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## MG Parent News 11/13/2019

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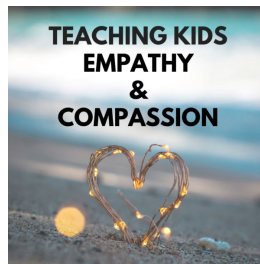
## MONARCH GROVE NEWS



### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

#### EMPATHY WINS! COFFEE & CLASS

*Teaching Kids to Succeed in Our Technology-Filled World*



Empathy is the key to resilience, confidence, willpower, and an overall heightened engagement in school and life. The use of technology and social media can cause our kids to lose their capacity for empathy, leading to disconnection, isolation, and disruptive behaviors. Eileen Calandro of Calandro Consulting will be with us twice during the month of November to teach parents/guardians strategies and to offer information to help create connection between peers and family groups.

#### PRINCIPAL'S COFFEE

Friday, November 15

8:25 in the MG Library

Eileen Calandro will give an overview of the Empathy Wins class, listen to concerns, answer questions, and give ideas.

**[RSVP here.](#)**

#### EMPATHY WINS! CLASS

Wednesday, November 20

6:00-8:00PM in the MG Library

Free, Including Child Care for Ages 4 and Up

Please sign up **[here using ParentSquare.](#)** In the RSVP section, enter the number of children that you will be bringing for child care (ages 4 and up only, please) so we are adequately staffed.

I look forward to seeing you at these amazing learning opportunities!

Sincerely,  
Lara Storm  
Principal

### COMING EVENTS

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15**

Principal's Coffee, 8:25, Library

*Topic: Empathy Wins with Eileen Calandro*

**MONDAY-FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18-22**

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Minimum Days All Week (**Bell Schedule**)

Book Fair All Week, 12:00-2:00PM, Science Room

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20**

Empathy Wins Class, 6:00-8:00 PM, MG Library

**MONDAY-FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25-29**

No School, Thanksgiving Break

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4**

Minimum Day (**Bell Schedule**)

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20**

Pajama Day

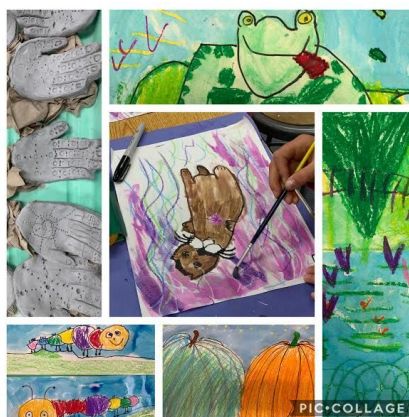
Friends & Family Lunch, 12:10-12:50

**DECEMBER 23-JANUARY 3**

No School, Winter Break

## NEWS AND NOTES

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



**NEWS FROM THE ART ROOM:** TK students have finished their Monet Pond and Hungry Caterpillar projects.

Kindergarteners are working on giraffes and frogs, while second graders have been painting pumpkins and otters. The new kiln (thanks, MGPTA!) is working great and there will be some awesome projects that will be painted in the next few weeks, including the fifth grade Henna Hand bowls.

**PLEASE COMPLETE OUR TECHNOLOGY SURVEY:** We are once again partnering with BrightBytes, an educational research and analytics company, in order to learn more about our students' school and home technology use for learning. We are reaching out to ask you to take part in our school questionnaire. Your participation helps us form a complete picture of technology use for learning. Please know that all of your responses will remain anonymous to protect your privacy and they will help your child's school choose the right technology for their classrooms. It will take **approximately 5 minutes** to complete. This can be done on your smartphone or a computer. If you have more than one child at Monarch Grove, you only need to complete one survey for Monarch Grove. If you have a child at other schools in our district, you will be asked to

complete a survey for each school. Please go here to complete the [survey in English](#) or [here in Spanish](#).

**LIBRARY CORNER: Book Fair Supports the Library:** Our book fair happening next week not only provides an opportunity to purchase great books, but also helps support our library and our students and teachers. A portion of the money spent at the book fair comes back to the library where we can then purchase student and teacher-requested books we would otherwise not have money for. Thank you in advance for your continued support of our library and our Monarch readers!

**Upcoming Minimum Days in the Library:** We'll be running a modified library schedule during conference week minimum days, but every class will still have a chance to visit the library and check out books. The library will be open before school and at recess during this week, but will be closed at lunch to accommodate the schedule changes. The library will also be closed after school. See you in the library! -- Mrs. Santoianni

**UPCOMING NO SCHOOL DAYS & MINIMUM DAYS:** Please pay special attention to the school calendar for November and December. November 18-22 are **minimum days** ([bell schedule here](#)) for parent-teacher conferences. **Thanksgiving Break** is November 25-29. There is a **minimum day on Wednesday, December 4**. Winter break is December 23-January 3.

**KIDS CLUB DURING MINIMUM DAYS:** The PTA will be hosting an after school Kids Club during conference week, Monday, November 18 through Thursday, November 21. Kids Club will be from 12:00-3:00 PM for Kindergarteners and 1:00-3:00 for 1st-5th grade students. It will be in the MPR or library, depending upon room availability. There will be tables with beads, puzzles, games, Legos, coloring, and a homework table. It is a fun and creative atmosphere and students had an awesome time last year. This is a PTA fundraiser so the cost is \$15 per student per day. You can register, pay, and download the waiver all from [this ParentSquare post](#).

**BOOK FAIR & BOOK DONATIONS:** Calling all readers and writers to the Incredible Book Fair! Opening Monday, November 18th, the Book Fair will be well-stocked with favorite titles, classics, and more. The Book Fair will be open from 12:00PM-2:00PM in the Science Room. [See more details in the flyer](#) including information on gift cards, etiquette, donations, and teacher wishlists! New this year, families can purchase gift cards to be used at the Book Fair instead of cash/check/cards. Gift cards can be purchased online at [www.follettgift.com](http://www.follettgift.com). Also, volunteer help is needed to operate the book fair. If you're looking for a short, fun and lively volunteer opportunity that supports our school library, please sign up online at [here](#). For questions, please email [monarchgrovepta@gmail.com](mailto:monarchgrovepta@gmail.com). See you at the Book Fair!

**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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