
The Monarch Grove Flyer

A 2003 National Blue Ribbon School

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SCHOOL CALENDAR

January 18- Assembly- 10:40 AM- Na Mele O Ke Kai

January 18- All Family Lunch

January 20- MG Garden Workday

January 21- Martin Luther King Jr. – NO SCHOOL

January 25- Professional Development Day – NO School for students

February 1—Assembly: MB White Caps Band

February 23— 11th annual MG Children’s Exploratorium

Principal’s Message: We’re back!! I hope everyone had a great winter break! It has been great to see everyone and get back to work!

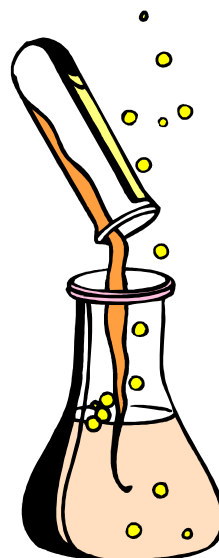
Linda Schmaeling. Mrs. Linda Schmaeling has been a dedicated teacher of many years, and is known for her caring and concern for children as individuals. Mrs. Schmaeling who has been out on medical leave since early September has decided to put in for her retirement. Linda has been teaching in the upper grades here for many years and has had a positive impact on many children. We thank her for years of service and dedication. Jami Wampler, who has been ably working as Mrs. Schmaeling’s long term substitute, will continue on for the remainder of the school year.

Stormy, stormy rain. We survived the recent storm with minimal damages (broken tree limbs, debris, a damaged handball wall, power outage and some leaky vents/windows in the usual locations). More storms are predicted—so batten down the hatches and please, also always use great caution picking up and dropping off students. Be SAFE!

Great Upcoming Events!! We have some great activities coming up in the next month or so for you to take note of and plan for! At 10:40 AM on January 18th Sandy Rodriguez (a MG parent) is presenting a Hawaiian cultural/dance assembly. At 10:40 AM on February 1st we will be treated to a performance by the “White Caps Band”—a local group of musicians playing traditional large band favorites.

But the biggest upcoming event to be aware of is the 11th annual MG Children’s Museum and Exploratorium on Saturday, February 23rd. This will be a GREAT fun-filled and educational morning and afternoon in our multi-purpose room. Herb and Marla White have done an exceptional job in planning and organizing. I know they can use some helpers (see the attached flyer) – but at minimum please plan on attending!!!

Also, on January 25th our staff will be involved in professional development activities; February 11th and 18th are also school holidays (Washington/Lincoln Memorials)- and there will be no school for students any of those days.



Science textbook adoption.

Our district is undertaking a science textbook adoption process. We are looking at three state approved text series. Instructional staff will evaluate the materials and parents are invited to do so as well. The publisher’s samples will be on display throughout the month of January at each elementary school site as well as the District Office. I hope you are able to view the materials and provide feedback prior to the adoption decision. The materials will be on display in Room 14 on

our campus throughout January— no appointment required! But do check-in at the office first!

SUPER MONARCHS: Thanks to these MG folks who go above and beyond!

Herb and Marla White Exploratorium Coordinators extraordinaire! (See article above).

Frances Hallwood: Our ace custodian—who took quick action after our recent storms to ensure our school was operational on the first day back from vacation and for setting up the science text materials!

Russ Rayburn: For his good work on our district science adoption committee.

Katherine Kirby. Katherine serves as the school teacher-in-charge when I am off campus or otherwise unavailable. She is thorough and consistent and I very much appreciate her effort!

John Kersten. Mr. K organizes and supervises noon time sports activities during his own lunch hour!!! This is something that I know the upper-grade students look forward to!!

As always, if you have any questions, comments or friendly advice please do not hesitate to call or e-mail me!

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PTA News:

Parent Drivers on Field Trips: Our District requires parent drives have a current **DMV H-6** (the H-6 provides us with a history of the individual's driving record—we are understandably very cautious in these matters). The cost for this is \$5 through the local DMV office. This clearance form must be on file with our Department of Transportation before parents drive on a school field trip. We are sorry for any inconvenience or confusion this may cause. Please feel free to contact the school office if you have any questions.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION General Mills Box Tops are being collected again this year. An envelope will be in every classroom for the children to deposit the boxtops of participating products. Each box top earns \$.10 for our school. This year's 5th grade classes are collecting and submitting the box tops to offset the cost for those children to attend Camp Rancho Allegre next year.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO CLIP THE BOX TOPS AND SEND THEM TO SCHOOL!!!! THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!!

PARENTING THE ADOLESCENT:

Winter session will be held on Tuesday evenings, 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm at Del Mar Elementary. January 8 through March 11, 2008. Class Fee: \$25. To register call the Adult School Office at 549-1222.

Parent Participation Program: San Luis Coastal Adult School is now accepting registration for Winter Quarter. Classes for parents and children ages 0-8 meet once a week. Classes are \$45 for a 10 week quarter. Scholarships are available and registration is ongoing. Come learn together, make new friends, and create memories. For more information on a wide variety of core and enrichment classes please call 549-1222 or visit our website at ae.slcsd.org.

Becoming a Love and Logic Parent

Tim Ross, LCSW will be conducting classes beginning Tuesday, January 15th through February 29th (seven Tuesdays) 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm. The classes are located at CL Smith Elementary School in San Luis Obispo. The cost for the class is \$75 per person (Scholarships available). Free child care for children age 5 and older. Please call 549-1222 to reserve your seat.

Monart. After school Spanish and Art Classes are available on Tuesdays beginning January 15th through February 26th from 2:30 - 3:30 pm in the Art Room. The cost is \$60. Registration forms are available in the office. **Kindergartners only-** Spanish and Art Classes are available for kindergarten students only on Tuesdays beginning January 22nd through March 4th from 12:30 – 1:30 pm in Room 14. The cost is \$60. Registration forms are available in the office.

Questions? Please call Claudia Gwinn at 544-4243.

GARDEN NEWS. Our next garden workday will be on Sunday, January 20th from 1-4pm. Please come for an hour or two and bring your gloves. We will be building a new worm bin, re-creating the native garden pathway, and weeding. As always, refreshments will be served. Rain cancels.