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**Home of the
Black Bears**

From the Principal

School,
Effort, and
Play.
Trying your best
Each hour of the day,
Making new friends,
Being good as you can
Exciting discoveries,
Reading books with a friend.
-Boni Fulgham

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From the Principal

803-247-2184 Cynthia

Welcome back to Montague Elementary School where parents, students, and staff work together in a positive nurturing environment so that all students are successful. I hope you had a great summer and are ready for a terrific school year.

Our custodial staff has been busy over the summer cleaning, painting and preparing the building for the new school year. Thank you, Mr. Roff, Mr. Bullis, Mr. Pitman, Mr. Steffen, Mr. Bailey, Mrs. Aldom, Mrs. Donovan, Mrs. Hart and Mrs. Pinzone for a job well done!

When the children return, they will be learning about our new school wide rules: **Monty's High Five!** and our new Student of the Month incentive program. Here are some things that you can do to help them be successful in school this year:

- ✓ Read and review the Parent/Student Handbook and Calendar with your children. This was sent home with the OLDEST/ONLY child in each family. Please sign and return the **Receipt Page** from the front of the handbook to your child's homeroom teacher.
- ✓ Read and sign both sides of the Acceptable Use Policy and Right to Publish student work and names form which was sent home with **EACH** child. Return to each child's homeroom teacher.
- ✓ Ensure that your children are in school on time, every day to stay on track. The teachers carefully plan lessons to introduce new concepts, reinforce them with learning activities, then move on to new skills and ideas. When your children are not in school, they fall behind. The more days they miss, the harder it is to stay on track.
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September Events

9th- School Breakfast
and Lunch begins
11th- **We Remember**
16th- PTA Meeting
23rd - Board of Ed.
Meeting
24th- Back to School
Night
22nd - 24th- PTA
Book Fair

From the Principal (continued from front)

- ✓ Establish open lines of communication with your children's teachers and check their homepages frequently to stay informed.
- ✓ Do not allow your children to bring cell phones to school. There is no reason why any elementary school age child should bring one of these devices to school. MES supplies all of the electronic media that your child will need during the school day. Children are allowed to call home from the Central Office if necessary.

Staff News

Welcome to our new staff members:

Mr. Dominic Esposito-Assistant Principal
Mrs. LeeAnn Smith-6th grade team



Did you know?

The No Child Left Behind Law requires that all schools receiving federal funds must inform parents of their right to ask about the qualifications of their child's teachers. We believe that nothing is more important to your child's education than having a well-prepared and highly qualified teacher. The law requires that all teachers must meet the legal definition of "highly qualified" by having a four year college degree; a standard teaching certificate and proof of their knowledge in the subject they teach.

All of the teachers at Montague Elementary School meet this legal definition and are highly qualified, many beyond the state's requirements with Master's Degrees, specialized training and National Board Certifications. Our highly qualified teachers know what to teach, how to teach and demonstrate an understanding of the subject matter being taught. Every teacher continues his or her own learning through professional development activities and is evaluated each year to ensure that their skills remain at the highest possible level.

The teachers speak about their qualifications during Back to School Night on September 24th.

"Learning is a treasure that will follow its owner everywhere."
- Chinese Proverb

