
The Monarch Grove Flyer

A 2003 National Blue Ribbon School

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SCHOOL CALENDAR

January 25- Professional Development Day – NO 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 – 30 Spring Break

Principal's Message:

Professional Development Day- This Friday, January 25th our teachers will be involved in some important professional development work—and there will be no school for students. All elementary schools in the district will be conducting professional development activities. We will be teaming 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. Teachers will work together to identify the twenty or so standards that will most positively impact future academic success. Some of the next steps in this process will include establishing the 'essential standards' 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 given once in the late spring, only provide a general overview of a student's achievement, and the results do not come in a timely

manner (the results come just before the next school year begins). Thank you for your support and for the adjustments you make for this day to happen. As always, if you have any questions, comments or friendly advice please do not hesitate to call or e-mail me! Stay dry and drive carefully!!!

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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 Allegre next year. **PLEASE REMEMBER TO CLIP THE BOX TOPS AND SEND THEM TO SCHOOL!!!! THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!!!**

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.slcusd.org.

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 7. The cost is \$60. Registration forms are available in the office. Questions? Please call Claudia Gwinn at 544-4243.