



THE MAGNOLIA SCHOOL

MONTHLY ROUNDUP

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LOVE IS IN THE AIR

We hope you all have had a wonderful February, and enjoyed the extra day! Our Mustangs are taking 2024 by storm and our hearts are so full of joy for all of their accomplishments! From dancing the day away at our annual Sweetheart Dance to thanking our bus drivers and transportation team for all of their

continued hard work and dedication, our students have been showing love all month long! We thank you all for your continued love and support of Magnolia School!



UPCOMING DATES

- SeaWorld Field Trip - Mar. 1
- PTA/SAC Meeting - Mar. 8
- Spirit Week - Mar. 11-14
- Field Day - Mar. 13
- Teacher Workday/Student Holiday - Mar. 15
- Spring Break - Mar. 18-22

P.T.A CORRAL

Welcome to the PTA Corral! Here you can receive PTA highlights each month. You can also learn about organizations that provide services for our students that they can use either now or after leaving Magnolia School. Do you know of such organizations? If so, please send us their name, website (if applicable) and any information you have about them so that we can share it with all of our Magnolia families! We hope you find this space useful and insightful!

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PTA HIGHLIGHTS

Our PTA now has 19 members (11 parents/guardians and 8 staff), and we thank you for joining!

Not a member yet? Scan the QR code and join today!

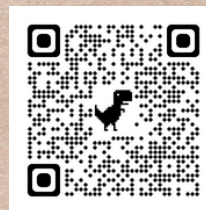
So far this school year the PTA has supported the following events:

- TEACH-IN, November 8
- Spooky Stroll and Roll-a-thon, October 25
- Winter Dance, December 13
- 100th Day of School Jamboree, January 24
- Transportation Appreciation, February 21

Thank you for donating and supporting our fundraisers so we can continue to support our students and staff!

If you have ideas for fundraisers or would like to help out, please contact President Franzel.

We hope to see you at our next PTA meeting, Friday March 8 at 9:30 AM



USEFUL RESOURCES

This month, we would like to share information on the following resources: UCF's Inclusive Education Services (IES) Program, Puzzle Ranch, and Central Florida Dreamplex!

UCF'S INCLUSIVE EDUCATION SERVICES (IES) PROGRAM

UCF's Inclusive Education Services (IES) Program provides a comprehensive, non-degree-seeking college experience to adults with intellectual disabilities. During the two-year experience, students discover and develop their passions and strengths, enhancing their ability to facilitate long-term, paid and fulfilling employment after graduation.

The program strives to deliver an immersive, innovative and distinctive collegiate experience. Students live on campus and engage with other UCF students at sporting events and student organizations, as well as complete internships in the community. The goal is to prepare students to secure employment after graduation. The program is open to students between the ages of 18-30.

PUZZLE RANCH

Puzzle Ranch is a Wild West-themed ranch in Sorrento, FL, featuring a petting zoo, teepees, horseback riding, hay rides, hiking trails, bicycle riding, and a gemstone mining sluice. The grounds also house a western saloon, store, sheriff's office and jail. The ranch owners have children with autism and have taken special efforts to cater to children and adults with special needs, including days when families of children with special needs can come for free!

CENTRAL FLORIDA DREAMPLEX

To provide The Central Florida Dreamplex is a center for therapy, fitness, recreation, and sports designed specifically for individuals with physical and/or intellectual disabilities. Our programs include traditional and recreational therapies, adaptive sports, early learner education, out of school care, vocational rehab, and group fitness classes for the whole family.



TACK AND GEAR



Camp Healing Hearts

Crafts | Games | Activities | Therapy Animals

Saturday, May 4th | 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Camp Healing Hearts is an in-person event for students in grades 1st through 12th who have experienced the death of a loved one.

This free, one-day bereavement camp focuses on processing a personal loss in a creative manner using fun games, therapy animals, activities, and arts & crafts which culminate with a service to celebrate the memories of a loved one.

Camps facilitated by licensed mental health counselors and social workers.

Saturday, May 4 | 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church | 1655 Peel Ave | Orlando

Free to Participants | Lunch and snacks provided

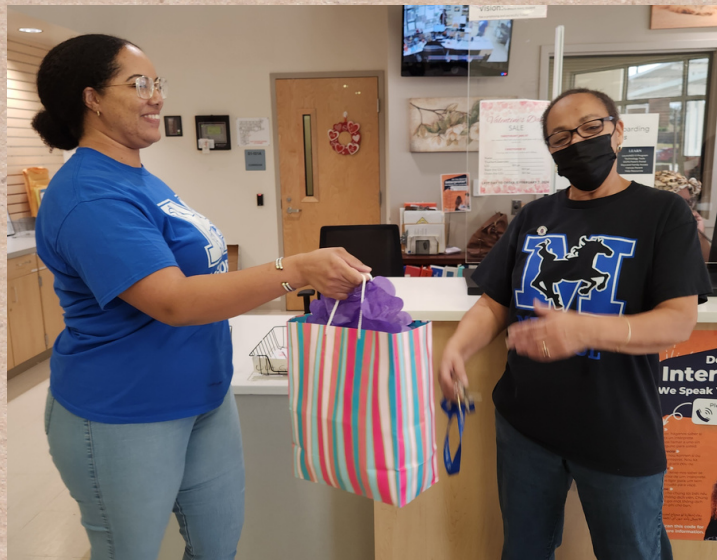
Register by April 29th to 407-379-0497 or
Regina.Nimmo@AdventHealth.com

Horizons
Bereavement Center
A program of AdventHealth Hospice Care

SHOUTOUTS FROM THE STABLES

NATIONAL SCHOOL COUNSELOR WEEK

During the week of February 5-9, we celebrated National School Counselor Week and our very own Ms. Shelly Seabrook, M.S. We thank Ms. Seabrook for her continued love and dedication to our students! Thank you for being a guiding light for our Magnolia Mustangs, Ms. Seabrook!



SHOUTOUTS FROM THE STABLES

2023-2024 GREEN SCHOOLS EXPO

Ms. Dufour has been leading Magnolia in OCPS' efforts to Go Green! Her tenacity and passion for making Magnolia a greener campus was recognized and honored as Magnolia was selected to be a vendor at the OCPS Green School Expo 2024! One of our very own Mustangs, Genesis Gonzalez, came out to support her school at this Saturday affair! Special thanks to Ms. Day for also showing support and providing a taste of Magnolia's Gift Shop at the event! Our Mustangs are always Side by Side in Achieving Our Success!



SHOUTOUTS FROM THE STABLES

WELCOME TO MAGNOLIA, KERVINS!

Ms. Kaufman-Long and her class are so proud of their newest student, Kervins, who has really adjusted well to being at Magnolia. In just a few weeks, he has learned our routine, developed some friendships and is really doing well. Welcome Kervins!



MAGNOLIA GARDEN COMPETITION

The results are in for the Magnolia Garden Competition! We had many a fine competitor, but the most bountiful harvest goes to: Speech & Language and the Cute Carrots, planted by our very own Kate Di Gioia! Special thanks to all of the teams who participated in our inaugural garden competition! We can't wait to get growing again soon!

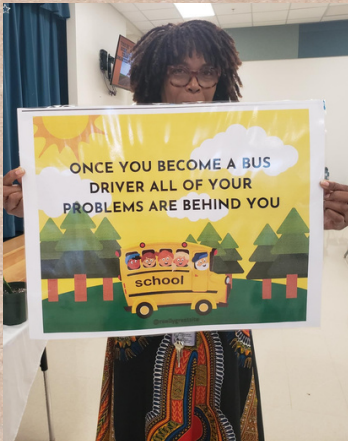
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SWEETHEART DANCE 2024

Our Mustangs wore their hearts on their sleeves at our annual Sweetheart Dance! With the generously donated snacks and support from our families and partners, our students enjoyed good food, good music, and great fun! We hope you all had a lovely Valentine's Day as well!



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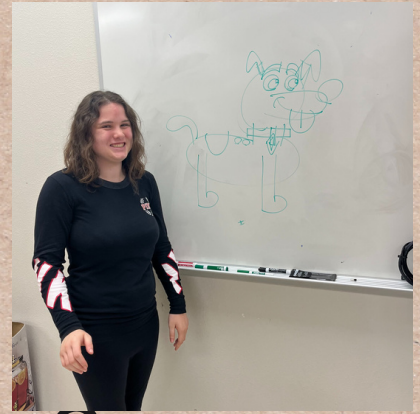


TRANSPORTATION APPRECIATION!

Our mission of Side by Side to Achieving Success is embodied every day by our Transportation team! Thank you to our bus drivers and coordinators for ensuring our students arrive and depart Magnolia School safely and on time! We appreciate you!

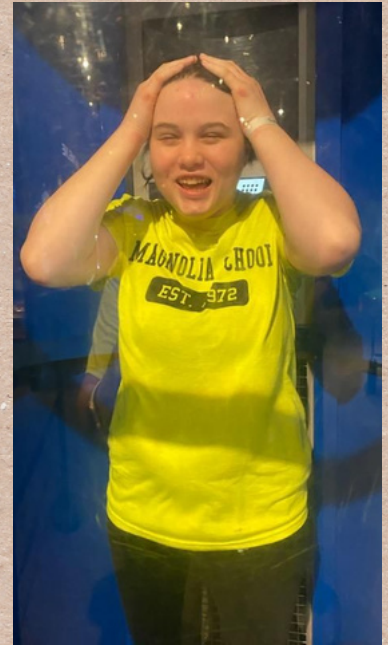


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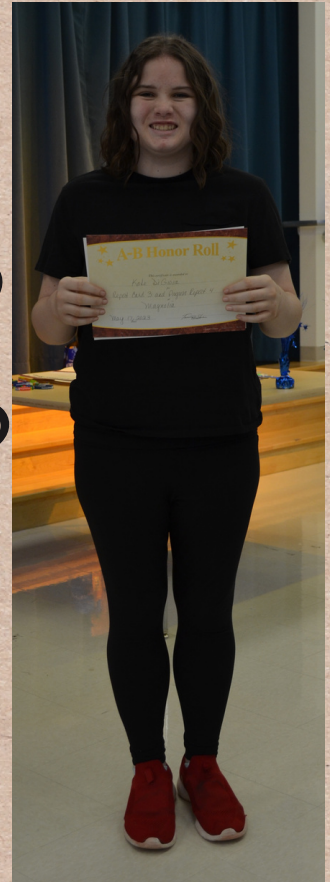


KATERINA "KATE" DI GIOIA

Our hearts are heavy as we say farewell to our beloved Katerina "Kate" Di Gioia. Kate shared her artistry and creativity in everything she did, and our sweetest songbird will be dearly missed at Magnolia School. Our hearts are forever with her and her loved ones.



IN MEMORIUM



KATERINA "KATE" DI GIOIA

Here are a few more precious memories captured on film of our beloved Kate.

