
The Monarch Grove Flyer

A 2003 National Blue Ribbon School

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SCHOOL CALENDAR

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

FEB 7 - PTA Meeting: 8:30 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: I enjoy hearing from kids what they think different adults do and what is important in their views. Here are some opinions from second graders on the difficulties of being a school principal.

The most difficult part of being a principal is....

- ...it is very hard to be with however many people are at this school.
- ... typing on a computer because it is hard typing.
- ... gathering all your papers and putting them in your car.
- ... remembering all the birthdays.
- ... it is hard to scream at someone and tell them what they did was wrong.
- ... when kids don't listen.
- ... knowing what should be for lunch for the students.
- ... when he is on vacation and the office calls him and he has to come all the way back.
- ... making sure the kids are under control.
- ... he can't play golf because his hands are too tired from typing on his computer.
- ... remembering the children's names.
- ... talking to kids about what they did wrong
- ... having to wake up on school days.
- ... keeping the kids under control, quiet and getting along.

... lastly looking good is difficult.

EXPLORATORIUM UPDATE: The planning of the February 23rd Exploratorium is going very well. The one thing Herb (our most excellent event coordinator) still needs are products for the Peddler's Book Faire; good condition used books, tapes and CDS are still needed. Call Herb at 550-3715. Herb will also be at the Feb 7th PTA meeting 8:30 Am to provide an update on the event.

Professional Development Day: First of all thank you to our parent community for working with us on the student free professional development day last Friday. On that day, the instructional staffs of Monarch Grove and Baywood elementary schools got together to examine and discuss the English Language Arts standards. Second, just about all the participants thought the time spent with their colleagues in collaborative discussions was valuable. The Monarch Grove and Baywood PTAs also supported the day with coffee, fruit, bagels and a delicious lunch from *Noi's* (a local Thai restaurant).



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

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!!!

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.slcsd.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. Questions please call Claudia Gwinn at 544-4243.

SCHOOL BUS TRAINING:



San Luis Coastal Unified School District Transportation Department will be starting a training class for anyone interested in

becoming a school bus driver.

Training classes will be held March 3 through 17, 2008. They will be held in the Transportation Training Room at the San Luis Corporation Yard, 937 Southwood Drive, SLO. Class hours will be from 9:00 to 12:00 for approximately twelve days.

Positions are available and pay starts at \$15.83. For more information and to register, call Annette Sharp "Annie" at 596-4111 ext. 146

Walk-A-Thon-News:

Walk-A-Thon has officially begun. We have begun the process of acquiring sponsors. Any family or businesses wishing to sponsor our Walk-A-Thon in the amount of \$150.00, please call 528-8211 for details. Each sponsor receives their name on about 400 T-shirts, a banner in the multi purpose room for one year, a banner up on event day, and your donation will be used to pay for T-shirts and other supplies. We will have a short meeting on Wed. Jan. 30th in the multi-purpose room. Anyone interested in helping please call 528-8211.

QUOTES Parenting

Parents can only give good advice or put them on the right paths, but the final forming of a person's character lies in their own hands.

Anne Frank

Your children need your presence more than your presents.

Jesse Jackson

Everybody today seems to be in such a terrible rush; anxious for greater developments and greater wishes and son; so that children have very little time for their parents; parents have very little time for

each other; and the home begins the
disruption of the peace in the world.

Mother Teresa