

# Monticello Elementary School

## NEWSLETTER



December 8, 2023

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Good Evening Monticello Families,

We have had a wonderful week honoring our Awesome Attendance (students that were present 98% of the time) and our PAWS Award winners. It was great to see so many families here to support their award winners! As we get closer to Winter Break, please make sure to check the lost and found for jackets and sweaters. A huge thank you to Mrs. Chase and Mrs. Marchini for not only keeping our traffic moving in the morning, but keeping us entertained as well! As a reminder, our last day of school is Wednesday, December 20th and it is a minimum day.

**Monday, December 11th is a Minimum Day.**

Thank you,

Mrs. Bunch



## UPCOMING DATES:

December 20 - Minimum  
Day, 1:30 release

December 21 - January 3  
Winter Break - No School

School resumes Jan. 4

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Every Monday: Minimum  
Day!  
1:30 PM Release - All  
grades

Tuesday-Friday:  
TK-3rd Gr. - 2pm release  
4th Gr. - 3 pm release

If you have any pictures of your child from the Halloween parade and would like them in the yearbook, please email them to [hmarchini@jsdtracy.com](mailto:hmarchini@jsdtracy.com).



**REMINDER: If your child is going to be absent for any reason, please email Michelle Zabaldo, Monticello's Attendance Clerk at [mzabaldo@jsdtracy.com](mailto:mzabaldo@jsdtracy.com) each day your student is absent.**



# ATTENDANCE in the early grades

Many of our youngest students miss 10 percent of the school year—about 18 days a year or just two days every month. Chronic absenteeism in kindergarten, and even preK, can predict lower test scores, poor attendance and retention in later grades, especially if the problem persists for more than a year. Do you know how many young children are chronically absent in your school or community?



## Who Is Affected

Kindergarten and 1st grade classes often have absenteeism rates as high as those in high school. Many of these absences are excused, but they still add up to lost time in the classroom.

### 1 in 10 kids

In kindergarten and 1st grade are chronically absent. In some schools, it's as high as 1 in 4.<sup>4</sup>



### 2 in 10 low-income kids

miss too much school. They're also more likely to suffer academically.<sup>1</sup>



### 2.5 in 10 homeless kids

are chronically absent.<sup>2</sup>



### 4 in 10 transient kids

miss too much school when families move.<sup>2</sup>



<sup>1</sup> Chang, Hedy; Romero, Marijose, *Present, Engaged and Accounted For: The Critical Importance of Addressing Chronic Absence in the Early Grades*, National Center for Children in Poverty, NY, NY, September 2008.  
<sup>2</sup> *Chronic Absence in Utah*, Utah Education Policy Center at the University of Utah, 2012.

## Why It Matters

If children don't show up for school regularly, they miss out on fundamental reading and math skills and the chance to build a habit of good attendance that will carry them into college and careers.

Preliminary data from a California study found that children who were chronically absent in kindergarten and 1st grade were far less likely to read proficiently at the end of 3rd grade.

### Who Can Read on Grade Level After 3rd Grade?<sup>3</sup>



84%

of kids with good attendance in K and 1st (missed 9 or fewer days both years)



43%

of kids with at-risk attendance (missed more than 9 days both years)



41%

of kids chronically absent in K or 1st (missed 18 or more days one year)



17%

of kids chronically absent in K and 1st (missed 18 or more days both years)

<sup>3</sup> *Attendance in Early Elementary Grades: Association with Student Characteristics, School Readiness and Third Grade Outcomes*, Applied Survey Research, May 2011.

## What We Can Do



### Engage Families

Many parents and students don't realize how quickly early absences can add up to academic trouble. Community members and teachers can educate families and build a culture of attendance through early outreach, incentives and attention to data.



### Fix Transportation

The lack of a reliable car, or simply missing the school bus, can mean some students don't make it to class. Schools, transit agencies and community partners can organize car pools, supply bus passes or find other ways to get kids to school.



### Address Health Needs

Health concerns, particularly asthma and dental problems, are among the leading reasons students miss school in the early grades. Schools and medical professionals can work together to give children and families health care and advice.



### Track the Right Data

Schools too often overlook chronic absence because they track average attendance or unexcused absences, not how many kids miss too many days for any reason. Attendance Works has free data-tracking tools.

There are a few steps that communities and schools can take. How do you think you can help?



# ASISTENCIA en los primeros grados

Muchos de nuestros estudiantes más pequeños faltan a la escuela el 10% del año escolar - como 18 días al año o sólo dos días al mes. La ausencia crónica en kinder e incluso en la pre escuela, puede predecir bajas calificaciones en exámenes, mala asistencia escolar y baja retención en los próximos años escolares, especialmente si el problema de ausencia persiste durante más de un año. ¿Sabe usted cuántos niños pequeños están ausentes crónicamente en su escuela y comunidad?



## Quién es Afectado

Los estudiantes de kinder y 1er grado frecuentemente tienen niveles de ausencia tan altos como los de la preparatoria, (high school).

Muchas de estas faltas son justificadas, pero igual, se suman al tiempo perdido en clase.

1 de cada 10 niños

en kinder y 1er grado es crónicamente ausente. En algunas escuelas es tan alto como 1 en cada 4 niños.<sup>1</sup>



2 de cada 10 niños de bajos ingresos

faltan demasiado. También es más probable que tengan problemas académicos.<sup>1</sup>



2.5 de cada 10 niños sin hogar

están ausentes crónicamente.<sup>2</sup>



4 de cada 10 niños migrantes

faltan demasiado cuando la familia se muda.<sup>2</sup>



<sup>1</sup> Chang, Hedy; Romero, Marijose, Present, Engaged and Accounted For: The Critical Importance of Addressing Chronic Absence in the Early Grades, National Center for Children in Poverty, NY: NY, September 2008.

<sup>2</sup> Chronic Absence in Utah, Utah Education Policy Center at the University of Utah, 2012.

## Por Qué Importa

Si los niños no asisten regularmente, pierden habilidades fundamentales de lectura y matemáticas y la oportunidad de crear el hábito de buena asistencia, que los conduce a la universidad y una carrera.

Datos preliminares de un estudio en California encontró que los niños que fueron crónicamente ausentes en kinder y 1er grado tuvieron menos probabilidad de leer a nivel al final del 3er grado.

¿Quién puede leer a nivel después del 3er grado?



<sup>1</sup> Attendance in Early Elementary Grades: Association with Student Characteristics, School Readiness and Third Grade Outcomes, Applied Survey Research, May 2011.

## Qué Podemos Hacer

### Involucrar a las Familias

Muchos padres y estudiantes no saben cómo las ausencias en los primeros años pueden aumentar rápidamente los problemas académicos. Miembros comunitarios y maestros pueden educar a las familias, creando una cultura de asistencia escolar, dando información temprana, incentivos y atendiendo estadísticas.



### Hacer Arreglos para Llegar a la Escuela

La falta de un carro o perder el bus escolar causan que algunos niños no vayan a clase. Las escuelas, agencias de transporte y miembros comunitarios pueden organizar viajes compartidos en carro, proveer pasajes para el bus u otras maneras para que lleguen a la escuela.



### Atender las Necesidades de Salud

Problemas de salud infantil, particularmente el asma y los problemas dentales, son de las principales causas de ausentismo escolar durante los primeros años. Escuelas y médicos pueden trabajar juntos y proveer atención médica y recomendaciones a los niños y las familias.

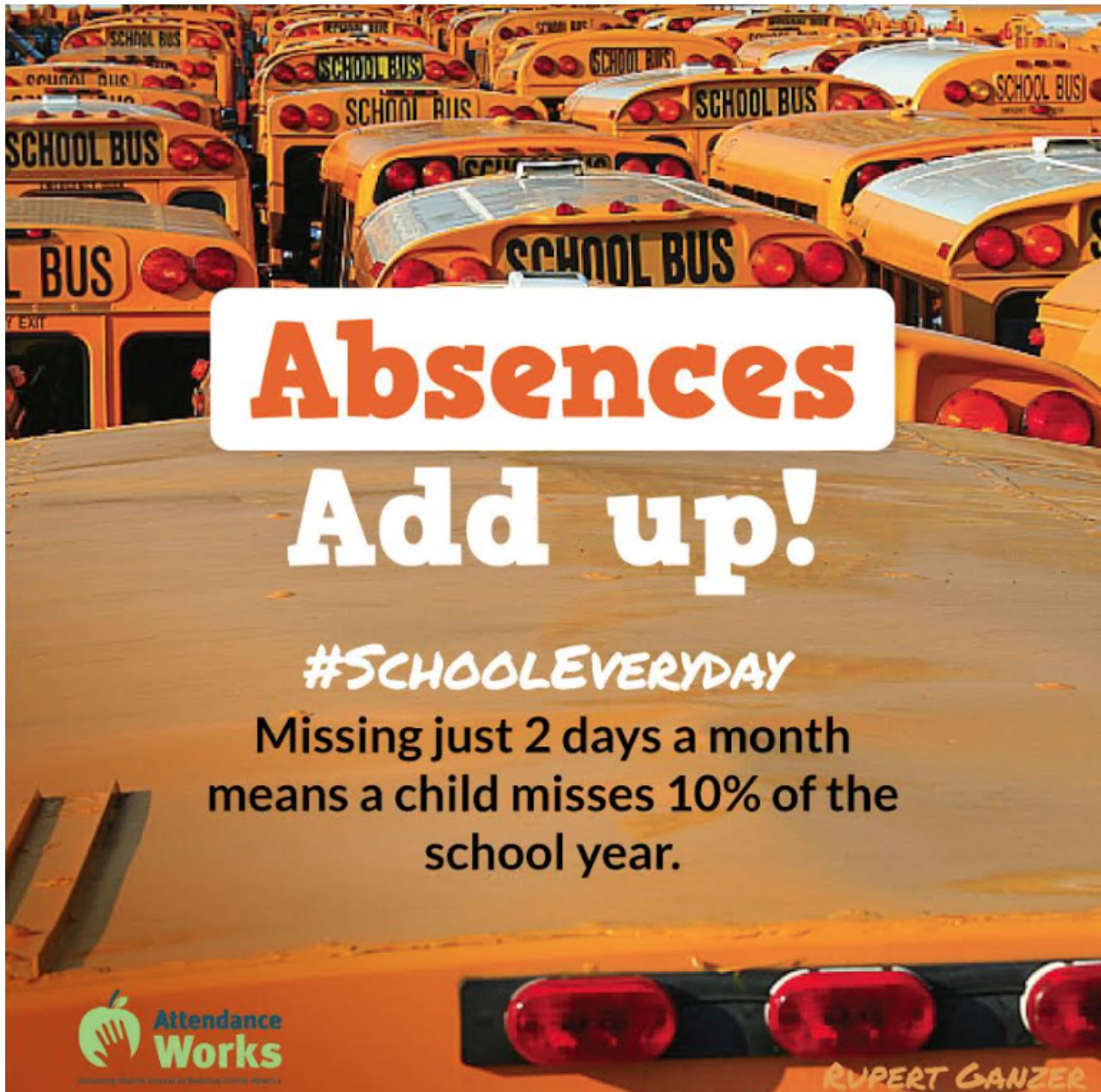


### Monitorear los Datos Correctos

Con frecuencia las escuelas ignoran las ausencias crónicas ya que monitorean el promedio de asistencia o ausencias sin excusa, y no cuántos niños faltan muchos días por cualquier razón. Attendance Works tiene herramientas sin costo, para dar seguimiento a estos datos.




Estos son algunos pasos que las comunidades y escuelas pueden tomar. ¿Cómo puede ayudar usted?



# Absences Add up!

**#SCHOOLEVERYDAY**

Missing just 2 days a month  
means a child misses 10% of the  
school year.

 **Attendance  
Works**  
Improving Student Attendance for Better Learning Outcomes

**RUPERT GANZER**



### MONTICELLO'S REGULAR DAY SCHEDULE (Tuesday-Friday)

Warning Bell	8:10 A.M.	All Grades
Instruction Begins	8:15 A.M.	All Grades
Recess	9:25 A.M. ~ 9:39 A.M.	Kinder (Kinder Yard)
Recess	9:40 A.M. ~ 9:54 A.M.	Kinder (Kinder Yard)
Recess	9:45 A.M. ~ 9:59 A.M.	1, 2, SDC (Main Yard)
Recess	10:05 A.M. ~ 10:19 A.M.	3, 4 (Main Yard)
Lunch	10:55 A.M. ~ 11:15 A.M.	Kinder
Lunch Recess	11:15 A.M. ~ 11:40 A.M.	Kinder (Big Yard)
Lunch	11:10 A.M. ~ 11:35 A.M.	1st Grade/SDC
Lunch Recess	11:35 A.M. ~ 11:55 A.M.	1st Grade/SDC
Lunch	11:20 A.M. ~ 11:45 A.M.	2nd Grade
Lunch Recess	11:45 A.M. ~ 12:05 A.M.	2nd Grade
Lunch	11:35 A.M. ~ 12:00 P.M.	3rd Grade
Lunch Recess	12:00 P.M. ~ 12:20 P.M.	3rd Grade
Lunch	12:00 P.M. ~ 12:25 P.M.	4th Grade
Lunch Recess	12:25 P.M. ~ 12:45 P.M.	4th Grade
Dismissal	2:00 P.M.	K ~ 3rd Grade
Dismissal	3:00 P.M.	4th Grade

### MONTICELLO'S MINIMUM DAY SCHEDULE (Monday)

Warning Bell	8:10 A.M.	All Grades
Instruction Begins	8:15 A.M.	All Grades
Recess	9:25 A.M. ~ 9:39 A.M.	Kinder (Kinder Yard)
Recess	9:40 A.M. ~ 9:54 A.M.	Kinder (Kinder Yard)
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Lunch	11:20 A.M. ~ 11:45 A.M.	2nd Grade
Lunch Recess	11:45 A.M. ~ 12:05 A.M.	2nd Grade
Lunch	11:45 A.M. ~ 12:05 P.M.	4th Grade
Lunch Recess	12:05 P.M. ~ 12:30 P.M.	4th Grade
Lunch	12:00 P.M. ~ 12:20 P.M.	3rd Grade
Lunch Recess	12:20 P.M. ~ 12:45 P.M.	3rd Grade
Dismissal	1:30 P.M.	All Grades



## PBIS Parent/Family Survey

Please click on the link below if you would like to give us some feedback on how Monticello is implementing Positive Behavior Supports and Interventions.

<https://forms.gle/KhNToVrywzLsWPRY7>







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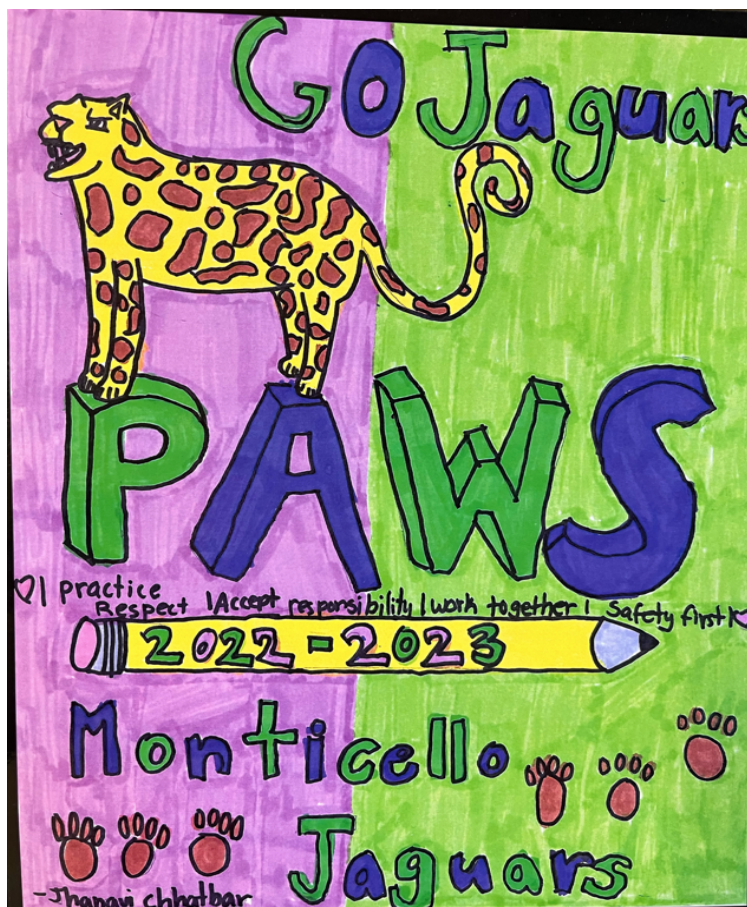
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Attention Monticello Families,  
We have copies of last year's yearbook  
for sale in the office for \$20 each. First  
come, first serve. CASH ONLY!





## DECEMBER

2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				<b>1</b> Dominos Cheese Pizza Sunbutter and Jelly Sandwich Assorted Fruit & Vegetables
<b>4</b> Bean & Green Chili Burrito Sunbutter and Jelly Sandwich Assorted Fruit & Vegetables	<b>5</b> Mozzarella Bread Sticks Sunbutter and Jelly Sandwich Assorted Fruit & Vegetables	<b>6</b> Chicken Smackers Sunbutter and Jelly Sandwich Assorted Fruit & Vegetables	<b>7</b> French Bread Pizza Sunbutter and Jelly Sandwich Assorted Fruit & Vegetables	<b>8</b> Dominos Cheese Pizza Sunbutter and Jelly Sandwich Assorted Fruit & Vegetables
<b>11</b> Pancake & Turkey Sausage on a Stick Sunbutter and Jelly Sandwich Assorted Fruit & Vegetables	<b>12</b> Grilled Cheese Sandwich Sunbutter and Jelly Sandwich Assorted Fruit & Vegetables	<b>13</b> Chicken Smackers Sunbutter and Jelly Sandwich Assorted Fruit & Vegetables	<b>14</b> Mini Cheese burgers Sunbutter and Jelly Sandwich Assorted Fruit & Vegetables	<b>15</b> Dominos Cheese Pizza Sunbutter and Jelly Sandwich Assorted Fruit & Vegetables
<b>18</b> Bean & Green Chili Burrito Sunbutter and Jelly Sandwich Assorted Fruit & Vegetables	<b>19</b> Mozzarella Bread Sticks Sunbutter and Jelly Sandwich Assorted Fruit & Vegetables	<b>20</b> Chicken Smackers Sunbutter and Jelly Sandwich Assorted Fruit & Vegetables	<b>21</b> 	<b>22</b>
<b>27</b> 	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 

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Visit [mymealtime.com](http://mymealtime.com) to make pre-payments on your childs account or apply for free and reduced meals.



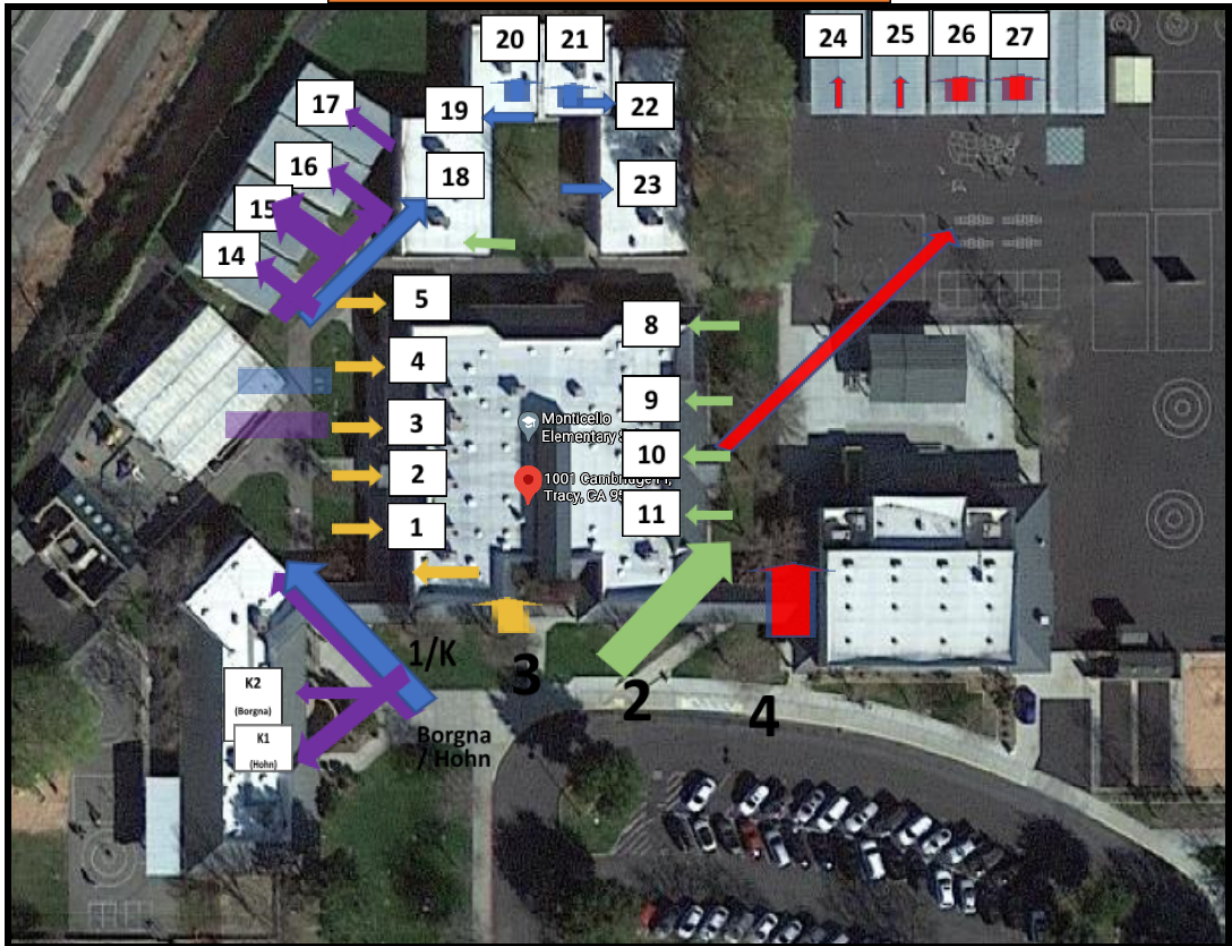
## 2023-2024 ASB Activity Calendar

December 2023						
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						
DECEMBER NOTABLES						
11/14-12/13 - Brighter Christmas Food Drive						
12/1 - Jaguar Day - Animal Print or Design						
12/15 - Ugly Sweater Day						

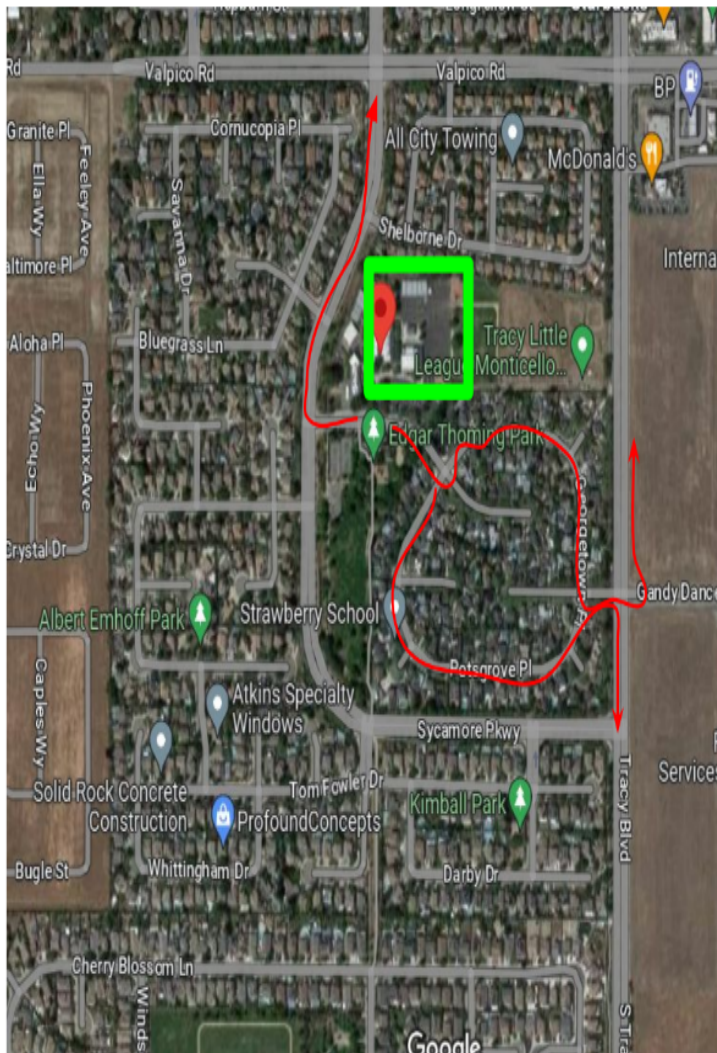
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28	29	30	31			
JANUARY NOTABLES						
1/19 - Chalk the Walk for Kindness Week						
1/22 - Superhero Day - Powered by Kindness						
1/23 - 80s Day - It's Rad to be Kind						
1/24 - Cultural/Diversity Day - Kindness is for All						
1/25 - Camo Day - We Don't Hide from Kindness						
1/26 - Career/College Day - Dream of a Kinder Future						



### STUDENT DROP-OFF INFORMATION



Please see the information below  
That corresponds with this map.



#### Traffic reminders:

- Please remain in your vehicle for drop off and pick up.
- Students should be ready to exit the vehicle as soon and as you enter the driveway
- When exiting onto Cambridge from the school parking lot or the park parking lot, please exit left or right. Please exit whichever way has less traffic to continue to move the traffic line.
- No U-turns at anytime
- The neighborhood next to Monticello is a circle and will lead you to Tracy Blvd. Drivers can make a left on Tracy Blvd to get to Valpico Rd. or a right on Tracy Blvd to get to Linne Rd. Please utilize this exit as traffic allows
- Drivers should make a right on Sycamore Parkway during heavy traffic times.



**JUST A FRIENDLY REMINDER THAT NO  
DOGS ARE ALLOWED ON CAMPUS.**





**Jefferson School District  
2023 - 2024 Instructional Calendar**

JULY				
M	T	W	TH	F
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
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31				

OCTOBER				
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23*	24	25	26	27
30*	31			

JANUARY				
M	T	W	TH	F
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8*	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	13
22*	23	24	25	26
29*	30	31		

APRIL				
M	T	W	TH	F
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8*	9	10	11	12
15*	16	17	18	13
22*	23	24	25	26
29*	30			

AUGUST				
M	T	W	TH	F
7*	8	9	10	11
14*	15	16	17	18
21*	22	23	24	25
28*	29	30	31	

NOVEMBER				
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FEBRUARY				
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MAY				
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13*	14	15	16	17
20*	21	22	23	24
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SEPTEMBER				
M	T	W	TH	F
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25	26**	27**	28**	29**

DECEMBER				
M	T	W	TH	F
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MARCH				
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JUNE				
M	T	W	TH	F
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**Total Instructional  
School Days**

August	19
September	19
October	17
November	16
December	14
January	19
February	19
March	15
April	21
May	21
<b>Total</b>	<b>180</b>

Holidays		
Students First Day		
Students Last Day		
Minimum Day (1:30 pm Release)	*	
Minimum Day (2 pm Release)	**	
Teachers First/Last Work Day		Full day
Teachers First/Last Work Day		Half day
End of First/Second Trimester		
P/T Conference (no students)		
Professional Development Day (MOU) (no students)		





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# 2023 Holiday Food Drive

## Brighter Christmas of Tracy

*Brighter Christmas of Tracy* is a non-profit group that provides food and toys to Tracy residents in need during the holidays.

Monticello Elementary School would like to help!

Please send items with your student or drop off your non-perishable, unexpired items between:

**NOVEMBER 14th - DECEMBER 13th**

*The food donations will be distributed to families.*

Some common non-perishable items include:

- Canned Foods: meats like poultry and tuna, soups, stews, chili, gravy, sauces, pasta, fruits, vegetables, and beans
- Dried Goods: soup mixtures, pancake mix, tea bags, powdered milk, grains
- Potato chips
- Cereals
- Granulated sugar
- Peanut butter
- Syrup and honey
- Bottled Water
- Cheese or peanut butter crackers
- Beef jerky
- Applesauce
- Pudding
- Fruit cups
- Granola bars
- Power bars
- Cereal bars




Food items must be in a non-glass container.

Thank you for all of your help!



Limited to the first 12 students who enroll.

Scan to join!



Begins November 28th!

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	
8									
7									
6	<b>Fourth Grade Chess Club</b>								
5	Tuesdays & Thursdays								
4	7:15 a.m.-8:10 a.m.								
3	Room 24								
2	*Students play each other via ChessKid.com								
1									
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	

Questions?  
Email Mrs.Freitas  
amfreitas@jsdtracy.com

Enrollment/Waitlist open to GATE students until November 9th.

Enrollment/Waitlist available to all November 10-16th.



# Register Today!



## Tracy Little League

*Baseball & Softball*

## Spring Season

Boys & Girls Ages 4-15

For more Information or Register @  
[www.tracylittleleague.org](http://www.tracylittleleague.org)

