

The Expedition



Partnering with Parents to Build Community

One vital way we achieve our strong sense of community here at Magellan is through our strong parent/school partnership. Volunteering is a key aspect of being a member of the Magellan community, and we rely on parent volunteers for many aspects of our day-to-day operations. From supervising lunch and



recess, to chaperoning voyages and supporting our many impactful community service efforts, parent support is fundamental to all that we do. So we'd like to start the year by recognizing and thanking our amazing families for the continued support of our tradition of excellence. We are grateful for each of you!



Important Dates

Teacher Workday & Parent Conferences
JANUARY 24

Early Release
FEBRUARY 2

McTeachers Dine Out Night
FEBRUARY 6

MaP Meeting
FEBRUARY 13

Teacher Workday
FEBRUARY 16

President's Day, No School
FEBRUARY 19

Board Meeting
FEBRUARY 20

Serve & Share
Community Dinner
FEBRUARY 23

MESSAGE FROM HEAD OF SCHOOL

Jessica O'Donovan



Dear Mariner Families,

As we begin the New Year, it is a perfect time to pause and reflect on our core values as Mariners. We have spent the first trimester focusing on Respect, and we will turn our attention to Responsibility for Trimester 2. In addition to being a responsible student and classmate, we also believe that we have a responsibility to give back to our

community through service. We are striving to not only create lifelong learners, but also lifelong givers!

This month's Expedition highlights just a few of the amazing projects that our students and families support. From our Spread the Love event and our partnership with the Ronald McDonald House, to our school-wide service project with StepUp Ministry, we are focused on promoting a culture of compassion that takes students beyond the classroom and into our community. We also know that volunteering can provide a range of benefits to academic, social, and emotional development as students learn about the power of making a difference in the lives of others and supporting a meaningful cause.

Our parent volunteers provide the best role models to illustrate the impact of giving back to our community. Magellan magic simply would not be possible without the incredible commitment and support of our families.

Wishing everyone a new year filled with peace and joy. As always, thank you for your partnership and for everything you do to support our lifelong givers.

Warmest regards,
Jessica O'Donovan



Step Up Ministry

Promoting a culture of compassion is important to us as a school community. As part of that effort, each grade level chooses a community service project to focus on for the school year. But during the holiday season, we come together as one.

For the 10th year in a row, Magellan supported StepUp Ministry as a school-wide community service initiative. Thanks to all the families who contributed their time or resources, we were able to support 48 children whose parents are trying to better their lives through the StepUp program this holiday season.

Thank you for your partnership in taking our students beyond the classroom and into the community to make a difference in the lives of others.



Community Service

PROMOTING A CULTURE OF COMPASSION

In December, **3rd grade** held their annual Spread the Love event, where students rotated through stations to make cards for first responders, bookmarks for donated children's books, and fleece blankets for The Linus Project.



Our **4th grade** team partnered with the Ronald McDonald House for Thanksgiving. Students collected food and supplies for families who have traveled far from home for the medical care their child needs.



This spring, **5th grade** will help grant the wishes of children diagnosed with critical illness through the Make-A-Wish Foundation. A wish can be that spark that helps these children believe that anything is possible and give them the strength to fight harder against their illness. Magellan students will...

The logo for Make-A-Wish, featuring the text 'Make-A-Wish' in a blue, serif font. A blue arc with a star at its end curves over the letter 'A'.

Beginning next month, our **6th grade** team will serve North Raleigh Ministries by making regular visits to their food pantry to help serve our neighbors in need. The mission of North Raleigh Ministries is to equip families and individuals in crisis with the resources and skills they need to achieve stability.

The logo for North Raleigh Ministries, featuring the text 'NORTH RALEIGH MINISTRIES' in a blue, sans-serif font. A vertical line with a crossbar at the top is positioned to the right of the text.

This fall, **7th grade** gleaned a sweet potato field in Angier, NC - successfully bagging over 500 bags of sweet potatoes, weighing 4,000 pounds! These potatoes were delivered to regional food banks to serve those in need throughout our community.



In February, the **8th grade** class will hold their annual Serve & Share community dinner. This tradition is the capstone event for each Magellan 8th grade class. Students plan and run this charity dinner, serving as the wait staff and entertainment. All "tips" and funds raised go to an organization of their choosing - this year that organization is Saving Grace Animal Rescue. Our 8th grade students also serve our school by assisting with carpool and recycling.

The logo for 'SERVE SHARE', featuring the text 'SERVE' and 'SHARE' in a bold, sans-serif font. A fork and knife are positioned between the two words.

8TH GRADE VOYAGE: SYLVAN HEIGHTS BIRD PARK

Eighth grade visited Sylvan Heights Bird Park where they had the opportunity to observe (and meet!) the largest collection of waterfowl - including rare and endangered species - from all around the world. As you can see, the birds were extremely friendly with our Mariners!



5TH GRADE OVERNIGHT VOYAGE: BETSY JEFF PENN 4H CAMP

Fifth graders had a terrific time at Betsy Jeff Penn 4H Camp! It was picture perfect weather for ziplining, high ropes courses, team building games, and fireside chats. This overnight voyage offered many opportunities for students to challenge themselves, support one another and build community. Everyone returned with big smiles on their tired faces.



4TH GRADE OVERNIGHT VOYAGE: CAMP DON LEE

Our fourth grade class had the opportunity to experience their first overnight voyage to Camp Don Lee. They enjoyed many camp and team building activities, including archery, fishing, and even trying their hand at being *actual* Mariners sailing on the Neuse River.



3RD GRADE VOYAGE: MC MUSEUM OF NATURAL SCIENCE

Third graders voyaged to the Museum of Natural Science where they learned about the skeletal and muscular systems of humans and animals, and explored the many living species of the coastal, piedmont and mountain regions of our state. Some lucky students even had the chance to pet a snake or watch a sloth *slowly* enjoy its lunch!



Respect

CHARACTER AWARDS

Congratulations to our character award recipients who were selected as model students representing our core value of RESPECT.



Taylor S.
8TH GRADE



Hayden C.
7TH GRADE



Stephanie H..
5TH GRADE



Caroline R.
5TH GRADE



Mal S.
4TH GRADE



Camille W.
3RD GRADE

A VISIT FROM SENATOR GRAFSTEIN

Magellan had the honor of a visit from North Carolina Senator Lisa Grafstein of the 13th District. It was the Senator's first visit to Magellan Charter School and she enjoyed learning more about our school, meeting teachers and staff, and visiting classrooms. It was a wonderful opportunity for our 8th grade social studies students to ask questions about our local political system.

Winter Athletics



Boys Blue Basketball Team



Girls Blue Basketball Team



Boys Teal Basketball Team



Girls Teal Basketball Team

