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**PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:
SUPPORTING ENRICHING EXPERIENCES**

At Monarch Grove, we understand that our students benefit from both in class and real world learning opportunities. Activities such as field trips, garden, music, assemblies, and art projects create connections between abstract concepts and practical application. These opportunities expand collaborative and problem solving abilities while developing well rounded citizens.



Second graders rubbing leaves in the garden.

This month, our third graders are wrapping up their ten sessions of Beat the Odds, a self-esteem and team building drum circle. Our fourth and fifth graders are working on art and the K-2nd graders are participating in weekly music sessions. Later this year, grade levels will be taking their learning on the road, with field trips to La Purisma Mission, Rancho El Chorro, and the Cal Poly Performing Arts Center.



Fourth graders during an art session with Mrs. Vaccaro.

These wonderful opportunities are possible thanks to the efforts of our PTA and the generosity of the Monarch Grove community. Our one major fundraiser, the Walk-a-Thon, is coming up on October 18. You can support the Walk-a-Thon by helping your child gather donations or contributing yourself. You can even donate [**via ParentSquare!**](#) Thank you for helping our students have experiences that enrich their classroom learning.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Lara Storm
Principal

COMING EVENTS

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1-FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4

5th Graders at Camp Ocean Pines

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2

Walk to School Day

MONDAY, OCTOBER 7

PTA Meeting, 6:30, Library

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17

Principal's Coffee, 8:25 AM

*Topic: What is The Leader in Me?***FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18**

Walk-a-Thon

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25

Halloween Dance

Pink Versus Yellow Fun Day

MONDAY, OCTOBER 28

Picture Retakes & Make-ups

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4

PTA Meeting, 6:30, Library

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8

No School, Teacher Work Day

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11

No School, Veteran's Day

NEWS AND NOTES

HELP US WIN \$5,000: For over five months, a group of staff and parents have been looking at different evidence-based, comprehensive models for social emotional learning. One really stood out -- The Leader in Me. We decided to apply for a **San Luis Coastal Education Foundation** Innovation Grant to implement the model and we were awarded the full \$10,000. The Foundation will be doing a "People's Choice" round, where funded grants can **earn another \$5,000 through online voting. How can you help us win this?**

- Go to <https://www.slcef.org/peoples-choice>. Try voting more than once from different devices. We are hearing that some people have been able to vote multiple times!
- Share **the link** with your family and friends via text or email.
- Use your social media! Share the **Facebook** and **Instagram** post.

We are the only school in Los Osos in the running! I hope you will spread the word and rally your friends, family and neighbors. Voting closes this Sunday, October 6. Thank you for your support!

WALK-A-THON IS COMING: Walk-a-Thon envelopes went home, so start collecting donations! **Here is a ParentSquare post/link** you can share with friends and family. They can donate via ParentSquare and it will be credited to the student for prize levels. The Walk-a-Thon is on Friday, October 18. Watch ParentSquare for more details and to sign up to volunteer at the event.

THE LEMONADE WAR: We hope you started reading on Monday night! We have students asking trivia questions each morning to keep everyone going. If your family gets behind, just catch up another day. The library will be open before school at 8:05 for students who couldn't read the night before to listen then. Download a reading schedule **here**. Don't forget to send pictures of your family reading to monarchgrovesocialmedia@gmail.com.

PRINCIPAL'S COFFEE ABOUT THE LEADER IN ME: Join Mrs. Storm for coffee on Thursday, October 17 at 8:25AM in the library. There will be an overview of The Leader in Me and some discussion about what's next for Monarch Grove's implementation. This is the first of many opportunities to learn more about this initiative.

LIBRARY CORNER: Battle of the Books: We are excited to announce the first student accepted to Hogwarts for Battle of the Books! Congratulations to 3rd grader Sophia Waldman who has already read 10 Battle books! Many students are well on their way to qualifying for Battle. Keep up the good work Monarch readers! **One School One Book in the Library:** Students can come to the library Tuesday - Friday mornings to hear the previous night's chapter for The Lemonade War read aloud. The recordings will start at 8:05 each morning. **Library Games:** Game day in the library is getting very popular! If you would like to contribute some new games to keep things exciting, please see our [Amazon wish list](#). See you in the library! - Mrs. Santoianni

GARDEN NEWS: Thanks to all who came to work in the garden on Sunday! We were able to get compost into most garden beds, among many other things. Please clean out your classroom garden beds and add MORE compost (over by the tee-pee) to plant the starts that are begging to get into the ground. The super new moon just passed and the starts in the greenhouse REALLY need to get in the ground to take advantage of the moon's energy. Let's grow with the 🌕!! Water is working in the beds so connect with your garden volunteers and plant away. There should be enough starts for every classroom to plant. The starts will love you for it. 🌱

VISION SCREENING: On Monday, October 21, 2019 students in grades TK, K, 2, 5 and students with IEPs will have their vision checked by a local volunteer optometrist. This valuable program is **sponsored by the local Lion's Club** and is a screening only. If you do not wish your child to participate, please send a note addressed to the school nurse the day of the screening. Parents will receive notification of results only if a potential vision problem has been detected. We will be looking for two volunteers to help with the screening from 8:15-12:00.

PTA MEMBERSHIP CONTEST: The class with the highest percentage of PTA members will win a popsicle party at the end of October. Don't forget that becoming a Magnificent Monarch PTA Sponsor includes a PTA membership. Sponsors support our amazing field trips, art, music and assemblies while getting extra perks! View levels and sponsor benefits [here](#). Pay your membership or sponsorship [here via ParentSquare](#). Thank you for your support!

PTA NEWS: Monarch Grove families! We are looking for business sponsors for this school year. Please consider supporting our school and upcoming Walk-A-Thon. For more information please see the [Monarch Business Sponsors](#) form. If you have questions, ask monarchgrovepta@gmail.com.

LUNCH ACTIVITY FOR 4TH & 5TH GRADERS: On Tuesdays, fourth and fifth graders can learn **music making software** found on the Chromebooks. Our music teacher, Mr. Kutch, will be facilitating this exploratory learning opportunity. Interested fourth and fifth graders should head to the music room on Tuesdays at lunch recess.

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.

MEDICATIONS AT SCHOOL: A new medication consent form will need to be completed and signed by your healthcare provider each school year. Forms are available from the school secretary.

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 attached [flyer](#) for more information.

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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