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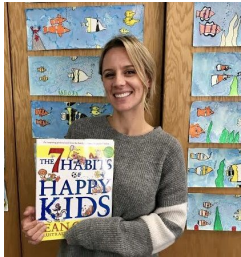
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**PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:  
LEADER IN ME TEACHER ON SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT**

Congratulations to Mrs. Cori Chiles, who is starting this week as our Leader in Me Teacher on Special Assignment (TOSA) for the rest of the school year. Mrs. Chiles will do Leader in Me work two mornings a week. Don't worry -- she will continue teaching fourth grade 50% of the time, too! We are grateful to our district Superintendent Dr. Prater and Assistant Superintendents Mrs. McGrath and Mr. Pinkerton for recognizing the importance of this position and finding district funding to support it.

Here is an introduction from Mrs. Chiles:



*This school year, I am in my 7th year in education. After teaching 6th grade in Lucia Mar for one year, I transferred to Monarch Grove. Here, I taught Kindergarten, 2nd, a 2/3 combo, and 2+ years of 4th grade. Currently, I am job-sharing in 4th grade with Christina Olson, however, I could not stay part-time for long! After visiting a Leader in Me school site in Ventura, reading, and researching other Leader in Me school sites around the world to better understand the philosophy, I came to Mrs. Storm and asked her if there was ANY way I could be a part of launching this incredible program at Monarch. I see amazing potential in the 7 Habits and have witnessed myself the benefits of providing leadership opportunities and social-emotional curriculum inside of my classroom. I am thrilled to have the chance to help launch Leader in Me at Monarch Grove and I can't wait for you to see the benefits in your children academically, socially, and emotionally.*

Mrs. Chiles visited the fourth and fifth grade classrooms to talk to the students about joining Junior Lighthouse. Junior Lighthouse is the highest level of student leadership in a Leader in Me school; it is often compared to student council. Interested students will apply, be interviewed, and then be selected. One of the first jobs of the Junior Lighthouse team will be to brainstorm all the other student leadership roles we need to have at Monarch Grove. We are excited to get those started, too.

In December, our staff will have their first Leader in Me training. It is part one of The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People training, with part two happening in March. Come January, teachers will begin teaching the foundations of leadership and the 7 Habits to students in all grades.

We are thrilled to have Mrs. Chiles in the TOSA role. With her dedicated time, we will be able to have a stronger and faster roll out. When you see her, please congratulate her on the position.

Sincerely,  
Lara Storm  
Principal

## COMING EVENTS

### **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8**

No School, Teacher Work Day

### **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11**

No School, Veteran's Day

### **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

### **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!

**BUILD EMPATHY IN YOUR CHILD:** Empathy is the key to resilience, confidence, willpower, and an overall heightened engagement in school and life. We hope you will take advantage of our upcoming free **Empathy Wins class for parents/guardians** on Wednesday, November 20 from 6:00-8:00 PM in the MG Library. Child care will be provided. This class, taught by Eileen Calandro of Calandro Consulting, teaches parents strategies and offers information to help create connection between peers and family groups. Eileen will be the guest speaker at the November 15 principal's coffee, where she

will give a preview of the class.

**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: Battle of the Books:** We have several students who are very close to qualifying! Keep reading those Battle books! **Children's Book Week:** This week is the 100th anniversary of the first Children's Book Week which celebrates all things children/teen's books and reading. We'll have special activities to celebrate and of course feature lots of our great books! You can learn more about the national celebration [here](#). **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

**GARDEN NEWS:** Congratulations Monarch Grove, you have recycled over 100 pounds of plastic in just two months!! As of October 31st you have collected 105.5 pounds! This last week of October you collected 21 pounds. Keep bringing in clean, dry plastic film, AKA "squishy" plastic. Want to know more about what happens to all the plastic you are recycling? Check out the TREX Recycling Program here: <https://www.trex.com/recycling/recycling-programs>. Also, the vegetable starts 🌱 are looking great! Next week harvest the outer leaves of the lettuce plants for a salad during your garden time, or take some home and share with your families. Check out all the baby monarch caterpillars in the butterfly garden. And thank you Jennifer for hosting a slew of Monarch caterpillars in the front office, nearly all of them have taken flight! Check out the last of the chrysalides in the front office. They are truly gorgeous works of mother nature art!

**UPCOMING NO SCHOOL DAYS & MINIMUM DAYS:** Please pay special attention to the school calendar for November and December. There is **no school this Friday, November 8 and this Monday, November 11**. 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:** Calling all readers and VOLUNTEERS for the annual Book Fair! It is coming **November 18-22** and will be set up in the science lab. This year, the Follett Book Store will be packed with new titles, classic titles, creative and scientific themes, and writing supplies for all of our readers. Before the store can open on November 18th, help is needed with set up. During the event, volunteer help is needed to staff the fair and clean up, too. If you can volunteer, [sign up here](#) or contact monarchgrovepta@gmail.com with questions. Thank you for helping at this special event that supports our school library.

**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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