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THE FLYER

MONARCH GROVE NEWS



MESSAGE FROM THE CO-PRINCIPALS: IT'S ABOUT FLEXIBILITY

Each August, our staff chooses a word for the year that is going to be our focus. This idea is based off Jon Gordon's book [One Word That Will Change Your Life](#). The premise is that goals and resolutions often fail, but that focusing on just one word for a year will move you forward.

To find our word, we walked the entire staff through a process that involved individual brainstorming, group selection and voting. The focus questions were around two ideas, "What will it take for our students to realize their maximum potential this year?" and, "What will you need to give them those things?" This year, the word that rose to the top was flexibility.

Why flexibility? The staff knows that for everyone to be successful we need to be flexible. We want students to know that there will be changes and adjustments, and that we can get through it and shift gears. Our staff is embracing the idea, "Be stubborn about your goals and flexible about your methods." We aren't letting go of our goals of academic growth, community culture and leadership development. We are just going to be flexible in how we get there.

These first days of school, we are focusing on classroom community and building the foundational relationships. We are also practicing flexibility: switching to Google Meet on the first day, navigating technology issues, and more. We will continue this focus throughout the school year, knowing that being flexible during distance learning elevate every aspect of Monarch Grove. We invite you to join us in being flexible!

Sincerely,
Lara Storm & Shelly King
Co-Principals

COMING EVENTS

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27

Classroom Supply Pick-Up, 1:00-3:00

Last Name A-E, 1:00-1:30 PM

Last Name F-L, 1:30-2:00 PM

Last Name M-R, 2:00-2:30 PM

Last Name S-Z, 2:30-3:00 PM

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Labor Day - No School

NEWS AND NOTES

SUPPLY PICK-UP: Drive-thru this Thursday, August 27 between 1:00-3:00 to pick up school supplies, including math workbooks, leadership guides, and more! Please follow the schedule below to keep traffic moving. If this time doesn't work for your family, please call us at 805-534-2844 to arrange an alternate day/time.

Last Name A-E, 1:00-1:30 PM

Last Name F-L, 1:30-2:00 PM

Last Name M-R, 2:00-2:30 PM

Last Name S-Z, 2:30-3:00 PM

The pick-up area will be on the sidewalk behind the lunch area and rooms 22-23. See the map for details. Make sure to stay in your vehicle and be patient with traffic.

SCHOOL START TIME: School starts on Mondays at 9:15 and Tuesday-Friday at 9:00. We do expect students to be present and ready to learn. We take attendance for live sessions. If you are having challenges logging on, have an appointment that will cause your child to be late, or your child will be absent, please call our office right away.

LIBRARY CORNER: Welcome back Monarch readers! I missed all of you over the summer and enjoyed seeing those of you who came to check out books on the book pickup days. If you still have books to return from summer checkout, please do so as soon as possible. There is a tub in the office where you can put them anytime the office is open. An automated email will be coming to you this week if you still have anything checked out. **Book Checkout:** I know many families are eager to get their hands on physical books and I am working to make this happen as soon as possible. I learned a lot doing the three checkout days throughout the summer and am now working to streamline the system so I can do weekly checkouts during the school year. Stay tuned for an upcoming newsletter that will have all the information for how to reserve and pick up library books. You can also visit the [library website](#) for the latest information and to view the read alouds I posted in the Spring. I hope to see many of you checking out books soon! -- Mrs. Santoianni

FREE MEALS: The waiver we received in the spring to offer free meals to anyone has expired. If you have not done so yet, please **fill out a meal application at www.lunchapplication.com** to qualify for free/reduced meals. Many families have experienced a change in income or have increased the number of people in the household, which may make you eligible. If you qualify, the meal kit of 10 total meals is free. If you wish to pay for a weekly kit, they are \$10 per student per week. Weekly meal kits can be ordered at www.slcsdfood.org. Distribution will be on Wednesdays from 9:00AM-1:30PM at Morro Bay HS and Laguna Middle School.

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.

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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