
The Monarch Grove Flyer

A 2003 National Blue Ribbon School

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SCHOOL CALENDAR

April 3- 5th and 6th grade to PAC – *Opera: Carmen*

April 3rd—LOMS parent information night (for parents of current 6th grade students)

April 18- Monarch Grove Walk-a-Thon

April 25- 9 AM— The Legend of King Arthur

April 25— Morro Bay Kite Festival Assembly

May 1- OPEN HOUSE

May 6-19: STAR testing—Grade 2-6

Principal's Message:

GIRL TALK. We would like to inform you about Girl Talk, a national non-profit organization right here at Monarch Elementary School. Girl Talk is high school girls meeting and taking with the 6th grade girls about the issues that most concern them, such as friendship, eating habits, bullying, self-esteem, and many more. We want to give your girls the confidence and knowledge to face the issues now and in the future. Meetings will be during lunch period 12:15-12:55pm on alternating Wednesdays and Tuesdays. Our first meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 9th of April. Any comments or questions feel free to contact the advisor at mwhitake@calpoly.edu. We hope to see your girls there!

Gates. You may have noticed that our campus also has recently had some gates installed at the open access points to our campus.

About 4 months ago, the SLCUSD school board asked district administration to survey all campuses for safety concerns. I reported the inconsistent night lighting and the open access points to our campus.

The night lighting has been since repaired. This week they began the installation of chain-linked gates. They will eventually be placed on the four main unrestricted openings (two on the main playground, one from the eating area, and one on Doris Avenue) to campus with the intention of directing all visitors and people to the office complex during the school day. As of now I do not intend on locking them, but just keeping them closed during school hours.

Skatepark. We have been hearing from our students about troubling behaviors that are occurring there. While I am not certain what is true and what is exaggerated, I would advise you to discuss with your children what they are doing, who they are with and what they are seeing occurring when they are out in the community.

Testing Windows. Our school will be involved in state mandated testing (grade 2-6) from May 6-May 19. Please plan accordingly and avoid all absences for other than health related or family emergencies. Also, during the testing window, please plan on making every effort to have your child

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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WE CARE ABOUT KIDS

PTA News

PLEASE JOIN US- Thursday, April 3rd at 8:30 am in the PTA room for our monthly meeting. Hope to see you.

TALENT SHOW Our annual school talent show has been produced and directed by Mr. A, Mr. G, Mrs. G and Mr. Nichols—all of who are retiring. So we are looking for some parents to step up and learn how to produce and direct this annual event. Right now, we have Otis Carter and Denise McDonald who are willing to learn and take a leadership role. But, there is a lot to learn, a lot to do and it is not as easy as it looks. Denise and Otis can not do it without assistants and would like to hold an organizational meeting—please contact Denise at: denisemacdonald@sbdglobal.net to volunteer. We need parent power to make this one happen.

Popcorn Fundraiser Camp Rancho Allegre! The 5th grade class will be selling popcorn for 25 cents on Fridays after lunch on the playground. Kindergarteners can order in the morning and it will be delivered to their classes before they go home.

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.

E-WASTE RECYCLING

SLOHS Tech Club is having their Spring e-Waste recycling event this weekend, April 5 - 6, from 10 - 4 in the high school parking lot.

All electronics may be dropped off for FREE recycling. The Tech Club earns money for each monitor, TV, or other CRT device turned in. This is a great way to clean all of that old and broken equipment out of your garage, attic, basement, or wherever!

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