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## MG Flyer - Family News 10/14/2020

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# THE FLYER



## MONARCH GROVE NEWS

### MESSAGE FROM THE CO-PRINCIPALS: DIVERSE MONARCHS GROUP

Calling all adults - parents, grandparents, caregivers, teachers...everyone is invited to join a new group we are calling "Diverse Monarchs." The goal of the group is to help families start conversations that will serve our children as they navigate the diversity of our ever-changing society. We hope to empower our community to be a place where all will thrive and grow as they recognize their own value. Topics may include, but are not limited to differences in: religion, ethnicity, gender identity, learning ability and mental health needs.

The group will meet monthly to support inclusion and growth. Strategies may include:

- Recommendations of shows, movies, and other media to spark meaningful family conversations
- Provide or recommend literature that will help children develop their ideas about differences they will encounter
- Brainstorming ideas to support our school community in fostering understanding and compassion for all

If you would like join, the first meeting is **tomorrow, Thursday, October 15 at 6:30 PM** via Zoom. There are some ground rules to follow:

- Kindness and discretion to allow for a safe environment
- Dedication to "Seek First to Understand, Then be Understood"
- Create an environment of mutual understanding
- Assume best intentions of every person involved

Ms. Catlin, our school counselor, is the group organizer and facilitator. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact her at [dcatin@slcusd.org](mailto:dcatin@slcusd.org).

You can find the Zoom link on the original ParentSquare post ([link here](#)). We hope you can join for this exciting new group!

Sincerely,  
*Lara Storm & Shelly King*  
Co-Principals

### COMING EVENTS

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16**

Material &amp; Supply Distribution

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23**

Crazy Hair Day

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28**

Challenge Box &amp; Supply Distribution

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1**

Daylight Savings Time Ends - "Fall Back" 1 Hour

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6**

Teacher Work Day, No School

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11**

Veterans Day - No School

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12**

Material &amp; Supply Distribution

**NEWS AND NOTES**

**PANDEMIC EBT IS AVAILABLE AGAIN:** Congress has passed a second coronavirus relief package which includes funding for child nutrition programs! We are waiting for more direction from USDA and CDE, but want to encourage ALL families to apply for the free/reduced meal program ([www.lunchapplication.com](http://www.lunchapplication.com)) so that P-EBT benefits can be extended to qualified households!

**PARENT PORTAL IN AERIES:** If you have not completed the parent portal (formerly Infosnap) for your child, **please click here**. Aeries Parent Portal accounts were automatically created for all students in SLCUSD with the email we had on file.

- To create a new Parent Portal account click *Forgot Password?* on the **login website** and follow instructions to create a new password.
- If your email has changed since last year, please contact our Front Office at (805) 534-2844, during office hours Monday - Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. to update your email address to create a new Parent Portal account.
- You cannot complete the Data Confirmation from your student's Aeries account, so double check you are logging in with your email address and not your student's school email address.
- Siblings have automatically been linked if the same parent email was on file for each student. You will need to complete the Data Confirmation for each student you have enrolled at San Luis Coastal Unified School District.

**READ-A-THON:** It has officially started. Read-A-Thon runs through 11/1/2020. If you haven't made your personal reading page yet, please do so at **Read-A-Thon** (enter teacher at MONARCH GROVE PTA). Log your reading minutes and keep trying to raise money. There are small prizes for the top money raisers in each grade, as well as for those kids with the most reading time. This will be our only big fundraiser this year and the money raised helps pay for music, art, assemblies and field trips, which will resume when we are back in school. Please reach out to [monarchgrovepta@gmail.com](mailto:monarchgrovepta@gmail.com) with any questions. Thank you everyone who supported the library and the book fair. We were able to bring in just over \$600 for Mrs. Santoianni and our library.

**LIBRARY CORNER: Million Word Reader Challenge:** Our Monarchs are reading! Be sure to check out the Million Word display board when you come to pick up or return books - it is starting to get crowded. I have also made a digital Bitmoji library display that I have shared with teachers to share with students in their Google classrooms.

**Book Checkout:** M-Z Families, it is your week to pick up books again! Come by the library today or tomorrow between 11:30 and 3:30. A-L Families, now is the time to get your book requests in! If you are looking for the October book pickup schedule, need to find the link to the Google form, or any other information about book checkout, click [here](#). If you are unable to pick up books during our pickup times, **please reach out to me** and I will be happy to work with you! **Looking for seasonal books?** If you would like to request a Fall and/or Halloween-themed book to add to your TK-2nd grade book request, there is now the option in the Google form to do just that! 3rd-5th graders can search for Fall or Halloween in Destiny and request available books when they make their regular holds. **Habit Read Aloud:** I am recording a weekly read aloud that ties in to our Habit of the week. Ask your student(s) which book I read and how they think it ties in with the Habit we're working on. Or, better yet, watch the read aloud together (teachers are posting the video in their Google classrooms) and have a discussion! See you in the (virtual) library and at book pickup! -- Mrs. Santoianni

**PTA NEWS:** Reflections is a State PTA program bringing awareness to the importance of the arts in education. This is a completely voluntary program and we hope caregivers will encourage students to participate if they would enjoy the creative process and theme this year. This year's theme is, "I Matter Because....." Those who would like to participate in the program are invited to submit original artwork in one of six areas: dance choreography, literature, photography, film production, musical composition, visual arts. All submissions are due by November 20. Please **visit this link** for more information. We hope this program will nurture and feed the little creative souls at Monarch Grove.

**TECHNOLOGY HELPLINE:** Tech support is available to SLCUSD families who need help with their student's device. Please call 805-549-1250 or email us at [techhelp@slcUSD.org](mailto:techhelp@slcUSD.org) if you are experiencing any issues with your student's device. The hours of operation are from 8:00AM-4:00PM Monday-Friday.

#### 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.

#### LINKS & EXTERNAL WEBSITES

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