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MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

“A shared vision is not an idea...it is rather, a force in people’s hearts...at its simplest level, a shared vision is the answer to the question what do we want to create?” Peter Senge

The Administration, Faculty and Staff welcome new and returning families to the 2010-2011 school year. The shared vision of the Administration and staff was to be ready for your children to return...and for the building to once again become a school alive with their positive energy. The partial roof replacement project should be underway when this publication goes to print and completed for the start of school.

The shared vision of our Highly Qualified teachers and paraprofessionals is that your children experience their classrooms as invigorating, even inspiring environments; places they look forward to going to as they discover the joy of learning. Montague’s learning environment is our strength. Small class sizes along with grade level teaching teams reflect our school’s strong emphasis on learning how to learn. We will continue to teach *the way students learn so all children can succeed*. We will challenge your children and guide them toward independent thinking and problem solving. We will encourage your children to make good choices and decisions that result in positive, successful and healthy outcomes. We will encourage your children to be the very best they can be and to make positive contributions to our school community. We will encourage your children to develop and demonstrate a sense of personal pride as well as collective pride for our school. We will encourage your children to live *The Principal’s Principles* every day.

What is your shared vision? What do you want to create for your children this school year? I encourage you to remain involved in your children’s education, both inside and outside of the classroom. Your involvement will help your children be more successful now and in the future. Children need all of our support to reach their potential as great thinkers, innovators and leaders who will compete and collaborate in an ever-changing global landscape.

While educators teach knowledge and skills, children’s attitudes toward school and their habits of studying, reading and learning, are largely developed at home. Studies have consistently linked parental involvement with higher grades and test scores, more positive attitudes and behaviors, and improved school environments. Family participation in education was found to be twice as predictive of academic learning as family socioeconomic status.

There are many ways to be involved with your child’s learning. Everything you do from teaching positive standards of behavior to helping with homework; attending parent-teacher conferences; maintaining open lines of communication with their teachers; volunteering in the classroom and ensuring that your children are in

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school every day on time has a direct impact on their education. The achievements of your children will be the result of the combined efforts of each of us; our shared vision for their success.

The shared vision of the Administration, Faculty and Staff, PTA and Board of Education is to ensure that the best possible educational experience continues for all of Montague's children. By working in partnership we will create this shared vision. Thank you for supporting our efforts and working with us.

This calendar/handbook is one method we use to communicate with you and the community throughout the year. It is accurate at the time of publication and I encourage you to visit the school website: www.montagueschool.org and the faculty homepages often for updated information.

As always, I appreciate your support and look forward to seeing you at school!

Janice L. Hodge,
Chief School Administrator/Principal

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Welcome Back

Once again, The Board of Education welcomes students, parents, faculty, administration and staff back to school for what we anticipate will be a rewarding year of discovery and learning. Working with parents and the community, our goal is too see our children thrive and succeed.

I wish to recognize the contributions of our parents in the many ways in which they help support the students and our district. I would like to commend our committed and hard-working faculty and staff for making our district one the community can be proud of, I would like to thank my colleagues on the Board Of Education for their commitment and dedication to the challenges that face education today. We all have a part to play in the education of our children and, through our combined efforts, all our goals can be met.

The Students, The Community, The Future!

**Thomas Bolen, President
Montague Board Of Education**

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MESSAGE FROM THE PTA

Keys to Success
*Parent involvement, Parent Support,
Parent communication with teachers*

On behalf of Montague PTA, I would like to welcome all new students, returning students and all teachers and staff to the 2010-2011 school year!

It is our same goal this year as always "To bring into closer relation the home and the school that parents and teachers may cooperate intelligently in the education of the children and youth."

The PTA has already begun preparing and planning for this school year. We welcome all of our families to become a PTA member and to come share your ideas and give us your suggestions.

We are very excited about this school year and we look forward to a wonderful school year!

Melany Lyon,
PTA President