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# THE FLYER



## MONARCH GROVE NEWS

### MESSAGE FROM THE CO-PRINCIPALS: WELCOME BACK & PARENT SESSIONS

On behalf of the Monarch Grove staff, welcome to the 2020-2021 school year! We hope you and your children are looking forward to an awesome year of academics, leadership, and culture - even from a distance. We learned so much from our online crisis teaching in the spring and we are preparing to come back even better this fall.

We hope you will join us for one of three parent sessions about supporting your child in distance learning. We will be sharing a general overview of what to expect, how to help your child, what to prioritize, and so much more. These sessions are designed to get families ready to go before the first day of school on Monday, August 24.

There are three different dates and times to choose from:

Wednesday, August 19 from 6:30-7:30PM

Thursday, August 20 from 4:00-5:00PM

Friday, August 21 from 8:30-9:30AM

The three sessions will cover the same content, so please just pick one to attend. We will send out Zoom links the week of August 17th. We can't wait to see you and talk with you about how to make distance learning great!

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

### COMING EVENTS

#### **MONDAY, AUGUST 17 & 18**

Chromebook & Hotspot Pick-Up

#### **MONDAY, AUGUST 17**

Classroom Assignments Published

#### **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19**

Supporting Your Child in Distance Learning, 6:30PM

#### **THURSDAY, AUGUST 20**

Supporting Your Child in Distance Learning, 4:00PM

#### **FRIDAY, AUGUST 21**

Supporting Your Child in Distance Learning, 8:30AM

Virtual Learning Program Device Pick-Up, 9:00-1:00

### **MONDAY, AUGUST 24**

First Day of School

### **TUESDAY, AUGUST 25**

Virtual Back-to-School Night

*Session 1 5:45-6:30PM*

*Session 2 6:45-7:30PM*

## NEWS AND NOTES

**CHROMEBOOK AND HOTSPOT PICK-UP:** If you signed up for a Chromebook and/or WiFi hotspot, pick-up will be on Monday, August 17 and Tuesday, August 18. To allow for social distancing, we will be following this schedule:

Monday, August 17:

Last Name A-E, 9:00-11:00AM

Last Name F-L, 1:00-3:00PM

Tuesday, August 18:

Last Name M-R, 9:00-11:00AM

Last Name S-Z 1:00-3:00PM

If you need a device and did not sign up via ParentSquare, please call our office right away at 805-534-2844.

**CLASSROOM ASSIGNMENTS:** We will be notifying families about classroom assignments the afternoon of Monday, August 17. This information will be coming via ParentSquare. We take care to place children in classrooms according to the best interest of all students, both individually and collectively. We pay careful attention to creating balanced classes, and the challenge of this task sometimes prohibits our ability to honor specific requests.

**SCHOOL SUPPLIES:** Many families like to purchase school supplies in advance. This year, we will be sending home a bag of supplies for each student. Pick up days and times will be announced via ParentSquare and will be after school starts. If you still would like to purchase supplies, we encourage you to think about a dedicated learning space and headphones.

**IT'S MORE THAN A MEAL:** Don't forget to complete a [new meal application](#) for this school year. Many families have experienced a change in income or have increased the number of people in the household, which may make you eligible. Benefits include free meals (pick-up this fall), discounts on bus passes and sports, reduced internet costs and more. Qualifying also benefits Monarch Grove. We receive increased funding and services based on the number of families that qualify. **Apply online today!**

**BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHT:** Our virtual Back-to-School Night is Tuesday, August 25. There will be two identical virtual sessions offered. Session 1 is from 5:45-6:30PM and session 2 is from 6:45-7:30PM. Teachers will be outlining curriculum, discussing expectations for synchronous (live) and asynchronous (independent) learning, explaining technology platforms, and much more. Please watch for a ParentSquare message from your child's teacher with more information and links to the live sessions.

**NEW STAFF:** We are excited to welcome many new staff members to Monarch Grove! Please check out [this slideshow](#) to "meet" our new staff.

**PARENT FORUMS:** The district is holding a series of parent forums about various topics related to distance learning. Topics include food service, mental health supports, and more. [This document](#) has the schedule and links.

**DISTANCE LEARNING PLAN & SAMPLE SCHEDULES:** Here is the SLCUSD [Distance Learning Plan](#) (DLP) for 2020-2021 school year along with [suggested daily schedules](#). Keep in mind the schedules are just samples to give you an idea of what the school day may look like. Your child's teacher's schedule will vary to some degree. Distance learning will be more structured than in the spring and includes daily synchronous (live) scheduled instructional time. We are being held to a high level of accountability in regards to attendance and daily live interaction between students and their teacher and class. The district will hold a [Parent Forum](#) on distance learning on Wednesday, August 19 from 3:00-4:30PM.

#### 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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