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# 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 Ki Kai

January 18- ALL FAMILY LUNCH

11:40 -12:00 Grades 1-3 Recess

11:45-12:00 Grades 4-6 Eat

12:00 pm - Grades 1-3 Eat

12:25 pm - Lunch/Recess End

January 21- Martin Luther King Jr. – NO SCHOOL

January 25- Professional Development Day – NO school for STUDENTS

January 28- School Site Council

February 1- Vision Screening-Kindergarten 8:30 am  
Assembly White Caps Band 10:40 am

February 11- No School - Lincoln Memorial

February 18- No School -- Washington Memorial

February 23- MG Exploratorium–10 am – 2 pm

March 21 – 28- Spring Break

**Principal's Message: Wow!** We enrolled nine new students the first week back from winter break!!! So we welcome all of our new students and look forward to having them and their families be a part of our great school.

**Professional Development Day-** Next Friday, January 25<sup>th</sup> our teachers will be involved in some important professional development work—and there will be no school for students. We will be teaming up with the teachers from Baywood School. On that day the two teaching staffs will closely examine the English Language Arts standards in order to determine the 'essential' standards in the four English Language Arts (ELA) strands (reading, writing, oral language and listening). This is a part of a long term district wide effort that will result in teachers prioritizing the more than fifty ELA standards per grade level to twenty of the most important standards that will most positively

impact future academic success. Some of the next steps will include establishing the 'essential standards' in ELA districtwide, the creation of a suggested instructional calendar and most importantly, designing a meaningful and informative assessment tool which accurately shows student achievement over time. The current state mandated tests are only given once in the late spring, only provides a general overview of achievement, and does not provide the results in a timely manner (the results do not come until AFTER the school year has been completed). Thank you for your support and for the adjustments you make to for this day to happen.

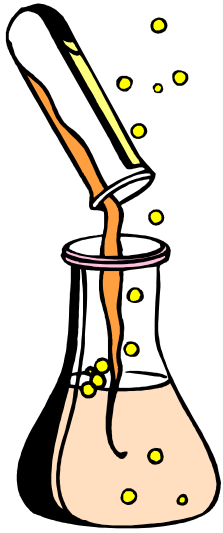
**ALL FAMILY LUNCH** — The last Friday of every month that is a school day, has traditionally been what is called an "All Family Lunch". **ALL** parents and family members are invited to participate in the **ALL FAMILY LUNCH this Friday, January 18th**. Please check the lunch schedule change in the school calendar as it is different than our regular lunch period. This is a lunch period in which we encourage family members to come to school and enjoy a mid-day meal with their children and their friends. We realize that not all parents can come on this day, so for those



who can and do, please include your children's classmates (we don't want students to feel left out!!). So, if you can we'd love to see you (but, please keep your family pets at home) and be sure to sign-in at the office when you come on campus!! For future planning, **ALL FAMILY LUNCH** is always the **last Friday of the calendar month** that is a school day. 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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**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!



**Kindergarten Vision Screening.** Vision is important to learning at all ages, but especially during your child's early years. On February 1<sup>st</sup> a local optometrist will screen the vision of kindergarten students. The screening will include a brief check for refractive error, binocular vision, eye movements, and eye health. If you **DO NOT** wish your child screened, please send a note to your child's teacher. If you have any questions, please contact your school nurse.

La vision de su hija o hijo es importante para el aprendizaje, especialmente durante los primeros años de la educación. En el 1<sup>st</sup> de Febrero un optometrista revisará la vision de los niños del grado kinder. Si, usted **NO QUIERE** que su estudiante sea revisado, por favor mande una nota a la maestro o el maestro de su hijo o hija.

## PTA News

**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 is collecting and submitting the box tops to offset the cost for those children to attend Camp Rancho Alegre 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: \$25.00. 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 \$45.00 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.slccusd.org](http://ae.slccusd.org).

## Becoming a Love and Logic Parent

Tim Ross, LCSW will be conducting classes beginning Tuesday, January 15<sup>th</sup> through February 29<sup>th</sup> (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 to children age 5 and older. Please call 596-4094 to reserve your seat.

## LAST CHANCE: ART and POETRY

**CONTEST:** The California Coastal Commission is sponsoring an art contest which is open to all students grades K through 12. The theme is "Local Marine Life and Conservation". Get out your pencils, crayons, paints, and pastels! Create something beautiful over the winter break! Applications for submissions are available from the YMCA. For more information please call 528-8150 or stop by the YMCA in Room 27 (Portable on the playground).

## QUOTES

### Education

It is the mark of an educated mind to be able to entertain a thought without accepting it.

-Aristotle

Education is knowing what to do when you don't have the answers.

-Art Costa