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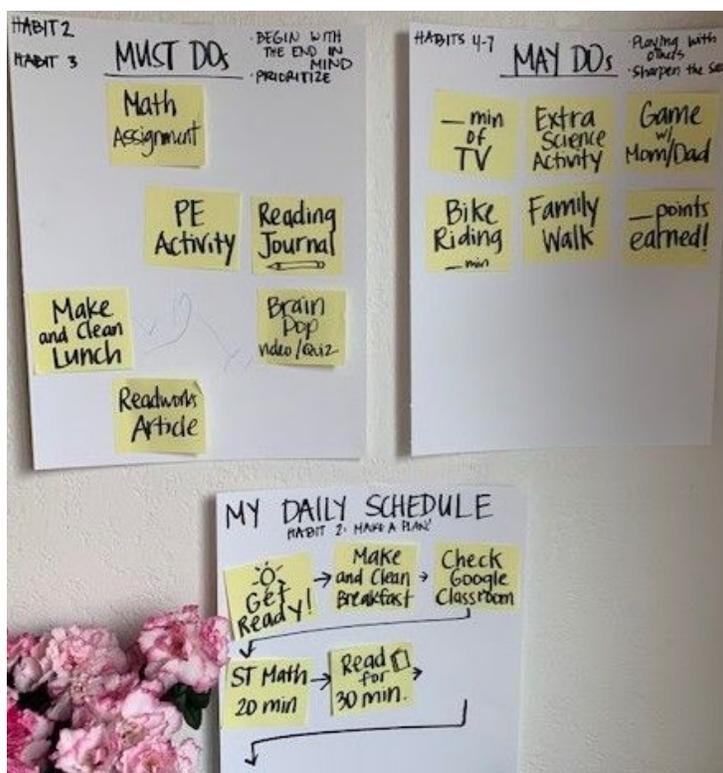
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THE FLYER



MONARCH GROVE NEWS

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE: FINDING A GROOVE



Watch the video linked below to find out how to guide your child through creating must dos, may dos, and their daily schedule.

Dear Families:

School has been closed for a week and half, and virtual learning has been going

for a week. Families have been experimenting with different structures and systems to make it work. Yesterday I shared a video from Mrs. Chiles about using the 7 Habits to help children lead themselves. If you haven't watched it yet, please do! It will give you language from school to match at home and will help you give your child a sense of control, which he or she is probably craving right now. In the long run, this will help children learn key time management skills that will carry over into adulthood.

Watch video.



Avery Ingle, 3rd grade, is excited about the daily schedule she put together.

Our staff is working to determine office hours, push out learning expectations at least one day ahead, and create online opportunities for kids to connect with their teacher and each other. As we figure out what works and we hear what you need, we will adjust accordingly. 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 another **Principal's Virtual Coffee** on Tuesday 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 to COVID-19

TUESDAY, MARCH 31

Principal's Virtual Coffee, 9AM, **Zoom**

MONDAY, APRIL 6-MONDAY, APRIL 13

Spring Break, No Virtual Learning

TUESDAY, APRIL 14

School Scheduled to Resume

PTA Meeting, 6:30, Library

NEWS AND NOTES

CALLS FROM MONARCH GROVE: Please note that most calls from MG staff will say "no caller ID" or "blocked." If we leave a voicemail and you need to reach us, please call the virtual office at 805-534-2844.

PRINCIPAL'S VIRTUAL COFFEE: Let's meet again on Tuesday at 9AM via **Zoom**. Bring your questions, your praises, and your ideas of how we can make this better for everyone. It's great to "see" everyone and connect.

FROM OUR COUNSELOR: Congratulations! You have conquered the first pioneering days of something that has never been done before! Teachers, students, parents -- beyond any curriculum that may or may not be imparted or

consumed -- you are amazing! There is much struggling and juggling going on and, in the midst of it all, is SCREEN TIME - with which I have developed an intense love/hate relationship. On the one hand, it is my valued source of entertainment and connection. On the other hand, it is a daunting source of boundless work and overwhelming amounts of information. But regardless of its purpose, its intensity is temporary. I am trying to allow the good with the bad, without so much resistance. During this time of feeling out-on-a-limb and overwhelmed, I look to my future self for wisdom. I encourage you to do the same. If you don't have time to consult your future self, here's what mine says: Smile, embrace the chaos (don't just endure it), keep the faith (because you're in this together), and know in your soul that you're rockin it (even though it often doesn't feel like it). Feel free to contact me with any questions, concerns, or needs. You can reach me at dcatlin@slcusd.org and from there we can set up a time to talk virtually or by phone. - Ms. Catlin, School Counselor

GOOGLE CLASSROOM HELP: Our own Mrs. Kirkpatrick (1st grade teacher) made a video explaining Google Classroom for parents. **Watch and learn!**

LIBRARY CORNER: Battle of the Books: Congratulations to 5th grader Parker Larrea who has qualified for Battle! Keep reading Battle books, taking AR quizzes and submitting those Google forms so I know what books you've read and taken quizzes for (and passed with at least 80%). You can find all the Battle information on the library **website**, but please **email me** if you have any questions! **Online Reading Resources:** We are working to compile free online reading resources in one central location **here**. If you have questions about how to access them, please don't hesitate to **reach out to me**. **Public Library eCards:** If you don't already have a public library card, you can apply for an eCard to access the library's online databases, as well as reading and other resources. Directions are **here**. Other helpful videos include **setting up your Cloud Library** and **how to find eBooks** through the public library website. **Library Blog:** I will be updating the **library blog** with online resources, parent tips, and read alouds in the next few days so be sure to check the site when you have a moment. The library website also has educational games and other resources listed if you and your

children are looking for other activities. **Librarian Chat:** If any students would like to video chat or chat with me via Google Hangout, I'd be happy to set up a time to talk with them about books or just check in. **Overdue Books/Notices:** Families, please disregard any automatic overdue notices you may have received before they were turned off. Do not worry about turning in any library books you have until school reopens. You can reach me at asantoianni@slcusd.org. See you in the (virtual) library! -- Mrs. Santoianni

MEAL PICK-UP: You must now order meals by Tuesdays at noon for Wednesday pick-up. Go to slcusdfood.org to place your order. You must order ahead from now on!

PRESCHOOL: If you have younger children, here are some [resources](#) for that might be helpful.

PTA NEWS: Hello Monarch Grove Families!! Although this year has taken an unexpected turn and thrown our school year upside down, we are still rolling with the yearbooks! If you have a kiddo at home who would like to submit a piece of art for our cover, please scan it to monarchgrovepta@gmail.com. No need for the little artist to write Monarch Grove Elementary on their work, just the art is perfect! Stay tuned on how to purchase yearbooks and share photos if you have snapped any fun pics of school activities throughout the year.

NEXT YEARS PTA BOARD MEMBERS: The 2020-21 Board members from the March elections are:

President: Amillia Pearce

Vice President: Miranda Roberts

Secretary: Molly Lear

Treasurer: Jill Stow

TECHNOLOGY HELPLINE: 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.

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

FAMILY ADVOCATE IS HERE FOR YOU: 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.

OPEN ENROLLMENT: Open Enrollment has been extended to April 21, 2020. Please complete the form and email it to vharrigan@slcusd.org. You will need to enroll your student with all necessary paperwork at your school of residence when school resumes. Forms: [Open Enrollment English/Spanish](#)

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.

LINKS & EXTERNAL WEBSITES

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