

Marguerite Montgomery

Pony Express

Week of November 14th, 2011

CALENDAR of EVENTS

November 14th, 7 p.m.

PTA Meeting, MME Library

November 14th-18th

Parent Teacher Conferences

November 14th-17th

Book Fair, MME Library

November 21st-25th

No School – Happy Thanksgiving!

Saturday, February 4th, 2012

Auction at Veteran's Memorial: "How Sweet it is to be MME"

LUNCH MENU and SPECIALS

Monday – Frittata w/Turkey

Ham & Vegetables

Oven Baked Chicken

Herb Red Potatoes

Sweet Corn Kernels

French Toast w/Sausage

Tuesday – Beef Tamale Pie

Chicken Enchilada

Refried Beans

Chicken or Fish Nuggets

Wednesday – Pizza

Chicken Patty or Burger on a Bun

Thursday – Lemony Chicken or Sweet & Sour Beef Meatballs
over Organic Rice

Stick Day: Mozzarella Cheese or Beef Taco

Friday – Rotini Pasta with Chicken Alfredo or Beef Italian Sauce

Local Vegetables

Chicken Patty or Burger on a Bun

Available Every Day: Salad Bar and Deli Sandwiches

Fruit Salad. Yummy, Yummy

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help with the teacher lunches this week. A reminder of what you have all signed up to bring has been emailed several times. If you are vaguely aware of signing up to help but not sure, please email Ali: aligosende@yahoo.com. You should also email her if you can handle drinks (non-alcoholic only, I'm pretty sure) on Thursday.

You can bring your dish at drop off in the morning or anytime before 11:00 am on the day you are scheduled. Please bring the food to the teacher's lounge at the rear of the office.

Oral Language Fair Competition

We are gearing up for another Oral Language Fair Competition at Montgomery! The Oral Language Fair (OLF) is a program that honors the work of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. (and others) and provides an opportunity for children to recite speeches and poems that relate to a social justice theme. Each year there is a slightly different theme. This year's theme is "Lift Every Voice." All poems and speeches should relate to this theme. Please watch for information coming home soon via your child's teacher. Some teachers participate with their whole class, while others provide the opportunity for individuals and small groups of children to participate. Entry forms will be due on December 14, 2011, and the competition will take place in February. The exact date will be announced in December. Dr. King got his start in events like this, and we look forward to seeing our own Montgomery stars shine.

No More Excuses

Now it's easy to order your 2011-12 MME Yearbook online! Just visit www.ybpay.lifetouch.com On the right hand side, enter city and state to locate Marguerite Montgomery. Then you are just a few clicks from preserving your child's elementary school memories forever!

P.S. Calling all photographers!

If you have snapshots of students and school activities that you want to be considered for this year's book, please send them to the school in care of "The Yearbook Committee." Thank you!

Santa's Workshop Outlet Store

Mark your calendars and cross two things off your list: MME Gift Mart is Saturday, December 10th from 10 am to 3 pm. There are now 20 vendors confirmed for sales at the big event. Head on down to the MPR with your shopping list and make this event a success.

Santa and Mrs. Claus will be there starting at 10:30 am. So shop early before only the coal lumps are left and, if you want to avoid the mall scene, have your children visit with Santa. Because at MME, Santa gives you milk and cookies!

Family Craft Night

Bring your students and their siblings to this hands-on, craft-making evening, and they'll return home with a bag full of wrapped, homemade gifts others love to receive. Don't miss this annual, popular, FREE event – provided by the MME PTA! All children must be accompanied by an adult. Dress to do art! Wednesday, December 7th, 6-8 p.m. in the MPR.

Contact Erika at ejensenhere@hotmail.com with questions or to volunteer a few hours helping kids make crafts at the event.

Holidays Can Be a Mixed Bag

Marguerite Montgomery Elementary School is happy to announce the Mixed Bag Designs Online Fundraiser for the Holidays! Simply go to Mixed Bag Designs (www.mixedbagdesigns.com/Fall-2011) and enter your order. Upon checkout, type 53481 in the "School/Fundraiser ID#" field. You can also enter the name of the participant that referred you to this fundraiser in the "Referred By" field for them to receive credit. All orders will be sent directly to the customer!

Thank you for your support!

From the Recycling Worm

Place your pre-orders and payment by Nov. 16 (before the Thanksgiving break) for holiday wreaths. Large wreaths will be only \$12.00 and you can request mixed evergreens or all rosemary. Order forms will be available in the office and can be handed in to Monica or Marilyn or one of the office staff (with a check to Montgomery PTA). Wreaths will be ready by mid-December to be picked up before the holidays! Earnings will support gardening and recycling activities.

To get more info, contact Judy at: jleatherwoman@gmail.com or (530) 204-8102.

Studying Abroad

Many of you have asked about the process for collecting donations for school field trips. This isn't a new process entirely the only difference this year is that the money needs to be collected centrally in the school office. Here are the questions that someone of authority has received from parents.

Q: Can I still contribute money to my child's classroom for field trips this year?

A: Yes, you can bring cash or check to the office. For checks, please indicate your child's teacher in the memo and make it payable to MME.

Q: What happens if not enough money is collected?

A: There are options available to teachers to decide if they are able to participate in the field trip regardless of how much money is collected.

Q: What happens to any extra money that is collected and not used for field trips?

A: Monies collected will be added to the teacher's account and available to them for classroom needs.

Q: Will field trip donations be sent to the Davis School District or held at the school site?

A: Donations are added to the school budget within each teacher's classroom account.

Q: What if I can't remember whether or not I donated already?

A: You will have to check your check register or bank statement for a cancelled check as records are only kept with donations received by amount for each teacher.

Q: I can't remember how much was estimated for my child's grade level?

A:

Kindergarten \$4/student
1st \$30/student
2nd \$25/student
3rd \$12/student
4th \$35/student
5th \$35/student

Pony Express and Round-Up Contact

If you have items to submit for either the weekly (Pony Express) or monthly (Round-Up) newsletter, please email them to mmenewsletter@gmail.com

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