support the needs of Monteith's students, staff and families.

I am extremely pleased to be a part of the Monteith family and I look forward to working with all of you! I welcome you to stop by my office in Counselor's Hall or contact me, at 432-5528, if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Brandy DeVille
School Social Worker

MUSIC NOTES

Monteith Winter Concert



Parcells Middle School—Auditorium
Thursday December 4th, 7:00 pm

Featuring
All Kindergarten Classes,
all 2nd and 4th grade students
and the 5th grade Choir.

All students in Kindergarten, 2nd and 4th grades should wear holiday “dress up” to the concert. The 5th grade choir will wear their red Monteith Choir Shirts and a Santa hat. Choir parents will receive a separate letter about the choir shirt. Mrs. DeCarlo has enough Santa hats for everyone, however, if you would like, you can wear your own.

REHEARSAL will take place the day of the concert at 12:45 pm at the Parcells Auditorium. Please look for permission slips for students and drivers to come home soon.

AM KINDERGARTEN—Please remember you and your child need to attend this rehearsal as well. Please report to the Parcells Auditorium on Thursday, December 4th at 12:55 pm.

Special Note

The Parcells Auditorium is fully outfitted with professional equipment for taping events. All equipment is operated by WPBC members (Parcells student broadcast team) under the direction of Mr. Kerry Pytel. We have arranged with the WPBC to have Monteith’s Winter Concert taped. DVD’s will be available for parents to purchase for \$10.00 each. Orders will be taken in the lobby the evening of the performance.

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

CONGRATULATIONS! SEPTEMBER

Service Students of the Month

Lillian

Carl

Safety Students of the Month

Matthew

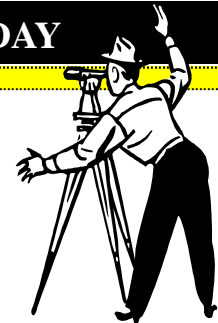
Jonathon

PICTURE RETAKE DAY

Tuesday, October 28, is
Picture Retake Day at
Monteith.

**THERE IS NO MONEY
DUE ON PICTURE
RETAKE DAY.**

A picture proof and order form will be sent home in approximately 4 to 5 weeks. Preschoolers are welcome and will be photographed at 8:30am only.

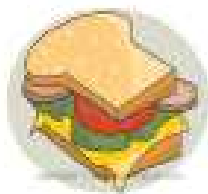


BIKE SAFETY

With the change of seasons comes darkness in the early morning when students ride their bikes to school. Please review bike safety with your students. Listed are just a few suggestions.



- ◆ Wear bright colored protective gear
- ◆ Equip your bike with reflectors
- ◆ Walk bicycles across all streets
- ◆ Ride with a buddy.



**Introducing a Monteith fundraiser
that does not cost extra money...**

Kroger Gift Cards

How does this program work?

Purchase a Kroger Gift card for \$5.00 from the Monteith PTO or from Sarah Carron (313)885-1992.

The card is loaded with \$5. Recharge your card with more money at the check-out or the customer service desk BEFORE you pay for your groceries. You can use cash, a check or a credit card to recharge your Kroger gift card.

Things to remember:

Kroger gift cards can be used anywhere in the U.S.A.

The cards can be used at all self-scanning machines.

The cards must be kept active. Any zero balance over 90 days will cause the card to be voided out.

Don't forget family and friends! If it is easy for you, it will be just as easy for them. The more people participate, the greater the profit to Monteith.

Monteith receives a check from Kroger after a minimum has been charged and spent from the cards.

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Kroger Gift Cards

I would like to order _____ Kroger Gift Cards @ \$5.00 each.

Please make check payable to Monteith PTO.

Name of youngest child attending Monteith _____

His/Her teacher _____

Please return this form to the office in an envelope marked "PTO/Kroger cards."



Once again, this year's Student Council is sponsoring the **Box Tops for Education** fundraising program. We are asking all Monteith families to look for General Mills products that carry the **Box Tops for Education** label. When you purchase these items, please clip the Box Tops labels and send them to school with your child. Student Council members count all of the labels that have been collected and send them in to be redeemed for cash for our school.

In the past, we have used the money raised from Box Tops to purchase educational materials, classroom supplies, gym/playground equipment and teaching resources.

This year our goal is to raise \$1,000 !! Please help us reach this goal by clipping **Box Tops for Education** labels today!

If you would like more information you can visit their website at www.boxtops4education.com .
Thank You!
Monteith Student Council



Dear Families,

The first unit of Spanish is quickly coming to a close. Your fourth or fifth grader recently received a homework packet. This packet will be due on:

A Day Students: November 12
B Day Students: November 13
C Day Students: November 14
D Day Students: November 15

Please be sure to check my website for up to date information regarding units of study, schedules, or due dates. Thank you so much for your continued support of the Elementary Spanish Program

Sincerely,

Mrs. Delgado

sara.delgado@gpschools.org
<http://staff.gpschools.org/delgads>





PUMPKIN CONTEST



REMINDER

ONE pumpkin per family,
DECORATED pumpkins only
NO CARVED pumpkins
will be eligible for prizes.

WHEN?

Pumpkin Drop-Off :
Wednesday, October 22nd 8:00-8:15am

WHERE?

The hallway next to the gym. Tables will be set up for the pumpkins to be displayed.

WHAT NEXT?

STUDENTS will vote for their favorite pumpkin on Thursday, October 23rd. Winners will be announced Friday, October 24th after lunch, and prizes will be awarded before dismissal.

PUMPKIN PICK-UP?

ALL pumpkins must be picked up after school Friday, October 24th. Any unclaimed pumpkins will be discarded.

GHOU LUCK EVERYONE!

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

JOIN THE FOOD SERVICE TEAM
Sodexo is seeking individuals to work 3 hour shifts, Monday through Friday. The pay starts at \$8/hour. Interested individuals should call 313/432-3208 or email Michelle Knotts at Michelle.Knotts@gpschools.org

Parcells Middle School Drama presents...

Hansel and Gretel

Saturday is
Family Day!
3 p.m. Show
Just \$20 per
family!

Based on the Grimm Brothers fairytale
Adapted By: Michele L. Vacca

Produced by special arrangement with CLASSICS ON STAGE! Of Chicago.

Thursday, November 13th at 7 p.m.
Friday, November 14th at 7 p.m.
Saturday, November 15th at 3 p.m.
Tickets: \$7 (\$5 for children, students, and seniors)

Saturday's Show:

Just \$20 for a family of four or more.

Parcells Middle School Auditorium
20600 Mack Ave.
Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236

33rd Annual Parcells Holiday Bazaar

Saturday
December 6, 2008
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

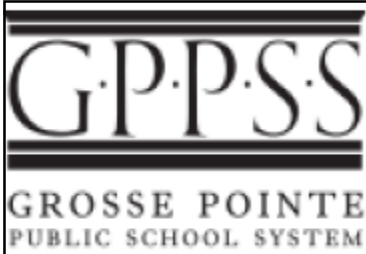
All Admissions at the Door!

\$4.00 at 9:00 a.m. - Beat the crowd!
\$3.00 at 10:00 a.m.

No strollers please.
All ages pay same price.

Visit Over 130 Juried Artisans
Find Unique Treasures
Lunch and Snacks Available in our
Upstairs Cafe

Parcells Middle School
20600 Mack Ave.
Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236
(313) 432-4600



Meeting Dates

Board meeting dates are the fourth Monday of the month, with a few changes due to holiday and calendar issues. Additional work sessions may be scheduled, but those will not be televised.

Please Note: July through December, regular Board meetings will be held in South's Wicking Library. January through June, regular Board meetings will be held in the North library. Work session locations vary.

Next Meetings:

Board meeting at 8 p.m., Monday, October 27, in South's Wicking Library, 11 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

Board meetings dates and agendas are listed at www.gpschools.org and posted in the Central Administration Building at 389 St. Clair Ave., Grosse Pointe, MI 48230.

Help us recognize distinguished employees

The Grosse Pointe Board of Education has established the Employee Awards Program to recognize distinguished service by employees in various programs and activities sponsored by the public schools. Board-level recognition is intended to reward those employees who have initiated a new program, service, or activity and/or who have served the district above and beyond their daily employee responsibilities.

The criteria are simple:

- (a) The recipient must be an employee of the district who donates service and/or time beyond their usual work requirements.
- (b) Consideration for an Employee Award will be based on the impact of their accomplishment, service, or activity, rather than strictly on an accumulation of volunteer hours, although consideration will be given to the amount of time contributed.
- (c) The Employee Awards Program is designed to recognize individuals.

Nomination forms must be received in the Superintendent's Office, 389 St. Clair, Grosse Pointe, MI 48230 by **Friday, October 24, 2008**. Forms are available in all school offices and the administration building. Nominations made by non-administrators must have the support of the building or program administrator.

COMMUNITY ED

JUNIOR GOLF COMING IN NOVEMBER

Grosse Pointe Community Education will offer Junior Golf classes for grades K-5 starting in November. **Each child is provided with his/her own mat and club, so there are NO LINES and NO WAITING for a chance to swing!** Fee includes all supplies and a Grosse Pointe Junior Golf T-shirt! For information about the After School Golf Academy, go to www.afterschoolgolf.com. (Click on Photo Gallery to see classes in action.)

TROMBLY: YE012P--Wednesdays, November 5-December 3 (no class November 26), 7-8pm, \$100

MASON: YE010P --Tuesdays and Thursdays, November 10-November 19, 7-8pm, \$100 (NOTE: This class was formerly scheduled to start on October 21.)

Please call Community Education at (313) 432-3880 for registration information.

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NOW WE'RE COOKIN'!

The Monteith Cookbooks are available for sale. It's a great *gift for the holidays!* Please email Jennifer Miller at jenn1034@yahoo.com or Kate Bernas at c.bernas@wayne.edu. Or, you can write your name, phone number, number of books you want and drop it in the PTO box in the office with cash, or a check made payable to Monteith PTO. The cookbooks are \$8 each and will be delivered to your child's class. Seriously, try the baked ziti!



IS THERE A GHOST OF A CHANCE THAT YOU CAN HELP?

We still need volunteers to walk around the school grounds for an hour at a time. Please call Eddie Tujaka 642-1847.

Monteith annual Halloween Watch
Thursday, October 30th
6:00PM-11:00PM



SALLY HAS BEEN TALLIED!

Our annual Sally Foster sale was a success once again. Thank you so much to everyone who was a part of the program. Don't forget you can still order online. Special thanks to Mary Mancus, Molly Tompkins and Lorie Kamm for all their help. And all those who helped with the tally & delivery: Paula Bejin, Leslie Nelson, Mary Thuma, Chris Morrison, Michelle Rees, Marco Liolli, Amy Bakowski, Chinyere Crutcher, Mike Buckley, Dave Denomme, Jacqui Williams, Leah Goudy, Colleen Hughes, Christie Corsentino, Jennifer Perrino, Yonson Compton, Cindy Casterline, Dianne McPharlin, Mandy Bush and Maureen Sperry.

THANK YOU!

To all the great Monteith families who submitted their forms for the Pumpkin Decorating Contest to benefit the United Way. Look for all the spooky designs in the lobby this Thursday and Friday. Thanks again to Mrs. Schrage for coordinating this event.



Have you paid your PTO dues yet??

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

It is hard to believe that Halloween is almost here, the leaves are starting fall and we're getting out our rakes! Here at Monteith, the PTO has been busy. We have successfully finished a fantastic Sally Foster gift wrap sale. Thanks to all of you who purchased this fine product as well as all of you who helped with the fundraiser. The PTO can always use a helping hand! Don't forget to keep using your Kroger gift cards, it is a great way to bring funds back to the school without having to spend more. Don't worry if you haven't received your card yet. Just call Sarah Carron (885-1992), or fill out the form in the Messenger. The PTO Major Goals committee will be meeting soon to discuss ways to enrich Monteith. The teachers and staff submit suggestions; the committee then takes those suggestions to the PTO Executive board for approval. The first **"Monty's 2k Mini-Marathon"** takes place on **October 23rd**. It is not too late to sign up! Even if you don't participate, stop by after school that day to cheer on the kids! Mrs. Frederick will be the honorary chairperson, and will surely get the students all revved up for the event! **Our next PTO meeting will be Tuesday, October 21 at 7:00PM and the next, Tuesday, November 18th** in the library; we have many interesting items on our agenda. Hope to see you there! Lorie Kamm,

"Delightful task! To rear the tender thought. To teach the young idea how to shoot." - James Thomson

THE PTO PAGE

Thursday, November 13th is this year's first Pizza Hut Night! Dine in or carry out, just put your receipt in the box on the counter of the Pizza Hut located on Harper, north of 9 Mile Road, and Monteith earns some dough!



Don't forget the Fall Fitness Walk is Thursday, October 23rd, rain or shine!



SANTA'S SECRET SHOP UP DATE!

Santa's elves have been busily making plans for the 2008 Santa's Secret Shop. This year's event will be held in the Monteith Gym, **Thursday, December 4th and Friday, December 5th**. Special thanks to Patricia Camazzola and Amy Kraus for organizing this event. There is still time to help, so please call Patricia at 885-6520.

For our new families, Santa's Secret Shop provides interested students an opportunity to shop "secretly" for immediate family members and grandparents. Students may shop during the school day for many handcrafted and personalized items prepared by our Monteith parents. Items range from twenty-five cents to five dollars.

The students will be given approximately twenty minutes to shop with their classmates. Detailed information regarding your child's exact scheduled date and time will be provided in the near future. **Since the children only have twenty minutes to shop, please limit your child's shopping list to immediate family members and grandparents.** Should you require additional gifts, the Shop will remain open from 3:30pm-4:30pm on Friday, December 5th.

A special thank you to our summer crafters, room parents and parent volunteers for all their work in preparing this year's crafts. Please plan to bring all items to the Monteith Gym stage on Tuesday, December 2nd from 8:00am-9:00am. Please be certain to "check-in" your items with one of the Santa Secret Shop Committee Members and divide and label the items as previously requested.

Since the event will occupy half of the gym, please consider having your child eat lunch at home if possible.

Thank you!