

# The Bear's Paw

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Black Bears**

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## November Events

- 5-NJEA Convention-  
School Closed
- 6-NJEA Convention-  
School Closed
- 11-Parent-Teacher  
Conferences-1:15-  
3:15 1PM  
DISMISSAL
- 12-Parent-Teacher  
Conferences-6-8pm  
1PM DISMISSAL
- 13-Parent-Teacher  
Conferences-1:15-  
3:15 1PM  
DISMISSAL
- 18- BOE Meeting
- 20- PTA Hoe Down
- 25-1PM DISMISSAL
- 26- 27 Happy  
Thanksgiving-School  
Closed

## From the Principal

"Thanksgiving, after all, is a word of action."  
-W.J. Cameron

From the Principal

It's Parent-Teacher Conference time. Are YOU going? If you did not schedule your conference appointment during Back to School Night, then please contact Mrs. Romyns at 973-293-7131, ext. 203 or at [promyns@montagueschool.org](mailto:promyns@montagueschool.org). Report cards will be given out during conferences. Conference times are listed in the school calendar that was sent home in September and also on the school website.

CONGRATULATIONS!!! OCTOBER Students of the Month:  
Kindergarten-ALYSSA OLENIK  
First Grade- ALEXA TAYLOR  
Second Grade-HANNA LANGAN  
Third Grade-JACLYN BUTTO-HAWKES  
Fourth Grade-KYLA FAIRWEATHER  
Fifth Grade-KRISTEN SNYDER  
Sixth Grade-JESSICA CARANO

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.

## Principal's Principles for October

- Sharing
- Perseverance
- Enthusiasm
- Fairness
- Good Manners

- ❖ Sixth grade Art classes under the direction of **Mrs. Moran** are working on a collaborative project with Sussex Middle School eighth grade Language Art classes under the direction of Mrs. Martyniuk and Linda Hirsch of the Sussex Arts and Heritage Council. Sixth graders began the project by interpreting Emily Dickenson's nature poems through their pastel and watercolor paintings. The Language Art students began by writing poems inspired by Emily Dickenson's nature poems. Next, Mrs. Moran will send the sixth grade paintings to the eighth graders to inspire them to write poems based on those paintings, and the sixth grades will paint new watercolors based on the poems sent to us! The finished interpretations will then go to Mrs. Linda Hirsch to be on exhibit at the Sussex Arts and Heritage Gallery on Spring Street in Newton. The opening of the art exhibit is scheduled for December 12<sup>th</sup>.
- ❖ Through the efforts of **Mr. Finnegan**, Technology Coordinator, Montague Elementary School has joined the WeatherBug Schools Program. We have installed a new WeatherBug Tracking Station and will be able to provide weather data for the Channel 11 Newscast at WPIX to broadcast online and on-air. The Tracking Station will also be used to enhance the school's curriculum using the WeatherBug Achieve program. The tracking station and accompanying WeatherBug Achieve software suite will allow Montague Elementary to more effectively understand the science of meteorology.

The WeatherBug Schools Program is committed to providing an engaging teaching tool for schools nationwide. WeatherBug's interactive software program, WeatherBug Achieve, enables teachers to apply real-world conditions in math, science, and geography. Teachers and students in K-12 have access to weather data from any WeatherBug site across the country. Using WeatherBug Achieve, teachers can create customized learning activities based on current and historical weather conditions from the Montague Elementary WeatherBug Tracking Station, such as wind speed or humidity. In addition, students can compare local weather conditions to data from more than 8,000 other tracking stations nationwide.

- ❖ Mrs. **Goyette's** L.E.A.P. classes in conjunction with Dr. Kevin Czajkowski, Director of the Geographic Information Science and Applied Geomatics (GISAG) Lab at the University of Toledo, will be taking surface temperature readings at the Montague School property. Montague L.E.A.P. students will join students from around the world to collect surface temperature data and post it on the internet. Students received GPS's from Dr. Czajkowski for use in this NASA sponsored project. Following protocols, they will collect data and learn to use it to compare readings worldwide.
- ❖ Congratulations to students Brandon Bendes, Kayla Duarte and Dasia Goble. Their anti-drug posters and written work were published in the NJ Herald last week in recognition of Red Ribbon Week. Thank you to **Mrs. Moran** for submitting their work which was selected from over 1400 entries from 37 schools in Sussex County.
- ❖ The pre-school, kindergarten, first and second grades entertained us with their wonderful costume parade during our Fall Festivals on Friday. Thank you to **Ms. Unger, Mrs. Kithcart, Mrs. Henn, Ms. Vigorito, Mrs. Galandak, Mrs. Neglia, Ms. Banghart, Mrs. Jeskey, Mrs. Hamilton, Mrs. Marion and Mrs. Loewenberg** and the PTA class moms and dads!
- ❖ **Mrs. Fischer's, Mr. Ferriere's** and **Mrs. Smith's** sixth grades enjoyed their annual Greek Festival on Friday and entertained us with their interpretations of Greek myths. Congratulations for a job well done!
- ❖ **Mrs. Buda's and Mrs. Willeford's** third grade class enjoyed their annual Native American Festival on Friday.