

Myrtle C. Thibodeaux

All Because It's Carnival Time!!!

Happy Mardi Gras Thibodeaux Families ☺ Mardi Gras, hands down, is my absolute favorite holiday of the year! It includes all of my favorite things...FAMILY, FOOD, MUSIC, PARADES and so much more!!! I don't know about you, but I'm walking HAPPY...TODAY AND ALWAYS!!!

With the second semester well under way, we want to thank YOU for your continued support of your/our students, teachers, and school as we strive to provide THE BEST opportunities for learning each and every day.

So many things are in focus at this time of the year. We are now COUNTING DOWN the days until our 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students take the state assessment/ "LEAP" test. Our 3rd and 4th graders have 52 school days left before their test, and our 5th graders have 39 school days left before their test. Remember, ONLY 5TH GRADERS WILL TEST ONLINE!

Please take the time to carefully read through the newsletter. Our annual Literacy and Numeracy Night will be held at the end of the month. You will receive more information as we move closer to that date.

Always remember, that we are here to serve you!

Always and Always,

Diedra Miller and The MCT Family ☺

Dates to Remember

2/9 - Interim Reports issued

2/9 - Pre-kindergarten Fundraiser (\$2.00 Dress Down Up Day) Details to come

2/12-16 - Mardi Gras Holiday

2/20 - "I Can Read" Literacy Initiative (Ms. Germain Gilson, Chief of Staff, JPPSS) Ms. Gilson will read to our first graders.

2/27 - Literacy & Numeracy Night (5:30 - 7:30) Snacks will be served



Faculty Spotlight

Sha'Ref Wells

Home Town:

- ✓ Tallulah, Louisiana

Education:

- ✓ Madison H.S. (Tallulah, LA)
- ✓ University of Louisiana at Monroe (ULM)

Educational Philosophy:

- ✓ All Children Can Learn! It takes a little eagerness a little confidence and a LOT of LOVE!!!



Testing Alert!!! 3rd – 5th Parents

We have been and will continue talking to students about the LEAP test they will take in April/May. We explained to students that we get 0 points if they score Unsatisfactory or Approaching Basic in any subject on the LEAP test. The more points we get when students take the test, the higher our school letter grade.

Basic-80 Points

Mastery-100 Points

Advanced-125 Points

MCT's Letter Grade-C

Help us become a "B" school by partnering with us and ensuring your child studies for tests and completes all homework.

Statewide Testing Dates

- **April 11th - 5th grade LEAP testing begins**



From 2/1/2018 – 39 Days until 5th grade testing

- **April 30th – 3rd and 4th Grade testing begins**



From 2/1/2018 – 52 days until 3rd and 4th grade testing

Parent's Connection

➤ Red Folders

Folders will go home on Wednesdays. They will contain graded papers and important flyers about upcoming events. Please be sure check this folder each week.

➤ Websites

Utilize the following websites to help students improve with their work

1. www.jpschools.org
2. www.clever.com
3. www.louisianabelieves.com
4. www.homeworkla.org
5. www.readingrockets.org

➤ Box Tops

Help MCT earn money for our students by clipping and turning in box tops to your child's homeroom teacher. Each month, the winning homeroom wins an ice cream party!

➤ Wildcat Fridays

- ✓ Wear your MCT spirit shirt
- ✓ Win homeroom Wildcat Student of the Week. Students earn Wildcat tickets for exceptional behavior throughout out the week and names are pulled for student of the week.
- ✓ Students earn Wildcat tags for exceptional behavior.

Checking Out Students

Parents, in order for your child/children to receive the BEST education possible, it is imperative that they be present DAILY. Please be sure to have all students at school before 9:00 AM. Our school day ends at 3:45 PM. Please attempt to schedule all doctor appointments after school hours or on student holidays IF POSSIBLE! We do understand that emergencies happen, and we want all students to be WELL! Thank you in advance for your attention to this request!

JPPSS Magnet & Academic Programs Showcase Feb. 5 & 6

The Jefferson Parish Public School System has announced dates for its 2018 Magnet and Academic Programs Showcase. The showcase gives parents the opportunity to learn more about the choices available in JPPSS prior to the annual magnet program application period.

The meetings will take place Monday, February 5 at the JPPSS Administration Building (501 Manhattan Blvd. in Harvey) and Tuesday, February 6 at the Riverdale High gym (240 Riverdale Drive in Jefferson). The meetings for both locations will last from 6 to 7 p.m.

Programs to be highlighted include STEM, arts integration, International Baccalaureate, and language immersion, as well as gifted and talented, advanced placement, career programs, charter schools, and Child Search. Representatives from the district's magnet and academic programs and the schools at which they are offered will be in attendance.

Parents can submit 2018-19 magnet program applications from February 19 to April 13. [To learn more about the application process and for a full list of schools and programs offered, click here to visit our Magnet Programs page.](#)

Latest Cold & Flu Guidelines & Recommendations

It seems like we've all been impacted by the flu this season, whether it's at home, at work, or in school. JPPSS Health Services Director Daphne Walker shares some of the latest tips on how to avoid catching and spreading the flu. Please click on the link below to access the video. <http://jpschools.org/latest-cold-flu-guidelines-recommendations/>

M.C.T. Title I Plan

As part of the United States Department of Education, local schools are provided financial assistance to local to ensure that all students are able to meet the challenges of all academic standards.

At Myrtle C. Thibodeaux, we use the funds allotted to us in several ways to assure that our students receive the best possible services with the best resources available.

The following personnel and resources have been and will be purchased with Title I funds for this school year. Please visit the school to review the entire plan at your leisure.

- Academic Dean – Partners with the school principal in academics including but not limited to curriculum, instruction, testing, and Professional Learning Communities which aids teachers in data review and ensuring students are learning what should be learned.
- Educational Interventionist – Assists with providing interventions for students
- Parent Nights – Partnership opportunities that allow students and parents the ability to bridge the school and home in order to ensure our “goals” are the same. Literacy, Numeracy and LEAP Nights are among the parent nights that will take place this school year.
- Materials & Supplies – Funds will be used for parent nights and summer planning.



MCT is Going Forth...Making a Difference Every Day!!!