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MONARCH GROVE NEWS



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE: VIRTUAL LEARNING STARTS TODAY

Dear Families:

Today we embark on a new adventure - online learning! Our teachers worked hard the last two days to shift what would have been happening in the classroom to a virtual environment. They have been finding online resources, learning new programs, and experimenting. Here are some tips to make it smoother for everyone:

- Create a **daily schedule**. It doesn't need to be elaborate, but a daily routine will bring some structure to your child and the family. Predictability is supportive to children, especially during uncertain times.
- Teachers are pushing out assignments and activities that your child should be able to complete **mostly on their own**. If he or she seems to need quite a bit of help, please send the teacher a ParentSquare message so you can troubleshoot together.
- We are trying to create a **realistic level of work and time engaged online**. During a typical day, children are at school roughly 6 hours. That includes a

lot of time for interaction, movement, and transitions. If the work feels like not enough or too much, please contact your child's teacher.

- You can expect **daily reading, writing, and math**. There will be activities and assignments in other subjects spread out over the week.
- One of our goals is to keep our students **connected to school**. You can expect teachers to be asking questions and getting virtual conversations started to maintain a strong sense of community. They may ask families questions, too. We hope you will participate!

We ask for your flexibility and patience as we move through this uncharted territory together. The most important thing we can do is keep the lines of communication open. We are here to support you and your children during this time. If you need help, have a question, or just need to talk, please reach out. I am hosting a **Principal's Virtual Coffee** on Monday at 9:00 via **Zoom**. See below for more information. I hope you will join me for some conversation and connection.

Sincerely,
Lara Storm
Principal

COMING EVENTS



MARCH 16-APRIL 3

School Closed Due to COVID-19

MONDAY, MARCH 23

Principal's Virtual Coffee, 9:00, **Zoom Meeting**

MONDAY, APRIL 6-MONDAY, APRIL 13

Spring Break

TUESDAY, APRIL 14

School Scheduled to Resume

PTA Meeting, 6:30PM, Library

NEWS AND NOTES

VIRTUAL LEARNING: Virtual learning starts today. Assignments and activities will be pushed out each weekday until Friday, April 3. Make sure to check ParentSquare for your child's Google username and password and the class code for Google Classroom. If you find your child needs a Chromebook, please call us at (805) 534-2844. We can set up a time to meet you at the office to distribute the device.

PRINCIPAL'S VIRTUAL COFFEE: Join us via Zoom for a Principal's Virtual Coffee. It will be casual, just a time to connect and see how things are going as we navigate through this. We may also talk about some tips and tricks for infusing the 7 Habits at home, depending on time. We will meet via Zoom on Monday, March 23 at 9:00. Click <https://zoom.us/j/283268680> to join.

FROM OUR SCHOOL COUNSELOR: I hope this message finds you and your family settling into our new reality as smoothly as possible. I will continue to be available on Mondays and Thursdays to both students and parents. Feel free to contact me with questions or concerns. I am here to talk about any issues, including your child's adjustment away from the school site. To connect with me, send an email to dcatin@slcusd.org. I can then set up a time to speak with you or your child virtually or by phone. Also, please **see this attachment for tips** on how to talk to children about this ever evolving situation. Good luck in this transition time! - Ms. Catlin

LIBRARY CORNER: Hopefully your family is doing a lot of reading during time away from school. I am available via email at asantojanni@slcusd.org to provide book recommendations, online reading ideas, and to just connect. Please reach out if I can support in any way! -- Mrs. Santojanni

REMOTE SCHOOL OFFICE: In support of social distancing, the office is now

closed. We are available virtually during the days school would have been in session between 8:00AM-4:00PM. You can reach us by calling our main line at (805) 534-2844. You can also message us via ParentSquare or send an email to Debby Hymas at dhyumas@slcusd.org or Jennifer Ritchie at jritchie@slcusd.org. If we need to meet you in person, we will happily set up an appointment.

TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT: The district has established a helpline to support student devices. Please call (805) 549-1250 or email at techhelp@slcusd.org if there are issues with your student's device. The hours of operation are 8:00-4:00, Monday-Friday. If you find that your child needs a Chromebook, please call our remote office at (805) 534-2844.

DRIVE THRU MEALS: Visit ten of our school sites Monday-Friday between 11AM-1PM to receive lunch for the day and breakfast for tomorrow. We are feeding any child between ages 0-18 as long as they are in the vehicle. In Los Osos, the two sites are Baywood and LOMS. **[More information here.](#)**

DISNEYLAND RAFFLE: The lucky winner of the Disneyland raffle is Kimberly McGrath! Kim is SLCUSD's Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services. We hope she has a great trip (when it reopens!) and we are grateful for her support of camp.

MORE IDEAS OF THINGS TO DO AT HOME: Make sure to follow us on **[Instagram](#)** and **[Facebook](#)**. We have been posting a lot of fun things for kids to do while they are at home.

FREE INTERNET SERVICE AVAILABLE: Spectrum is offering free internet service for sixty days. Call Spectrum at 844-488-8395 if you're interested.

FAMILY ADVOCATES ARE HERE FOR YOU: San Luis Coastal retains Family Advocates to support families in need. Rocio Hernandez is here to help! Call her at (805) 235-6610. If you are struggling with housing, need referrals for counseling, or support with accessing nutritious food for your family, please don't

hesitate to call our Family Advocate.

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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Spanish translation has been updated.