



# 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.
- \* **October 1**—Picture Day!
- \* **October 5** ~ Bus Evacuation Practice
- \* **October 12** ~ Columbus Day Observed ~ No School
- \* **October 13** ~ PTO Meeting at 8:30
- \* **October 16** ~ 1st Grade Field Trip to Wards Berry Farm
- \* **October 20** ~ Summer Reading and Math Celebration
- \* **October 30** ~ Soc Hop Sponsored by the PTO
- \* **October 31** ~ Happy Halloween!!

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**Back to School** ~ Welcome back to what is sure to be a successful, fun, and invigorating school year. Our entire school community returned to school well-rested and ready to jump back into academic life! I know that you will join us in making this school year an enormous success for our students.

**Open House** ~ Thank you for your overwhelming support during Open House. It was fantastic to see and meet so many of you. I look forward to another terrific year with dedicated teachers, remarkable students, supportive parents, and committed community members.



**Safety** ~ Keeping your child safe at school is one of our top priorities. Below, please find a few reminders for drop off and dismissal to insure the safety and well-being of your child.

- \*\*Cross at the crosswalks with a crossing guard
- \*\*Observe the parking restrictions and designated pick-up areas.
- \*\*Arrive at school between 8:00-8:15. Students should not arrive to school prior to 8:00 as there is no supervision.
- \*\*Choose a designated pick-up area for your child to meet you at everyday. It is easier and safer for your child to find you each day at a consistent location.



**CORI Reminder** ~ If you are planning on volunteering at Montclair this year (i.e. room parent, chaperon on field trip, PTO events, etc.) a CORI form must be completed. A CORI is a criminal record check. Everyone in the building has to have a CORI ~ teachers, staff, interns, student teachers, parents, and volunteers. CORI checks are good for 3 years and the office staff will keep track of who and when a CORI is completed. If you need a form or have any questions, please stop by the office.

**Summer Reading and Math Celebrations** ~ On Tuesday, October 20 at 8:30 all students who completed their Summer Reading and/or Math work will be invited to attend a special assembly to recognize their hard work. I am happy to report that well over half of our students continued reading and practicing math during the summer months!

**Support Montclair School with A+ Bonus Bucks** ~ Register your Stop and Shop Card for A+ Bonus Bucks today through March 25, 2010 and our school will earn cash each time you shop and Stop and Shop. Simply sign on to [www.stopandshop.com/aplus](http://www.stopandshop.com/aplus) today! You have to register your Stop and Shop card. To do this you need ID#06827. Thanks for your help!



**Welcome UMASS Boston Students** ~ I would like to extend a special welcome to Ashli Garbelt, Alicia Croeta, Jamie Manfra, Phakdey Yous, Masha Zayes, and Ashley Carlone. These students from UMASS Boston, under the direction of Dr. Robin Coddington, will be at Montclair School every Thursday to complete their School Psychology Practicums. During this time, the students will rotate through grades 1-4. While in the classrooms, they will aid the classroom teachers in math interventions. They will also use the Second Step program with students to help foster a safe and respectful learning environment.

# PTO Connection

Greetings from the PTO:

We want to thank everyone who stopped by the PTO table during the Open House. A big thank you to everyone who signed up to help out with our events. Congratulations to Sasha Affleck on winning the raffle.

More than 100 families and teachers have participated in this year's membership drive! If you are still interested in joining, is not too late to return your form. Additional forms are available by calling the school, emailing us at [montclair\\_pto@yahoo.com](mailto:montclair_pto@yahoo.com), or visiting our website at [montclairpto.net](http://montclairpto.net). You do not need to become a member to help out with PTO events, however, your financial support is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

October is a busy, busy month! The Box Top Contest started September 21st and runs through October 16th. Send in Box Tops with your children – the class with the most Box Tops wins a pizza party! Remember, if you start your online shopping by first registering at [boxtops4education.com](http://boxtops4education.com), Montclair gets a percentage or set dollar amount, for every transaction started through this site, with no cost to you! It is an easy way to support the school year round with very little effort.

We are excited for this year's Cash Calendar fundraiser. It begins October 14th and ends on October 30th. All tickets must be in by October 30th. For your last chance to buy a Cash Calendar we will be selling them at the Soc Hop.

Our first PTO meeting of the year will be Tuesday, October 13th at 8:30am in the gym. This meeting will also be the Room Parent's Tea. PTO meetings are a great opportunity to meet other parents, learn more about the PTO, share ideas and help make decisions that directly impact the school. Children are always welcome at PTO meetings.

Start planning those Halloween costumes and put on your dancing shoes! The Soc Hop is Friday, October 30th. All children must be accompanied by an adult to attend. More information regarding tickets and volunteer opportunities will be going home soon.

By now everyone should have received a magnet with the PTO Schedule of Meetings and Events. We will no longer be sending home PTO Meeting reminders. 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](mailto:montclair_pto@yahoo.com). Again, thank you for your support. We look forward to another great school year!

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## The PTO Board

Ann Mariano – President

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## Notes & Quotes

**Reading Notes** ~ Experts say that encouraging children to read is one of the most important things parents can do to ensure children's school success. Try to:

\*Get the whole family involved in reading books (or favorite parts of books) aloud to each other.

\*Be a reading role model. Make sure your child sees you reading. Have lots of reading materials around (newspapers, magazines, books, catalogs, etc).



\*Go to the library often. It's free and it has a better selection than any book store.

\*Read in unusual places—under a tree, on the floor, in the park, in a tent, upstairs, downstairs!

When it's fun and interesting and everybody's involved, parents can make reading exciting and important for children.

**Worth Quoting** ~ "Life doesn't require that we be the best, only that we try our best." H. Jackson Brown, Jr.

**Just for Fun** ~

Q: What kind of food do math teachers eat?  
A: Square meals!

