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# MG Parent News 12/18/2019

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# THE FLYER

## MONARCH GROVE NEWS



### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE: ALL ABOUT JUNIOR LIGHTHOUSE

The Junior Lighthouse Team is the highest level of student leadership in a Leader in Me school. The Junior Lighthouse Team will serve our school through creating and leading action teams of other students, organizing events, giving tours, and leading community service projects.

Our Junior Lighthouse Team is made up of fourth and fifth graders. To be selected, students had to complete an application, get teacher and parent approval, and participate in a panel interview. It was a rigorous process and only about half of the students that applied were selected.



*Left to Right: Joshua Pascual (4th), Blake Schafer (5th), Logan McOuat (4th), Julia Brown (5th), Autumn Judge (5th), Peyton Weir (4th) and Mia Garner (4th).*

Right now, the Junior Lighthouse Team is focused on our winter food drive and brainstorming leadership roles across campus for other students. They are very excited to serve Monarch Grove and to use their voices to raise other students up. We can't wait to see what they do!

Sincerely,  
*Lara Storm*  
Principal

### COMING EVENTS

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18**

Jack & the Beanstalk Permission Slips Due

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20**

Pajama Day

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

**DECEMBER 23-JANUARY 3**

No School, Winter Break

**MONDAY, JANUARY 6**

School Resumes

Jack and the Beanstalk Auditions, 3:00-5:00PM, MPR

PTA Meeting, 6:30 PM, Library

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 11**

Jack and the Beanstalk Performance, 3:00PM, MPR

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 17**

Principal's Coffee, 8:25, Library

*Topic: What is Science Camp?*

**MONDAY, JANUARY 20**

No School, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

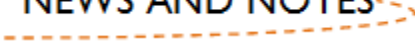
**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29**

Dental Screening, Grades K, 3, 5 & SpEd

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 31**

Spirit Day - Sports Day

## NEWS AND NOTES



**PHONE CALLS FROM MONARCH GROVE:** On Monday morning, we used the Urgent Alert feature in ParentSquare to clear up confusion caused by a social media post regarding flooding at Monarch Grove. Urgent Alerts send out a text, phone call, and email, and it does leave a voicemail message. We had many people call us back saying, "I got a call from Monarch Grove, what's going on?" In a different situation, this could block our phone lines and interfere with us communicating with emergency services. Please listen to your message first before calling. Thank you in advance for supporting us in these situations.

**JACK & THE BEANSTALK PLAY PERMISSION SLIPS DUE TODAY:** Monarch Grove PTA is very excited to host the **Missoula Children's Theater** this January. Students will be performing Jack and the Beanstalk. Auditions will be held after school on **Monday, January 6**, from 3:00-5:00 PM in the MPR. At the end of auditions, a rehearsal schedule will be distributed. Rehearsals will take place after school every day that week with a performance on Saturday, January 11. Permission slips to participate are **due today**. **[Download more information and the permission slip here.](#)**

**WINTER FOOD DRIVE ENDS FRIDAY:** Our Junior Lighthouse team is taking the lead on the winter food drive. Blake Schafer, a fifth grader on the team, wants to share the following information with you. *A Food Drive takes place when people want to collect food to give to people who need it. It is important to help people in our community that do not have enough food. You can bring in non-perishable and canned food. Some options include food that stays in your cupboards like mac and cheese boxes, cereals, beans and canned soup. Bring the cans and other food items to the box in your classroom. The class that brings in the most food by December 20th will win a popcorn party. All the food collected will stay right here in our community. Please donate!*

**7 HABITS STARTING IN JANUARY:** The foundation of Leader in Me is the 7 Habits of Happy Kids (or Highly Effective People if you are an adult). Starting in January, every student at Monarch Grove will learn the 7 Habits and how to apply them (**[more info here](#)**). The first two weeks back, students will learn about leadership and habits, and then spend a day on each habit as a general overview. Later in January, we will start diving into the habits more deeply. Watch our newsletter for a

weekly family activity and/or tip around the habits.

**LIBRARY CORNER: Battle of the Books:** Congratulations to 4th grader Peyton Weir, who is our newest qualifier for Battle! Be sure to encourage your 3rd - 5th grader to read lots of Battle books over the winter break. If you're on campus for Friends & Family Lunch, stop by the MPR to check out the Battle bulletin board! **Extra Books for Break:** Students will be encouraged to check out extra books for break (provided they don't have any outstanding overdue books). Please talk with your student(s) about keeping Monarch library books in a special, safe place. In library this week, we'll talk about knowing where you'll be during the break (home vs. out of town) and students will decide whether it makes sense for them to get extra books. **Read Read Read:** Regardless of where your student gets the books, please encourage them to keep reading over the break!! If you need suggestions, [here](#) are the best children's books of 2019 according to *The New York Times*. See you in the library! -- Mrs. Santoianni

**SCHOOL ON MONDAY, JANUARY 6:** We do have school on Monday, January 6, even though our friends at MBHS and LOMS have a non-student day. We look forward to seeing all our students back on Monday!

**STAFF FAVORITE THINGS:** Many students and families enjoy treating teachers and staff to fun gifts during the holiday season. These [favorite things sheets](#) could make shopping easier!

**FRIENDS AND FAMILY LUNCH:** Our second of three Friends and Family Lunches is **this Friday from 12:10-12:50 PM**. 1st-5th graders picnic with their friends and families. Adults often bring in special meals to share, like pizzas or sandwiches. TK and Kinder families are welcome to attend, too, as long as an adult accompanies the student. Please **communicate with your child** about plans for this day so we can avoid confusion, hurt feelings and tears. Our final Friends and Family Lunch for the year is on Friday, April 3. Looking forward to seeing you at this fun event!

**CHECK THE LOST AND FOUND:** Make sure to check the lost and found before winter break. Items left behind will be donated.

**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!

**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.

**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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