

THE BEAR'S PAW



In December Montague' Teacher of the Year, Mrs. Taylor went on the road with her Bell Choir students and entertained some folk in Nursing homes. Did you acquire a bell collection of a grandparent or great aunt or friend? Please consider donating your Bell Collection to Montague School and allow our wonderful students to get them clean and shiny be they brass, sterling or 10 ct. gold. Our students would love to ring them and we would be only too happy to give you a tax certificate noting their value. Please notify me if you know of any church that recently closed or is closing so I might reach out to them and disc their bells.

January 12, 2017 at 6:30 PM you are invited to join us to be entertained by our 6th grade students who will be performing a Julius Caesar play.



"I came, I saw, I conquered." Julius Caesar

8th Grade parents are reminded to attend the High Point Regional's New Student Orientation on January 12 at 7 PM. Assistant Principal, Christopher Gregory will be joining you at this session



After one of our bus contractors could not supply a bus driver for one of our routes to High Point we were very thankful for the High Point Board of Education donating a bus at no cost to Montague for the balance of the year. As a direct result Montague students attending High Point have greatly reduced travel time.

We also placed Montague 9-12 students on High Point's delayed opening schedule so they no longer will miss any class time.

The Board hired Tina Palecek as the schools Business Administrator. A Marine, Ms. Palecek has a tremendous amount of financial , business and construction knowledge in addition to being a special education leader.

The First Grade classes of Ms. Bellini & Mrs. Willeford will travel back in time to experience life during the Colonial Period. Our Colonial Day will take place on Friday, January 27th. The students will wear paper made Colonial hats and participate in making a quilt using paper. The First Grade Quilt will be on display in the hall. The students will be also able to see examples of real quilts made by Mrs. Higbie. In addition, the students will have some tasty treats based on the food of that time period. They will also observe how the Colonial people lived by watching educational videos.

We conducted a lock down drill with the State Police and County Sheriff's Officers; the children and teachers observed not talking or leaving their rooms, doors were locked and shades down. You could not tell which rooms were occupied. The sixth, seventh & eighth graders also received information on bullying, harassment, sex texting and how to avoid hurting others.



My immediate reaction entering the Montague Bear cave was fantastic since the classrooms and halls are covered with motivational posters, pictures in addition to student writings and art work. One hallway bulletin board contains photos of Students of the Month along with a short overview of the student. Montague has much too be proud of with students achieving the highest Sussex County PARCC scores, Mrs. Lori Jeskey being named Sussex County Teacher of the Year and Montague being 20th in the State considering such factors as dual and national teacher certification, class size, salaries and more. I will be a voice of positive happenings at Montague. Complaints and concerns will be promptly handled, however I will not advertise these situations since it can only brew more rumor. My goal is to earn your trust by being consistent, fair, honest and available. The most important reason I am here is to improve or maintain good learning experiences for the children.



Smiles,

Bob Walker, Interim Superintendent/Principal