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**Home of the  
Black Bears**

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## October Events

4-10- Fire Prevention Week  
6- School Picture Day  
12- Columbus Day- School Closed  
16-School Store  
19-23-School Violence Awareness Week  
23- PTA Trunk or Treat  
28- BOE Meeting  
30- Fall Festivals

## From the Principal

"Stay Fire Smart. . . Don't Get Burned!"  
*Sparky*- National Fire Protection Association

From the Principal

National Fire Prevention Week is October 4<sup>th</sup> through the 10<sup>th</sup>. This year the focus is on burn awareness and prevention, as well as keeping homes safe from the leading causes of fires. It is important for all of us to be aware of the devastating causes of home fires and burn injuries. Please read the letter on the reverse side of this Bear's Paw with your family.

Thank you to the Montague Fire Department who will be here on October 7<sup>th</sup> to share important information with the children about fire safety. Montague Fire Officials, Jesse Brace and Tom Broderick want everyone to know that the Montague Fire Department has free smoke detectors for anyone who may need them.

**CONGRATULATIONS!!!** September Students of the Month

Kindergarten-Jessalynn De Leeuw  
First Grade- Dameon Haggerty  
Second Grade- Chelsea Bacho  
Third Grade- Shaun Riordan  
Fourth Grade- Jenna Zinna  
Fifth Grade- Destiny Stockland  
Sixth Grade- Tobi Edwards

Students are recommended by their teachers for consistently living the concepts and rules of **Monty's High Five**. Along with their certificates of achievement and letter, the students also received a certificate of achievement from Montague McDonald's entitling them to a free meal. Check out their pictures on our Student of the Month board in the main hallway.

Student Council Officers and Class Reps  
President- Cassie Babula  
Vice-President-Sabrina Gamutan  
Secretary-Kate Johnson  
Treasurer- Tobi Edwards


Fifth Grade Reps-Danielle Johnson, Max Marion, Alyssa Nied, Lucas Savarese  
Sixth Grade Reps-Shannon Mulrooney, Austin Pittenger, Alexis Wack

## Principal's Principles for October

- ◆ Acceptance
- ◆ Leadership
- ◆ Patriotism
- ◆ Courtesy

## Staff News

- Mrs. Moran, our Art Teacher, is exhibiting her work at the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Pathways Art in October celebration. Way to go, Mrs. Moran!
- Mrs. Wright, our PE teacher, organized the school wide Exercise US activity on October 1<sup>st</sup>. Schools across the nation signed up so that for 10 continuous hours, exercising was going on somewhere in the United States! Everyone, including **MONTY**, had a great time. Thank you, Mrs. Wright.
- Mrs. Walker, our School Social Worker, and Mrs. Moran are coordinating the **Art for Life** Program. Students will work together to develop a common art project.
- Ms. Bellini's fourth grade class is participating in the Classrooms Care Reading Program through Scholastic Books. The class has pledged to read 100 books by December 18<sup>th</sup>.



**“STAY FIRE SMART!  
DON'T GET BURNED.”**

### Fire Safety Checklist

- ❑ Hot food is always placed in the center of the table.
- ❑ Bath and shower water is no higher than 100 degrees.
- ❑ Food cooked in a microwave is allowed to cool before eating.
- ❑ Grown-ups blow out lit candles when they leave the room.
- ❑ Portable space heaters are turned off whenever a grown-up leaves the room or goes to sleep.
- ❑ Things that can burn are at least three feet from anything that can be hot.
- ❑ A grown-up always stays in the kitchen whenever food is cooking on the stovetop.
- ❑ All smoke alarms work when tested by a grownup every month.
- ❑ There is a smoke alarm on every level of the home and inside every bedroom.
- ❑ Our family has practiced our home fire escape plan.

**DEAR PARENT OR CAREGIVER:**  
Every year, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) sounds the alarm about keeping our homes and our kids safe from fire. Fire Prevention Week 2009 — October 4-10 — broadens the scope of safety, teaching kids to “Stay Fire Smart! Don't Get Burned.”

This year's campaign focuses on preventing devastating burns while keeping homes safe from the leading causes of fire.

As you know, burns are painful. In extreme cases, they can result in serious scarring and even death. By taking caution in our homes to ensure that the curling iron is out of children's reach or that pot handles are turned away from the edge of the stove, such injuries are entirely preventable.

In the classroom, we are focusing on ways to prevent and treat burn injuries, as well as the leading causes of home fires and home fire deaths.

It is my job as an educator not only to ensure that your children get a well-rounded education, but also that they are on the cutting edge of safety. I hope that you will join me in this endeavor by putting Fire Prevention Week messages into action to help your family “Stay Fire Smart! Don't Get Burned.”

**For more information visit  
[firepreventionweek.org](http://firepreventionweek.org)  
[sparky.org](http://sparky.org)**

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