

THE BEAR'S PAW

"Education is one of the blessings of life"
Malala Yousafzai

From the Principal's Desk
Mrs. Janice L. Hodge

Parents and Guardians,

This is the last newsletter I will send as your Chief School Administrator/Principal. As most of you know by now, I will be retiring January 1, 2017. It has been an honor to serve as Montague's Chief School Administrator/Principal. For the past fourteen years, it has been a privilege to work with you to strengthen the home school bond that is so important to continued success in school. Thank you for the opportunity to work with your children.

Over the years, the stabilizing force behind our district's educational strength has been and will continue to be the faculty and staff who strive every day to make Montague School a nurturing, safe and educationally rich environment for all students. I know that you will continue to support them as they carry on Montague's strong tradition of educational excellence. We value your involvement in and dedication to your child's education.

Students,

When you return to school from Winter Break, you will have a new Principal. I truly loved being in school with ALL OF YOU every day and have enjoyed our time together here at Montague School. Thank you for the handprint flowers that all of you made for me. They will hold a special place in my heart. I take with me many wonderful memories of students, past and present, and will remember each and every one of you.

Eighth Grade,

Two years ago, when you were sixth graders, I told you that you would be Montague's first eighth grade graduating class. Well, that time is almost here! In June 2017, you will be the first class of eighth grade students to graduate from Montague School! All of you are role models for the younger students and have set the standard for all other students to follow in your foot steps as eighth graders at Montague School. Congratulations on a job well done.

I wish all of you the most joyous holiday season and a wonderful New Year.

First Marking Period High Honor Roll

4th Grade: Mina Lin, Julia Moskal
6th Grade: Georgia Gelderman, Sarah Rush
7th Grade: Stefanie Bacho, Brianna Dunn
8th Grade: Aaron Dunn

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4th Grade: Jaden Dykstra, Emma Franchi, Rihab Hassan, Mackenzie Koger, Leah Powell, Hayden Rosas-Vidal, Nevaeh Sanchez, Isabella Stoll

5th Grade: Nathan Jenks, Shayla-Macaulay-Dech, Brianne Olenick, Gordon Pristash, Alexander Riker

6th Grade: Maya Blake, Ashleigh Dickson, Masson Finigan, Casey Mc Mullen, Dionne Miceli, Haley Mikulski, Benjamin Smith

7th Grade: Donovan Langan, Angelica Mazza, Taylor McCallum, Lindsay Orr, Austin Preziosi

8th Grade: Rana Abdulrahman, Jerry Cheatham, Emily Dalacio, Stefany Dalacio, Erica DeGeorge, Nadija Kelmeris, Janelle Laryea, Madison Rush

CONGRATULATIONS, October Students of the Month



Kindergarten- EMILIA MOSKAL
 First Grade- AVA DICKSON
 Second Grade- LANDON EASTRIDGE
 Third Grade- ALEJANDRA CALLEJAS
 Fourth Grade- MINA LIN
 Fifth Grade- GORDON PRISTASH
 Sixth Grade- GEORGIA GELDERMAN
 Seventh Grade- KEVIN MULVANEY
 Eighth Grade- JANELLE LARYEA

OCTOBER WINNERS:

MONTY BUCKS: Chasmire Velez, Hanna Eastridge, Thomas Alsdorf, Sheza Waqar, Delaney Taylor, Sameer Abbas.

KINDNESS: Miko Dervisevic

NOVEMBER WINNERS:

MONTY BUCKS: Morgan Christmann, Krislynn Acevedo, Carliegh Stoll, Angela Dalacio, Cassie LaNoce, Eugene Ricci.

KINDNESS: Miko Dervisevic

Thank you to our eighth graders for reading our Principal's Principles and Daily Announcements for November and December:



- ➡ DONOVAN ANDUJAR- Self-Confidence
- ➡ NADIJA KELMERIS-Gratitude
- ➡ JUSTIN DECKER-Acceptance
- ➡ JERRY CHEATHAM-Thankfulness
- ➡ MALAKA ABBAS-Loyalty
- ➡ MADISON RUSH-Teamwork
- ➡ SCOTT ORR-Fairness
- ➡ DAVID FRAUENBERG-Sharing

➔ AARON DUNN-Giving