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## MG Parent News 01/29/2020

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**PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:  
HELP OUR STUDENTS BE PHOTOGRAPHERS,  
WE NEED DIGITAL CAMERAS**

This Friday, we will be launching our school wide leadership roles for 3rd-5th graders. One of the roles is photographer. These students will learn how to use a digital camera and will then take photos of events on campus. We will use the pictures for our social media, our website, and the yearbook. We only have two working cameras and we have many students interested in this role. If you have a digital camera you are no longer using, I hope you will consider donating it to us. If you are interested in purchasing one as a donation, **something like this** would be perfect. If you have questions or would like to know more about our needs, you can contact the staff advisor to the Communications Team, Mrs. Santoianni. You can email her at [asantoianni@slcusd.org](mailto:asantoianni@slcusd.org) or find her in the library.

Make sure to watch our **Facebook** and **Instagram** for photos of our leadership role launch party happening on Friday. We can't wait to see our students empowered with these leadership roles.

Sincerely,  
*Lara Storm*  
Principal

### COMING EVENTS

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3**

PTA Meeting, 6:30, Library

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7**

Principal's Coffee, 8:25, Library

*Topic: Talking to Children About Differences*

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10**

No School, Lincoln's Birthday

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13**

English Learner Advisory Council (ELAC), 6:00

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17**

No School, Presidents' Day

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18**

Science Fair Projects Due

Jr. Lighthouse Presents at SLCUSD School Board, 6:00, LOMS

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21**

Exploratorium and Science Fair, 5:00-7:00, MPR

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25**

Information Session for Potential Families, 9:00-10:00AM, Library

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26**

Information Session for Potential Families, 5:00-6:00PM, Library

**MONDAY, MARCH 2**

No School, Teacher Work Day

**MARCH 2-MARCH 27**

TK and Kindergarten Registration

District Open Enrollment

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4**

Information Session for Potential Families, 9:00-10:00AM, Library

## NEWS AND NOTES



**FRIDAY IS SPORTS DAY:** Show your spirit and have some fun on Friday for sports day. Students are encouraged to wear the gear from their favorite team or sport.

**TALKING TO CHILDREN ABOUT DIFFERENCES PRINCIPAL'S COFFEE:** Has your child pointed out someone's differences and you didn't know how to respond? Wish you had responded differently? Our guest speaker, Sandra Sarrouf, will give us some guidance on how to talk to kids about race, gender, ability, culture and other differences. I hope you will join us for this awesome discussion! The coffee is on Friday, February 7 at 8:25 in the library. **RSVP here.**

**EQUITY PARENT MEETING:** Our school and the district have been actively engaged in equity related activities over the past 2 years to help all of our students to be successful. Please join us on Thursday, February 13th, from 6:00-7:30 pm at Bishop's Peak Elementary multi-purpose room for a community meeting to share the activities we are doing and to have a conversation on talking across differences. We will share this workshop with Raise-Up SLO, a local volunteer organization of parents. We would love to have your thoughts, opinions, and participation in this event. See attached [flyer](#) for more information. Sign- up at [Eventbrite](#) to let us know that you are coming. Seating is limited, see you there!

**WIN A TRIP TO DISNEYLAND:** Our 4th grade class is selling raffle tickets for a chance to win a Disneyland vacation. The prize package is 10 one-day Disneyland Park Hopper passes (good through 12/25/20) and a \$300 Visa gift card. It is \$10 for one ticket, \$20 for 3 tickets and \$100 for 18 tickets. The drawing is on March 17. Raffle tickets are available in the office or by contacting Jill Stow at 805-748-8138 or [jillstow@gmail.com](mailto:jillstow@gmail.com). Keep an eye out for a table outside of the library every Friday, too. You can buy your tickets using cash, check or credit card.

**PTA NEWS:** Flocking Flamingos is back....February 3rd through February 14th. Help the 4th grade class raise money for Science Camp next year to attend Camp Ocean Pines. Flocking is a fun way to show friends, businesses and family that they are being thought of. Please pick up an order form in the office, or print one out [here](#).

**INFORMATION SESSIONS FOR INCOMING FAMILIES:** If you know a family that is interested in attending Monarch Grove in the fall, please let them know that we are doing information sessions in late February and early March. The sessions include an informational presentation, student-led campus tour and classroom drop-ins. [This document](#) has more details about the sessions and registration. incoming Kindergarten families that are interested in Dual Language Immersion at Baywood will want to [check out this document](#).

**ATTENTION 4TH GRADE FAMILIES:** We want your help selling Disneyland raffle tickets! Think about selling to your family, coworkers, neighbors and friends. Let's get these kids to camp! If you are willing to help, please get in touch with Jill Stow at 805-748-8138 or [jillstow@gmail.com](mailto:jillstow@gmail.com).

**LIBRARY CORNER: Battle of the Books:** We have another qualifier: congratulations to 5th grader Lotus Katzoff!! Keep reading those Battle books Monarchs! **Leader in Me in the Library:** Be proactive and check out one of the many books in the library that can help students (and the whole family) learn about Habit 1. They're on the Leader in Me display at the front of the library (parents are also welcome to check them out). This display will be updated weekly as we focus on each of the different habits. **CYRM Update:** 4th and 5th graders are finishing up their last book for the California Young Reader Medal Award and will be voting next week. Ask your student about the books we've read and which one might be their favorite. TK - 3rd graders still have two more books to read and then they will be casting their votes as well. **Overdue Books:** We've had a lot of overdue notices get mailed home (this only happens when books have been overdue for 3 weeks or more). Please help your student(s) keep track of their books at home and remember when their library day is so they can return old books and check out new ones. You can find some helpful tips from parents [here](#). See you in the library! -- Mrs. Santoianni

**TREX PLASTIC RECYCLING:** Monarch Grove collected a total of 268 pounds of plastic trash in 2019! Wow!! That is a lot of plastic. We are averaging about 4 to 5 trash bags full of plastic film trash per week on campus, and have 3 more months to go to end the collection competition with other west coast schools our size. Thank you to the families who have been using the collection box in the front office . Remember to collect clean, dry, compressible plastics-- think bread bags and apple bags. If you are curious about the Trex Recycling Program you can find out more here:

<https://www.trex.com/recycling/recycling-programs/>

**GARDEN NEWS:** There are a ton of salad greens just waiting to help you check off your new year's resolution to eat more vegetables and eat more locally. I know the students often snack on the greens while in the garden. They LOVE the crisp and juicy lettuce! Please enjoy the bounty as much as we do!! It will go to seed soon so get it while you can.

**KINDERGARTEN ENROLLMENT FOR 2020-2021:** Attached are our new district enrollment procedures for Baywood Elementary and the new Dual Language Immersion program. These procedures are in effect for the coming school year 2020-2021. For Kindergarten registration all families take the child's birth certificate, vaccination record, and proof of address to the home school. Families may elect to apply to attend the Baywood program and complete an open enrollment form. Please let us know if you have any questions.

**HELP A 4TH GRADER HELP THE KOALAS IN AUSTRALIA:** Hello! My name is Beckett Woods and I am a 4th grader at Sinsheimer Elementary. I am half Australian so I am concerned about all the animals dying in the Australia wildfires. So we have decided to design and sell T-shirts to raise money and help the koalas. I drew the design and my dad printed it and now we are ready to help raise money for the poor koalas. Did you know that over 13 million acres of land have burned in Australia? It is estimated that half a billion animals have died in the Australia wildfires so far. My dad grew up in Port Macquarie, Australia and my grandparents still live there. My grandma and grandpa will hand-deliver the check to the Port Macquarie Koala Hospital. These T-shirts are a way to show that you care and a way to donate directly to a cause that will actually help this crisis. By buying a T-shirt online for \$25 through J.Carroll's webstore \$11.50 will be donated to the koalas in Port Macquarie. Also, anybody around the United States can buy one, so tell your friends and family. This is a way that you can have an awesome T-shirt and help these poor koalas and help Australia. Thanks for your consideration; I hope we can make a difference! If you would prefer to donate directly, you can Venmo Karen Woods @Karen-Woods-805 with a note for Port Macquarie Koala Hospital donation. You can also donate directly to the hospital here.

**DREAM BIG ENGINEERING FILM:** The Cal Poly Society of Civil Engineers would like to invite the students and parents of Monarch Grove Elementary School to their showing of "Dream Big: Engineering Our World" on Friday, January 31 at 7:00PM in the Spanos Theatre on Cal Poly's campus. "Dream Big" is a brilliant educational documentary about the inspiring and fascinating world of engineering. There will be a Q&A with remarkable Cal Poly Engineering students following the film. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children and can be purchased through the link on the attached flyer.

**ANGEL ACCOUNTS:** Looking for away to help others in need? Consider donating to the Child Nutrition Angel Account. Angel accounts are used to help pay off student meal debt. Meal debt is something no child should have to think about!

Help make meal debt a thing of the past. Call the Food & Nutrition Services Office at 805-549-1234 if you would like to donate today.

**ORDER FROM SHUTTERFLY = MONEY TO MG:** Ordering cards and gifts? Invitations? Personalized books? If you use Shutterfly through [this link](#), **8% will come back to our school**. Happy shopping!

**ESTERO BAY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION:** Want to play youth sports? If your family participates in the "School Meals Program," the Community Foundation of Estero Bay Inc. has funds to help with registration fees for activities. See [this flyer](#) for more information.

**TRAFFIC REMINDERS:** Rosina Drive between Pine and Doris is a private drive and should not be used by anyone but residents. Please be aware of the no turn signs from Los Osos Valley Road onto Doris. The CHP does ticket violators.

**GET SOCIAL WITH US:** Make sure to follow us on [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#).

### COMMUNITY FLIERS

Please follow [this link](#) to see district approved community fliers (sports, art, clubs and much more). Select "all district" to see activities in San Luis Obispo, Los Osos, and Morro Bay. If you would like to submit a flier for distribution, you can do so at the bottom of [the webpage](#).

### SUBMISSIONS FOR THE FLYER

If you have items you would like included in The Flyer, please submit them to our secretary, Debby Hymas. The deadline for inclusion in the week's edition is Monday at noon. Items received after that time will be held until the following week. For questions or assistance, call us at (805) 534-2844.

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