



Montclair News and Events

A supplement to the news and events of the monthly calendar

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Mark Your Calendars!



- * **Early Release Days**~
Every Tuesday the students are dismissed at 11:55.
- * **November 2** ~ Kids Vote Performance
- * **November 4** ~ Election Day
- * **November 10** ~ PTO Meeting at 8:30 a.m.
- * **November 10 & 17** ~ Report Card Conferences
- * **November 11** ~ Veterans Day-No School
- * **November 13** ~ Picture Re-Take Day
- * **November 16-24** ~ Student Council Food Drive
- * **November 19** ~ Literacy Night
- * **November 23** ~ Kindergarten visits Hancock Park Nursing Home
- * **November 25** ~ Early Dismissal (11:55)
- * **November 26&27** ~ Thanksgiving Break

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Fire Prevention Week ~ October 3-10 was National Fire Prevention Week. "Stay Smart! Don't Get Burned" was this year's theme. Thank you to Mr. Malvesti, a Quincy Firefighter, for taking the time to visit our kindergarteners. Students learned about fire safety and were even able to try on different parts of a firefighters uniform.



Sock-Hop ~ The PTO did a fantastic job organizing the Sock-Hop on October 30. The moon was full and many Montclair families and teachers, dressed in costume, came to enjoy this wonderful social event. Thank you PTO and all who volunteered—it was terrific!

Canned Food Drive ~ The Student Council will run a canned food drive from November 16 to the 24. Students are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items to be donated to those in need this holiday season. All donations will be given to the Quincy Crisis Center.



Voting Update ~ November 2 and 3rd were days for all! We kicked November 2nd off with a Kids Vote performance by fifth grade that taught the students about voting. The fifth grade students participated in Kids Vote on the 3rd in which they were able to cast their own votes for Student Council. I am pleased to announce that Bonnie Huang, Isabelle Pillone, Janelle Chin, Andrew Mariano, Jordan Curry, and James O'Leary make up the Student Council for the 2009-2010 school year. Meetings are held in room 17 beginning Wednesday, November 18th. The Kids Vote Performance will be shown on QATV at various times. Please check listings.



Elks Dictionaries ~ Once again this year the Quincy Lodge of Elks #943 donated a dictionary to all QPS students in third grade. The DICTONARY PROJECT is designed to enhance literacy and reading for all third grade students and help them become good writers, active readers, and creative thinkers.

Report Card Conferences ~ Report Card Conferences are scheduled for Tuesday, November 10, and Tuesday, November 18. The staff and I look forward to seeing you!



Holiday Concert ~ Our Holiday Concert is scheduled for Thursday, December 17. Students in grades K-2 will perform at 9:00 and students in grades 3-5 will perform at 10:00.

Reminder of School Closing for November ~ School will be closed on the following days during the month of November: Tuesday, November 11 for Veterans Day, Early Dismissal (11:55) on Wednesday, November 26; Thursday, November 27 & Friday, November 28 for Thanksgiving. School will reopen on Monday, November 30, following the Thanksgiving Break. Have a safe and happy holiday!



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Education Week Essay Contest ~ Every year students in Quincy Public Schools participate in the American Education Week Annual Essay Contest. I would like to congratulate the following students who entered into system-wide contest: Cecilia Guan, Amanda Ngo, Jack Nelson, Olivia Ennami, John Liu, Caroline Huynh, Tiffany Yong, David Yang, Celia Hussey, Josephine Lee, and Erin Turner. A round of applause goes to all who participated!!



Picture Re-Takes ~ Lifetouch will be at Montclair School on Friday, November 13 at 9:00 for picture re-takes. This is for any student who was absent on picture day, forgot his/her envelope, or was not satisfied with his/her portraits.

PTO Connection

Greeting from the PTO!

The Box Tops Contest ended on October 16th. Mrs. Meade's 3rd grade class won the Pizza Party, tallying a remarkable 774 Box Tops! Thank you to everyone who sent in their Box Tops, together we raised over \$700. A big thanks to Mrs. Halley for being our box tops coordinator and to all the parents that helped count the box tops. Keep collecting those Box Tops!

Another thank you to all of the wonderful parents and teachers who sent in donations and volunteered their time at the Soc Hop. We had a great group of volunteers again this year who kept the water flowing, the snacks full, the tattoo lines short and the halls passable! Thank you everyone!



Our November PTO meeting is Tuesday, November 10th at 8:30 am. Ideas and thoughts are always welcome! We will also be preparing for the Holiday Bazaar and Ornament Night and other business. We will begin shopping and preparing in November for the Holiday Bazaar, anyone who would like to help with it please email us re: Holiday Bazaar. As always, children are welcome at all PTO meetings.

We will continue to send email reminders of meetings and other PTO events. If you would like to be added to our email contacts, please send an email to montclair_pto@yahoo.com. You can also visit our website at montclairpto.net for news and information.

Thank you for your support!

The PTO Board

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Notes & Quotes

Useful Websites

Houghton Mifflin is the math series used in grades K-5. Houghton Mifflin has a wonderful web site that is filled with support for both parents and students. Parents' Place is filled with great activities that you and your child can engage in to support the lessons that are happening at school. Kids' Place is filled with test-taking tips, extra help, brain teasers, and much more! Check out www.eduplace.com/math/hmm/ to help support your child!

Houghton Mifflin is also the science series used for grades 4 and 5. You can access the science website at www.eduplace.com/science/hmse/.

One other useful website to check out is www.harcourtschool.com/menus/trophies/menu.html. Harcourt Trophies is the reading series used in grades K-5. A few of the supports found on Harcourt's website are Test Tutor, Ideas for Writers, Grammar Practice, Homework Helper, Resources for Parents, Proofreading Practice, and much more!

Worth Quoting ~ Thanksgiving, after all, is a word of action. - W. J. Cameron

Just for Fun ~

Q: If April showers bring May flowers, what do May flowers bring?

R: Pilgrims!

