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**PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:
MEET THE PEER MEDIATORS**

This week, I am turning the principal's message over to our counselor, Ms. Daina Catlin, to talk about Peer Mediation.

My name is Daina Catlin, the school counselor. I am very happy to be coordinating Monarch Grove's Peer Mediation program. In Peer Mediation, students learn the craft of mediation to help others resolve conflicts. This program teaches about non-judgement, reflective listening, and creating a safe space for peers. Most importantly, it empowers kids to advocate for themselves and work together. It facilitates important steps on the journey towards independence.

If a child is having a conflict, they can ask their teacher for a peer mediation slip. The student fills it out with information about the problem. Once it is complete, the student turns it back into the teacher, who gives it to me. Then, I coordinate a time to get the students in conflict together with a Mediator for a mediation session.

This year, we have 4 exceptional 5th grade students who have mastered their training in mediation. They are: Lorena Hernandez, Georgia Hughes, Maddox Meichtry, and Maddox Miner.



Left to Right: Georgia Hughes, Maddox Meichtry, Lorena Hernandez, Maddox Miner.

These students are long-time Monarch students who were truly thrilled to be selected for this program. Their enthusiasm definitely warms my heart! As they reflect on their experience at Monarch, Maddox Meichtry shared, "I've never had a bad teacher." Lorena pointed out how much she likes the special programs offered, especially the art lessons. Georgia said she enjoys how clean and nice the facilities are and Maddox Miner said he likes that he feels respected and that everyone at Monarch is respected.

The whole crew worked hard and are truly ready to help others. I look forward to them using their skills to support a peaceful environment here at Monarch!

Sincerely,
Ms. Daina Catlin
Counselor

COMING EVENTS

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

MONDAY-FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18-22

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Book Fair

MONDAY-FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25-29

Thanksgiving Break - No School

NEWS AND NOTES

WALK-A-THON IS NEXT WEEK: Walk-a-Thon is next Friday, October 18! [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. If you would like to volunteer at Walk-a-Thon, [sign up here](#).

WE ARE THE PEOPLE'S CHOICE: Thank you for your support in the people's choice round of the San Luis Coastal Education Foundation's Innovation Grant funding. We were the winners, which brings another \$5,000 to Leader in Me. When weighted for school size, we had over five votes per student. Your work rallying friends and family to vote will benefit our students for years to come. Thank you!

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. [RSVP here](#).

DATA PRIVACY & MEDIA BALANCE FORUM: Assemblyman Jordan Cunningham and Common Sense Media are hosting a forum data privacy and media balance on Tuesday, October 15 from 6:00-7:00 at Laguna Middle School. Attend the forum to learn the risks to privacy, non-stop connectivity and how to achieve a better balance. See attached [flyer](#) for more information.

THE LEMONADE WAR: We hope you are enjoying the book. It definitely gives us a lot to talk about! 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

BILINGUAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE: San Luis Coastal is opening a bilingual school at Baywood Elementary starting with the kindergarten class of 2020-2021 and you're invited to participate in the transition. SLCUSD is looking for members to serve on the Baywood Bilingual Transition Advisory Committee and Focus Groups. Members should have a positive attitude and be committed to critical thinking and problem solving. [Here is a flyer](#) with more details. At the bottom of the flyer is a link to an interest survey. If you would like to serve, please complete the survey.

VIRTUAL DENTAL HEALTH: My name is Salena Garcia, and I am the dental coordinator for the VDH dental program that will be occurring at your school. There have been some concerns and recurring questions regarding our program so I have attached a [document](#) to hopefully answer these questions. If there are any additional questions please feel free to contact me. at salena@calidentalsmiles.com.

LIBRARY CORNER: Battle of the Books: We are eagerly awaiting our next qualifier for Battle! Keep up that reading!

Playaways: We now have some great audio books in the library in the form of Playaways. There are a ton of amazing titles, including many of this year's Battle books! Audio books are great for auditory learners as well as students would like to try a book that's a bit above their current reading level. Playaways are super cool because all you need is a pair of headphones to listen to the story (no tape or CD player required). Directions and the battery are included and you can listen with headphones, hook it up to a speaker, or listen in the car with a universal jack. Students will be able to check these out, paired with the matching book, starting this week. Be sure to check out the library [website and blog](#) to see what's happening in our library! -- Mrs. Santoianni

GARDEN NEWS: Congratulations Monarch Grove! We are off to a good start for the Trex Plastic Recycling Competition with 31.5 lbs collected for the month of September. Keep bringing in your DRY and CLEAN plastic film and take advantage of the bins on campus during the day. Also the garden beds are getting filled with the veggie starts that are in the greenhouse. Please connect with your classroom garden volunteers and get the rest of the veggie starts in the ground this week!

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.

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.

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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