



# Monee Elementary School Newsletter

## January 2018



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### MISSION STATEMENT

**Monee Elementary School will provide quality education in a safe, respectful environment. We will inspire students to become life long learners and productive members of our global community.**

### PRESCHOOL SCREENING—201U

Early identification of potential learning problems is the goal of the preschool screening program (DIAL) being conducted by School District 201U. If potential problems are identified before a child enters school, appropriate steps can be taken to facilitate the child's educational development. Various program options are available for students with needs.

The DIAL preschool screening program evaluates a child's skills in the areas of communication (speech and language), fine motor, gross motor, and concept knowledge; and includes a vision and hearing screening. Each parent will be interviewed to help determine the child's social development.

The screenings will be conducted on Thursday, February 7 at the Crete Monee Early Learning Center (1500 Sangamon, Crete). Parents may schedule appointments for children who are three and four years of age and are not eligible to enter kindergarten in the fall. Appointments may be made by contacting Joan or Carrie at Crete Monee Early Learning Center, (708) 367-2770.

### SOCIAL MEDIA & CHARACTER EDUCATION

During the month of January, the Character Club will be in charge of our Social Media Campaign. The Social Media Campaign topic is **"Showing Fairness Here, There and Everywhere on Social Media"**. Character Club members will be administering announcements specific to our monthly topic.

#### PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS

There will be **NO SCHOOL** for students on Monday, January 15th in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. It is an Institute Day for staff.



#### PLEASE NOTE

If your child is going home at the end of the day by a means other than usual, please send a note with your child in the morning or call the school office at 708-367-2600 **before 3:00 PM**. We call the classes with the messages at 3:20 PM and we will be sure to get the message to your child and the teacher at that time. **If there is not a call to the classroom at the end of the day, your child will go home in the usual manner.** Thanks for your help.

#### PARENTS — PLEASE NOTE

If your child is going to be late for school for any reason, you **MUST** come into the office and sign your child in. This verifies that you know that your child is late and keeps the records accurate for the state. Thank you for your help.

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#### STARTING TIME

The school day starts at 9:00 AM. Children should not arrive before **8:45 AM**. Some children are arriving as early as 8:25 and there is no supervision available until **8:45**. To ensure your child's health and safety, please do not allow your child to arrive too early.

#### BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Tuesday, January 16, 2017

7:00 PM

Public Forum 6:30 PM

CMHS



## DISCIPLINE REFERRALS

Total number of Referrals for December: 7

Location	
Bus	1
Cafeteria	1
Classroom	4
Bathroom	1

Grade Level			
Kdg.	0 Referral	4th	5 Referrals
1st	0 Referral	5th	2 Referrals
2nd	0 Referral		
3rd	0 Referral		

Gender	
Male	4
Female	2

## MATH MASTERS FOR DECEMBER

Every month each teacher picks two students that they feel have excelled in Math. The Math Masters for December were:

Ms. Becker's Kindergarten—Jayden Hines & Nico Angulo

Mrs. Jedlicka's Kindergarten—Josiah James & Monae Watson

Mrs. Quirke's Kindergarten— Jayden Evans & Sia'Onnia Jones

Ms. Kendrick's Kindergarten/First Grade—Kadyn Gunby - 1st Grade & Orin Mohan - Kindergarten

Ms. Sampognaro's First Grade— Scarlett Terrazas & Brayden Pappas

Mrs. Peterlin's First Grade—Van Decker & Diya Akarapu

Mrs. Sikora's First Grade—Allison Perry & Aubrey Cherry

Ms. Cundari's Second Grade— Mikaela Laffey & Nia Williams

Mrs. Williams' Second Grade—Nathan Esparza & Paige Smith

Mrs. Swiderek's Second Grade— Ariel Ayres & Alyssa Churchill

Mrs. Lesnik's Second/Third Grade—Christopher Martin & Noah Velasquez

Ms. Manning's Third Grade—Rebecca Clarke & Karter Lashway

Ms. Smith's Third Grade— Maniyah Easter & Carson Gross

Mrs. Kranzer's Third Grade—Nayla Nardi & Briyasha Richardson

Ms. Cole's Fourth Grade— Mahmoud Mohammed & Mariela Sanchez

Mrs. Pisarczyk's Fourth Grade— Savian Haddon & Emma Kruzel

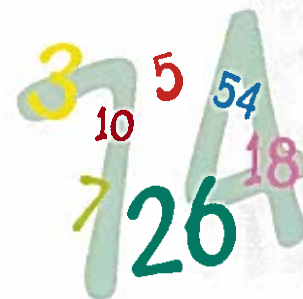
Mrs. Vukojevic's Fourth Grade—Michael Basel & Richard Crouse

Mrs. Peterson's Fourth/Fifth Grade—Christian Taylor & Ky'Mani Bell

Mrs. Bajic's Fifth Grade— Mercy Cheatwood & Austin Delby

Ms. Collier's Fifth Grade— Cydne Hudson & Jaden Hudson

Ms. Novak's Fifth Grade— Tavia Pazera & Aidin Joseph



## PERFECT ATTENDANCE FOR DECEMBER

For the month of December, 165 students had Perfect Attendance! All of these students received Perfect Attendance charms for their spirit necklaces. The class with the highest percent of Perfect Attendance was Ms. Novak's with 97.36%.

## POSITIVE REFERRALS AND PHONE CALLS

The following students have had their names announced on the morning announcements and they have been posted on the Positive Referral/Phone Call board.

Jessica Alcantar-Villasenor, Ariel Ayers, Logan Bartling, Nikayla Battle, Ky'Mani Bell, Kylene Brown  
Tyler Burnett, Melvin Carlton Jr, Jeremy Castillo-Fernandez, Mercy Cheatwood, DeAndre Cherry Jr.  
Christian Colbert, Patience Colekraty, Bentley Daoud, Caroline DeVries, Maniyah Easter  
Jeremiah Gordon, Addison Gough, Briana Graham, Noble Griffin, Carson Gross, Leah Guillermo  
Savian Haddon, Nevaeh Howard, Aaliyah Hudson, Grace Janecko, Yuxin Jiang, Nathaniel Jones Jr  
Kennedy Joseph, Mikaela Laffey, Joshua Little, Trevor Macaluso, Jalil Matthews, Jaylin Matthews  
Jala McElroy, Ian McGrath, Valentina Medina, Marcos Morales, Elliott Patillo, Caden Pena  
Quentin Pullum, Taylor Purpura, Aaron Rhodes, Mariah Rhone, Tyler Saavedra, Payton Schnelle  
Marlena Strezo, Christina Taylor, Christian Taylor, Micheal Taylor, Kyleigh Tomblin, Michael Weismann  
Liana Whitley, Cielo Ysabel Zalzarriaga



### DRESS FOR THE WEATHER

*Please remember to make sure your child has all the cold weather gear: coat, gloves or mittens, hat, scarf, and boots when needed. If the wind chill is 20 degrees or above, the children do go outside for recess. A child may not stay in from recess without a doctor's note, so please make sure your child is prepared for the cold weather.*



### ATTENTION!!

We are looking for donations of new or gently used board games for indoor recess. Please drop off in the office attention Dr. Vaughn.

Thank You!!



### READERS ARE LEADERS REMINDER

Students are encouraged to READ, READ, READ!! Don't forget: students who reach their goals for six months of the school year will receive a special Readers Are Leaders prize at the end of the year!

### PARENTS—PLEASE HELP!

Any time a check is sent to the school and is made payable to Monee Elementary (Field Trips, lunches, etc), please include your phone number on the check. We must have your number and child's name on the check in order to process it. Thank you for your help!



Ms. Smith's third grade class presented the play "The Troublemakers in Winter" . A GREAT job was done by all!



### TIS the Season for Giving!

For the past several years the PPS Department has sponsored Dollars for Denim. During the last several weeks leading up to the holiday break, staff made a donation to wear jeans to school. The money raised is distributed among our communities' local food pantries. This year Monee Elementary staff raised almost \$600 for Local Food Pantries. Across the district, staff donated over \$2600 which was disbursed throughout all of our communities. The Giving Tree passed out gifts for over 76 students as well as 23 gift cards were collected and were used to give additional presents to certain families that are in the most need. A big thank you to the generous staff that helped make this possible!

### HOLIDAY HELP

We would like to send a huge THANK YOU to the Village of Monee and Monee Fire Department! The Village of Monee coordinated a community gift drive that resulted in a truckload of gifts, which we were able to connect with over ten of our Monee Elementary families. Monee Fire Department also donated gifts to two of our Monee families to help make the season a bit brighter!



Parents, we need your help! We are asking that all of you please take a few minutes to complete the 5Essential survey for Monee Elementary by January 31st, 2018. This survey will help us understand conditions at our school and guide improvement efforts. Your input as parents is very important to us. Please see the full letter better explaining this survey which is contained in this newsletter.

Thank you for your cooperation and input.

We appreciate your help!

- Effective Leaders
- Collaborative Teachers
- Involved Families
- Supportive Environments
- Ambitious Instruction



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SCHOOL DISTRICT 201-U**



December 2017

Dear Monee Elementary School Parent/Guardian,

Beginning December 5<sup>th</sup>, Monee Elementary School will have an opportunity to participate in the fourth annual statewide Illinois 5Essentials Survey. This survey is designed to generate a detailed picture of the inner workings of our school. As a parent, this opportunity will allow you to share your thoughts on the important elements of school effectiveness for Monee Elementary School.

The Illinois 5Essentials Survey will be administered online by UChicago Impact at the University of Chicago. The survey gathers data related to five indicators that affect and predict school success. Those indicators are:

- Effective Leaders
- Collaborative Teachers
- Involved Families
- Supportive Environments
- Ambitious Instruction

Prior research in more than 400 schools has shown that schools that were strong on at least three of these “5Essential” indicators were 10 times more likely to improve student learning gains in math and reading than those that were weak on three or more indicators.

The 5Essentials Survey is designed for teachers, Grade 6-12 students, and parents. 5Essentials reports will be generated if teachers and, where applicable, Grade 6-12 students meet the participation rate of 50%. If at least 20 percent of Monee Elementary School parents complete this survey, a parent report will also be generated. Data from the survey will be sent to our school in March 2018, and it will also be included on the Illinois School Report Card that will be released in October 2018.

Your participation in the parent portion of the survey will help us understand conditions at our school and guide improvement efforts. Your identity and survey responses will be kept completely confidential and will never be connected to you or your child.

The Illinois 5Essentials Survey will be conducted from December 5 through January 31, 2018. To take the survey please visit <https://survey.5-essentials.org/Illinois/> and select the appropriate survey to begin.

For more information about the Illinois 5Essentials Survey, please visit <https://illinois.5-essentials.org>.

Sincerely,

Principal

## Social Work Segment

### Encouraging Acceptance in Children



As the holidays come to a close, families and students begin to develop new routines and goals for the New Year. This year we challenge you to include in your families goals an effort to improve your child's overall character by incorporating tolerance and acceptance as a theme of family discussions and activities. Developing kindness and compassion for others is a critical part of your child's development. At school we often think of academic successes, but the ability of children to accept others and

to feel compassion for those who are different is an essential element of social competency. To help children have a successful future they need to be able to interact with everyone in our diverse world.

Here are some simple things you can do to encourage your children to accept differences and teach them about different cultures:

- **Encourage your child to give and receive during play**-allows compassion to be learned through collaborative play which includes planning, problem solving and cooperation.
- **Make gifts for relatives and friends**-send a card to a classmate who is out sick to show empathy
- **Invite new friends for dinner**-let your child plan the menu and make invitations
- **Label objects in English and Spanish**-or utilize other languages
- **Volunteer as a Family**-lead by example and work together to help others in your community
- **Discuss bullying behaviors** - identify how a child could support a student who is being bullied (Ask the person to stop or seek help from an adult)

These are just a few ways that teaching kindness and acceptance can help introduce children to the joy of differences and they can begin to identify these virtues through their own experiences and relationships. In order for children to truly understand the virtue of acceptance, we must model kindness and compassion as adults.

Tolerance is about accepting people for who they are and treating others how you wish to be treated. Remember that being tolerant of other differences isn't about abandoning your own beliefs, it's about being open minded and celebrating the differences of others!



# MONEE MUSTANGS PTO NEWS

**January 2018**

**Next Meeting Dates: Jan. 11<sup>th</sup>, Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>, March 1<sup>st</sup> @ 6:30pm. Free Childcare!**

## Thank You!!

Our Holiday Shop this year was a great success and we couldn't have done it without the many volunteers who gave of their time to help our students shop, buy and wrap gifts for their family and friends! A big THANK YOU to those who helped!



## Scrip Fundraiser

Thank you to those who participated in our Scrip gift card Fundraiser! Our top sellers were Halle McBride, Brianna Bielak and Brandon Bielak. They each received a prize for their hard work!

## Little Ceasar's Fundraiser

It's time for our Little Ceasar's Fundraiser! This is a favorite fundraiser here at Monee Elementary! Your student should have already received an info sheet and order form. Please read the info sheet carefully so you'll know exactly what to do. We'd love to see 100% participation! Orders are due January 22<sup>nd</sup> and delivery will be February 1<sup>st</sup>, just in time for your Super Bowl Parties!

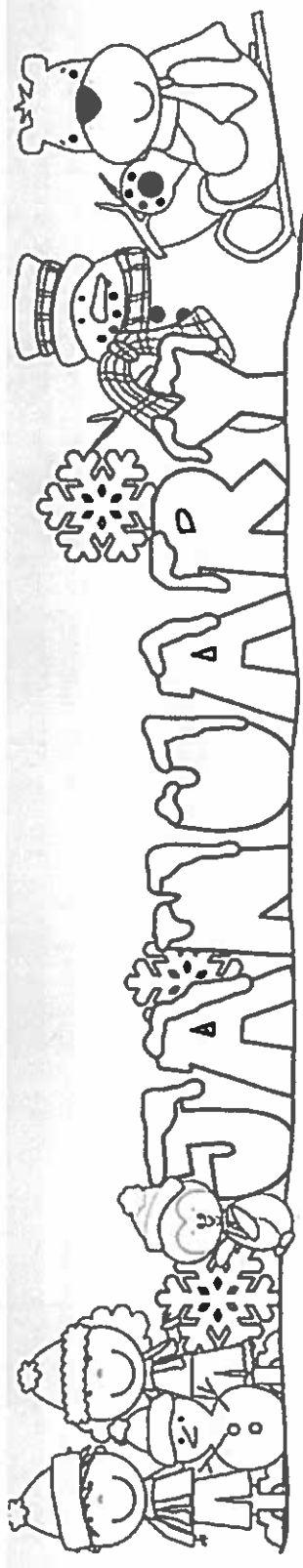


## After School Club

Our After School Club will begin on Monday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> and will run through February 26<sup>th</sup>. Your student must be registered to participate. A registration form went home in early December and the final date to register is January 12<sup>th</sup>. We are in need of more volunteers for this and would appreciate your willingness to help! Please e-mail Cathy at [cathydev3@gmail.com](mailto:cathydev3@gmail.com) to volunteer.



If you have questions or suggestions please email us at [moneepto@gmail.com](mailto:moneepto@gmail.com) or leave a message in the school office (708) 367-2600 during school hours. Thank you!



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	8	9	10	11	12	13
7	School Resumes	Early Band	PTO Little Ceaser Fundraiser Begins IMSA	Early Band Jesse White Tumblers PTO Mtg. 6:30 PM	PTO Cookie Day Pizza with Principal PBIS Store K-2 Last Day of Art	
14	15 No School Martin Luther King Jr. Day	16 Early Band Board of Education Meeting CMHS 7:00 PM Public Comments 6:30	17 2nd Gr & Mrs. Lesnik's class Field Trip Children's Theatre Company IMSA	18 Early Band STEP Testing Gr. K & 1st	19 PBIS Store 3-5	20
21	22 Music Starts F & P testing Gr. 3 & 5 PTO After School Activities	23 Early Band Student Council 3:45-4:30	24 F & P testing Gr. 2 & 4	25 Early Band Young Rembrandts Family Reading Night January 26th	26 Fairness Projects & RAL are Due	27
28	29 "Caring" Introduced PTO After School Activities	30 Early Band	31 IMSA			