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THE FLYER

MONARCH GROVE NEWS



MESSAGE FROM THE CO-PRINCIPALS: MORE THAN MEALS

IT'S MORE THAN A MEAL...

The free/reduced price meal program affects many areas- check it out!



Increased School Funding

Increased funding to school site to ensure students receive the support they need.



Internet Access

Discount on home internet costs



College App Fee

Discount on fees associated with applying to college



SAT, ACT, AP Fees

Discount on fees for academic tests



Bus Passes

Discount for school bus passes



School Meals

Free healthy and tasty school meals



Scholarships

Discounts on sports and after-school programs.



This institution is an equal opportunity provider

FILL OUT AN APPLICATION TODAY
WWW.LUNCHAPPLICATION.COM

Have you applied for our district's free meal program yet? If not, please do so now! Qualifying is so much more than free meals! It gives your family free or reduced community sports, internet access, testing fees and more. It also brings in a significant amount of funding to our school. Last year, each qualifying application brought in about \$400 for a total of over \$60,000. This makes a huge difference! We use these funds for academic interventions, counseling supports, Leader in Me, materials, and much more.

There are two ways to qualify, either by income or by being "doubled up." If you are living with another family or adult (e.g. grandparent, friends, cousins, roommate) you are considered doubled up. If this is your situation, please contact our office so we can assist you with the residency affidavit.

It is easy to [apply online here](#). Please do it as soon as possible so your family can start receiving benefits and we can secure our school funding. For those who received benefits last year, you still must apply this year. If you have any questions, concerns or need assistance, we are happy to help.

Sincerely,
Lara Storm & Shelly King
Co-Principals

COMING EVENTS

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

Virtual Spirit Day - Inside out & Backwards

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

Library Book Requests Due, Last Name M-Z

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

Material & Innovation Box distribution

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2

Asynchronous work/teacher planning day

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5

PTA MEETING, 6:30 PM ZOOM

NEWS AND NOTES

LIBRARY CORNER: New at Book Pickup Days: There will now be a donated books table at (most) book pickup days full of books your child can take home and keep. They will be spread out so you can see the covers, but we ask that you "take what you touch" so we can limit possible contamination. To start, please take up to 3 books each day. **A-L Families:** It is your pickup week! Please come by the library Wednesday or Thursday between 11:30 and 3:30. **If you cannot make it during these times, please email me ASAP so we can make another arrangement.** Remember, all gates on campus will be locked for the safety of our students currently at school, so please come to the front of the library through the office if you pick up books before 2:30. Thank you for wearing a mask and socially distancing. **M-Z Families:** Be sure to get your book request in by Sunday night to guarantee your books will be ready next week. Find all the links, instructions, and videos to help you on the library [website](#). **Overdue Notices:** We have many books still out from last year and summer book checkout. Overdue notices will be mailed and/or sent out via email starting this week. **If you think you turned in books or you think the books are lost, please let me know right away - I am happy to work with you.** I need to know whether you have the book or not in order to replace it in a timely fashion so students still have access to them. See you in the (virtual) library and at book pickup! -- Mrs. Santoianni

PTA NEWS: Want to become a PTA member? Check out our magnificent monarch sponsorship or membership options in ParentSquare or our website!! Keep an eye out for our BIG fall fundraiser and spirit wear sale coming soon!! **Support Monarch Grove library** and check out our virtual book fair!! Shop your favorite titles and just right books while learning at home.

Our book fair is completely virtual, books will ship directly to your home, you can share with family and friends who might be interested and all money raised from the book fair goes directly to supporting our Monarch Grove Library. Our school goal is to get 500 books purchased by Monarch Grove families, which means each student (if everyone has the option) just needs to purchase 1.5 books to read and enjoy. click this link to [start shopping for books](#). Happy Book Hunting!

VIRTUAL WALK TO SCHOOL DAY: This year, the global coronavirus pandemic means that travel to school may be different than prior years. While [October 7](#) is officially Walk to School Day in 2020, students and families are welcome to celebrate any day in October that works best for their schedules and that fits with local public health guidance. Participating schools have joined with SLO Regional Rideshare to offer activities through virtual PE classes and a Safe Routes to School scavenger hunt assignment. Take part in the Walk to School Day assignment and be entered to win a bicycle! For more information click on this [link](#).

GARDEN NEWS: We have a big, beautiful garden space at Monarch Grove, and we should continue to use and enjoy it! Is your family interested in managing your own garden bed at our school garden? We have tools, seeds, compost and guidance available for families. Please email Jessica: michelsen.jessica@gmail.com if you would like a space in our garden to grow and experiment! “To **plant a garden** is to believe in **tomorrow**.”

SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL: If you are interested in serving on our School Site Council, please email Debby at dhyamas@slcusd.org. We meet about three to four times a year to discuss services for student academic and emotional support.

TECHNOLOGY HELPLINE: Tech support is available to SLCUSD families who need help with their student's device. Please call 805-549-1250 or email us at techhelp@slcusd.org if you are experiencing any issues with your student's device. The hours of operation are from 8:00AM-4:00PM Monday-Friday.

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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