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THE FLYER

MONARCH GROVE NEWS



MESSAGE FROM THE CO-PRINCIPALS: HELPING STAFF SHARPEN THE SAW

You have probably received a message from a MG teacher or staff member in the evening or on the weekend, because they are hard working, dedicated professionals. They want to support families and students in whatever way possible, as quickly as possible. We are so very grateful for that, and we also recognize that over time this takes away from other important life activities, especially Habit 7: Sharpen the Saw.

Leader in Me is an "inside out" approach, meaning that staff has to live the 7 Habits themselves in order to bring the habits to students. To support our staff, we have talked with them about the following parameters:

- Responding to email and ParentSquare messages only during their working hours, generally 8AM-4PM, Monday-Friday.
- Continuing to respond to messages within 24 hours, except for over weekends or holidays.

Much of a teacher's time during the day is spent delivering live instruction, often to small groups of students. They cannot respond to messages during that time. If you are experiencing an emergency or have an urgent matter, please call the school office at 805-534-2844. We are happy to help. If it is a technology related need, SLCUSD has a helpline dedicated to supporting students and families. The helpline phone number is 805-549-1250.

We know that when our staff takes care of themselves, they do better for our students and families. Thank you in advance for supporting them in Sharpening the Saw!

Sincerely,
Lara Storm & Shelly King
Co-Principals

COMING EVENTS

WED. & THURS., SEPT. 16 & 17

Library Book Pick-Up, M-Z, 11:30-3:30

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

Material & Supply Distribution

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Library Book Requests Due, Last Name A-L

NEWS AND NOTES

MATERIALS PICK-UP: This Friday we are doing a drive thru pick-up/drop-off for materials and supplies. We will be stationed on the **sidewalk in front of the office**. Please follow the schedule below to allow for the smooth flow of traffic and social distancing.

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

Some teachers do not have any materials for pick-up or drop-off. If that is the case, they will let you know. If you are not able to come during the times above, please call our office at 805-534-2844 to arrange an alternate time.

MONEY FOR MONARCH GROVE: Each year, our school site gets over \$60,000 of funding based on the percentage of students that qualify for the free/reduced meal program. We need your help! 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. 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.

FROM THE COUNSELOR: Be Proactive. Keep in mind that everything our kids are doing right now is new. They are adjusting to a new teacher and new classmates, conquering new technologies, struggling to keep their bodies calm and pay attention to a screen, seeing themselves on zoom, attempting to be social on Zoom...the list goes on and on BEFORE they even begin to learn new academic material. It is totally normal to be tired, emotional, overwhelmed, and anxious. (For adults as well as kids!) If they are getting angry more often, crying, expressing reluctance and frustration, they are displaying a normal reaction to a challenging situation. Be proactive by providing more sleep time, staying calm and supportive about distance learning, making sure they are getting lots of physical activity, and staying consistent with routines and school space. If you feel your child needs additional support, please reach to me at dcatlin@slcsd.org. -- Daina Catlin, School Counselor

LIBRARY CORNER: I'm getting more and more book requests from students and it's so exciting! Thank you for your patience and flexibility as I figure out this new system. Still confused about how to request books for your child? **Bookmark this new page on the library website.** **M-Z families: if you requested books, please pick them up today or tomorrow between 11:30 and 3:30.** If you cannot make it, please **email me.** **A-L Families: Submit the TK-2nd grade book request form** or have your 3rd-5th grader log in to **Destiny by Sunday night** so you can pick up books next week. **Here is the video for how 3rd-5th graders log in to place holds.** **New Pickup Information for All Families:** Due to SDC students being on campus, we need to keep our gates locked during the school day. **If you come to school to pick up books before 2:30, please come to the library by walking through the office.** You will need to wear a mask. Thank you for your understanding! See you in the (virtual) library and at book pickup! -- Mrs. Santoianni

TECH TIPS FOR SMOOTH ZOOMING: Check out the attached [flyer](#) for tips to help with Zooming into class.

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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