

Parent and Student Handbook

SCHOOL EVENTS

Parents and other guests may attend school events only if invited in advance. When attending a school event: follow school rules, stay in assigned areas, and do not block exits at the gym, cafeteria, or classroom. Class parties are held at the discretion of the classroom teachers. The assigned Class Parents will be contacted by the teacher regarding any plans and needs.

On certain occasions younger siblings may not be allowed to attend classroom events. This decision will be left to the discretion of the classroom teacher and parents will be notified by the teacher.

CELL PHONES

Visitors and Volunteers: No cell phone use is permitted on school property or at school functions. If you need to carry one in, please set it to "silent mode" and wait to return your calls after you leave.

Students: It is our intention to accommodate student and parent concerns for communication with one another, yet we must insure that there are no interruptions to the school day or misuse of a phone.

- Cell phone use is not permitted on the school bus, on school property, or at school functions.
- The school takes no responsibility for the phone.
- From the time the child boards the school bus and until he/she exits the bus at the end of the day, the phone must be turned off at all times, not even in "silent mode".
- They are not to be carried around while in school.
- Either the phone is to be kept in the child's book bag all day, or it may be given to the homeroom teacher upon arrival in school. At the end of the day the homeroom teacher will return the phone at dismissal.
- If a student is found to be carrying a cell phone during the school day, it will be confiscated from the student, given to the administrator, and the parent will be called. The administrator will return the phone at the end of the day. Upon the third offense, the phone will remain in the Central Office and it will be the parent/guardian's responsibility to retrieve the phone. Please remember that if you need your child to receive a message during the school day, call the school at 973-293-7131.

CITIZENSHIP

It is in their best interest for children to be responsible for their own work and behavior, and to develop a sense of responsibility to their school community. We expect students to follow Monty's High Five code of conduct in all school locations.

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Monty's High Five are:

1. Keep hands, feet, and objects to yourself
2. Follow Directions
3. Be responsible and respectful
4. Be a good citizen
5. Stop, Think, Act

To ensure the safety and well-being of all our students, and to maintain a positive school climate that optimizes learning, Montague School will enforce all behavior, attendance, anti-bullying, and homework policies throughout the year. When there is a concern you will be contacted. It is expected that parents/guardians will support Montague Elementary School's efforts and follow through at home. Some approaches we may take in school with children who continue to demonstrate behavior which leads to repeated consequences are:

- assigning a "PAL" to reinforce positive attitudes and behaviors
- removal from class
- lunch detention
- withdrawal of privileges such as attending special assemblies, class celebrations, Field Day, school dances, or other school events
- suspension