

PROPEL MONTOUR

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Definition of AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress): a school or district will make AYP if:

- It has a 95% or better participation rate of students testing;
- It meets the performance target or AMO (Annual Measurable Objectives or performance targets) in both subjects (Math & Reading); Math Target 72 Reading Target 63
- It makes “safe harbor” by reducing the percent of below proficient students by 10%

A district does not make AYP if it fails to meet the target in the same subject for 2 consecutive years in one of three grade spans; 3-5; 6-8, or 9-12.

Propel Montour has made AYP in the last 3 years.

SCHOOL	MATH	READING	AYP STATUS
PROPEL MONTOUR	82	80	YES
STO ROX	47	40	NO
CITY OF PITTSBURGH	64	59	YES
CARLYNTON	75	70	YES
CORNELL	71	67	YES
MOON	85	85	YES
MONTOUR	83	82	YES
CHARTIERS VALLEY	81	77	YES

SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATES

FALL FESTIVAL OCTOBER 21ST

LOOK FOR MORE INFORMATION IN THIS THURSDAY'S FOLDER
PLEASE CONTACT MS. PERRY IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING.

KIDSTUFF BOOKS

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO PARTICIPATED IN THIS FUNDRAISER

BOX TOPS & CAPRI SUN POUCHES

THE BIN IS NOW LOCATED IN THE MAIN OFFICE.

SAVORY FOODS COOKIES AND POPCORN

FUNDRAISER ENDS OCTOBER 28TH
ORDER PICK-UP IS NOVEMBER 17TH 6PM-7PM

LOOK FOR MORE INFORMATION IN YOUR THURSDAY FOLDER REGARDING THIS FUNDRAISER.

MARKET DAY

PAPER ORDERS DUE: OCTOBER 21
ONLINE ORDERS DUE: OCTOBER 26

PICK-UP: NOVEMBER 1 530-630PM



NOTICE:

As of October 1st, Propel is accepting applications for the 2012-13 school year.

At this time, Propel offers Sibling Preference. Sibling preference is granted for siblings of currently-enrolled Propel students, whose enrollment application is submitted within the lottery time period (Oct 1-Dec 31).

After the lottery period is over (Jan 1) Sibling Preference is no longer granted. Propel will continue to accept applications after Jan 1st.

NOW IS THE TIME TO APPLY!

Please note:

- Sibling preference is only granted to the sibling of a child already enrolled in a Propel School AND whom has during the lottery time period.
- Current student do not need to apply again.
- Sibling preference is open for all grades.
- You can apply at propelschools.org or at the school's front desk
- All students on the waiting list must re-apply each year until enrolled.

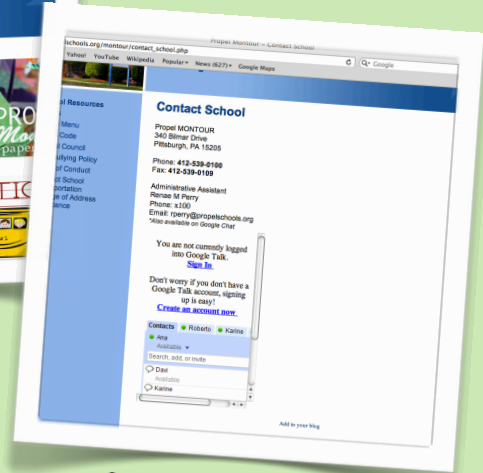
For more information call:
412-325-7305

Applications are available online.

PROPEL WEBSITE



★ Make sure to visit the updated Propel Montour website. You have access to the school calendar, main office forms, transportation information, staff directory and more!



Google Talk option is available to talk with the main office if you have a Gmail account. Click the logo on our website.

SHOW CHOIR

The Show Choir has a fantastic performance at the Celebration of Learning. We will now begin our holiday program which will consist of holiday songs with choreography. This is the program that will be performed at local nursing homes and senior centers. An order will be placed for Show Choir uniform polo shirts which the students will wear for performances only. These shirts will be available at school on performance days.

AFTER SCHOOL UPDATES

NO AFTER SCHOOL ON OCTOBER 26TH

NO AFTER SCHOOL ON NOVEMBER 10TH

LAST DAY OF AFTER SCHOOL IS NOVEMBER 16TH

STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN THE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM **MUST** HAVE A NOTE IF THEY ARE REQUIRED TO LEAVE EARLY OR NOT ATTEND THE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM.

PARENTS/GUARDIANS ARE TO ENTER THROUGH THE MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM AND **REMAIN** IN THE MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM UNTIL DISMISSAL.

THE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM DISMISSES AT 5:15PM. ALL STUDENTS NEED TO BE PICKED UP BY THIS TIME.

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR COOPERATION.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- OCT 1-DEC 31: OPEN ENROLLMENT
- OCT 19: PARENT ACADEMY
- OCT 21: FALL FESTIVAL
- NOV 2: PICTURE DAY MAKE-UPS
- NOV 3: SCHOOL COUNCIL MTG/6PM
- NOV 10: LITERACY NIGHT
(NO LONGER ON NOV 17TH)
- DEC 8: STORYBOOK FOREST

CLASSROOM NEWS

KINDERGARTEN

MRS. SCHOLAR & MRS. VICTAIN

In Kindergarten we are continuing to learn about trees. Our peach tree that we planted is doing quite well in front of the school building. Stop by and take a look! We are very excited to be watching the tree around us as the leaves begin to change color. We have also been learning about ourselves, our family and our friends. In October we will continue to focus on trees as well as apples, pumpkins and fall.

3rd GRADE

MS. FREUDENBERG & MRS. RUBINO

In third grade math, the students have been working on adding and subtracting 2 & 3 digit numbers using an open number line. In science, the students are growing Wisconsin Fast Plants. They are learning about the parts of a plant and watching them grow. Be on the lookout for the next Parent Academy. Come see how your child is learning math in third grade.

In Humanities, students have been working on map skills. We are starting to learn about the Western region of the United States. We will also start reading the book, Stone Fox soon. Students have also been learning the cursive letters and reviewing the kernel sentence. Be sure students are reading at least 2 steps each night!!

4th GRADE

MR. SMITH & MRS. MOHITH

The fourth grade math and science classroom has been very busy. In math, we just started a new unit on data analysis and probability. All students should have brought their Unit 1 test home last week. In science, we are building habitats for our Animal Studies unit. We are housing a group of Dwarf African Frogs, Fiddler Crabs, and Millipedes! Students have been studying these animals through observations and seem to really be enjoying their time with the animals

5th & 8th SKILL BLOCK

MIDDLE SCHOOL TEAM

The middle school has been busy incorporating technology into our classrooms. We now have three classrooms with laptops for each student to use for notes, projects, websites, and studying. We recently have given each student Google accounts so that we can utilize all of the great tools that Google provides. They will have access to email, Google docs, and Google sites. Using these applications will provide us with a great opportunity to communicate, interact, and educate our students. We also have created a middle school website that students and parents can access from home. On our website we post tests, quizzes, and homework assignments that are due for each of our classes. The link to this website is <http://goo.gl/V2MW7>. Please log on and check out our sites but be careful typing in the link, it is case sensitive.

PARENT ACADEMY #2

will be held on Wednesday, October 19, 2011 starting at 5:30pm with pasta and salad for dinner, and two sessions presented by teachers. The topics will range from the School Safety Plan, After School Program, Reading, and Math at several grade levels. Child care will also be available for limited number of children. Look for more information in your child's Thursday folder.

YEARBOOK

We are asking for support from the school community to share candid photographs of students along with any creative ideas or quotes that you would like to see in the 2011-2012 yearbook. Please send this information to Ms. Perry at rperry@propelschools.org Thank you!

INSTRUMENTAL

All students should have an instrument and book. Students must remember to bring their instrument and book to school on each 'B' day. If a student does not have an instrument, he or she will not be receiving participation points for that day. We play from the beginning of class to the end; not having an instrument hinders their participation and practice. All students are responsible for material taught whether an instrument is present or not.

Group lessons have begun. Students are responsible to attend at the given time. Please discuss with your child the time and day of their lesson.

Monday

Clarinet A 2-230pm

Clarinet B 245-315pm

Tuesday

Flute A 2-230pm

Flute B 245-315pm

Wednesday

Saxophone A 2-230pm

Saxophone B 245-315pm

Thursday

Trumpet A 2-230pm

Trumpet B 245-315pm

Friday

Percussion 2-230pm

Violin 245-315pm

Many students have been doing a wonderful job at practicing. This is quite evident during band ensemble and lessons. Please encourage your child to practice at least 20 minutes each day. This is the key to success on any instrument.



THE FOLLOWING FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FOR DOWNLOAD ON THE WWW.MONTOUR.PROPELSCHOOLS.ORG WEBSITE

Partner with your child's teacher: Whose Child is This?

The parent-teacher partnership, can be the most important factors in any child's education. In a positive partnership, teacher, parent, and student work as a team to get the job done. In describing the parent-teacher partnership, three words that teachers use most often are essential, vital and critical. "Without the parent-teacher partnership", "the work is only half done."

In a positive partnership, parents and teachers mutually support each other as they both impart the best of themselves to the child. When parents are involved, greater progress is achieved. Student academic achievement, friends and the power of peer pressure can be influences that parents don't see. Teachers reinforce that working alongside your child's teacher at this stage is just as important for you the parent, as it is for your child. It is strongly suggested that parents who are supportive of the teacher help their child to trust their teacher. When we establish a personal relationship with each parent, a bond of trust is created. We want parents to realize that we (teachers and administrators) are all approachable and truly care about your children. The hope is that together we can create the most supportive and caring learning community for you and your children. Please let us know how we can be of assistance and provide support for your and your children.

Whose Child Is This?

"Whose child is this?" I asked one day
Seeing a little one out at play
"Mine", said the parent with a tender smile
"Mine to keep a little while
To bathe his hands and comb his hair
To tell him what he is to wear
To prepare him that he may always be good
And each day do the things he should"

"Whose child is this?" I asked again
As the door opened and someone came in
"Mine", said the teacher with the same tender smile
"Mine, to keep just for a little while
To teach him how to be gentle and kind
To train and direct his dear little mind
To help him live by every rule
And get the best he can from school"

"Whose child is this?" I ask once more
Just as the little one entered the door
"Ours" said the parent and the teacher as they
smiled
And each hold the hand of the little child
"Ours to love and train together
Ours this blessed task forever."
The noblest work that has ever been given
Is to prepare a child for a life worth living."
(Author Unknown)

Thank you for being our partners in education.
Warmly,
Diane B Mooney Justin Aglio

LUNCH APPLICATION
AFTER SCHOOL FORM

LUNCH MENU

CODE OF CONDUCT

TRANSPORTATION FORMS

UNIFORM ORDER FORM

SCHOOL CALENDAR

SCHOOL NEWSLETTERS

FAMILY TRIP FORM

FIELD TRIP PERMISSION
FORM

CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORMS

ALERT NOW FORM

BUS ROUTES

...AND MORE TO COME

IF YOU HAVE ANY
INFORMATION YOU
WOULD LIKE TO
SHARE IN THE
MONTHLY SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER PLEASE
CONTACT MS. PERRY.

rperry@propelschools.org

THANK YOU- Ms. Perry

Special Thank You to Barb Smith for organizing our
"Jeans for Johnny" day.

Johnny would also like to thank all of the students,
parents, and staff that made donations on this day.