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MESSAGE FROM THE CO-PRINCIPALS: AFTERNOONS START NEXT WEEK

Thank you for your wonderful flexibility as we figure out all the technology and resource issues! You have been wonderful about calling for help when needed as well as working with our IS&T helpline. We are working together to make distance learning as meaningful and engaging for our students as possible.

Please remember that school is different from the spring and we have a lot of state requirements this year. Attendance is required daily at all planned synchronous (live) sessions. After your child breaks for snack at 10:00 please check your child's schedule to see when they need to return to a live session that day.

Beginning next week, your child will be participating in more live instruction during the 1:00-2:30 block of the school day. This could include small group work and assessments. Please make sure to look closely at your child's schedule to see when he/she is being asked to be on live in the afternoons.

We have been popping in and out of lessons throughout the week. It is wonderful to see the students engaged and interacting with one another and their teacher. Now that the teachers have really worked to establish meaningful connections and taught the students how to use many of the resources available to them you will see more academics being weaved into the learning day.

The teachers are learning new and engaging ways to make learning exciting and meaningful for your child. Thank you again for your flexibility as we work to learn how ensure distance learning is powerful, engaging experience for your child. We are excited for what the year has in store!

Sincerely,
Lara Storm & Shelly King
Co-Principals

COMING EVENTS

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Labor Day - No School

NEWS AND NOTES

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: Monarch Library is excited to offer students the opportunity to check out books from the library! Students will not be able to physically enter the library to browse books, but you can browse the library virtually via our online [catalog](#). Please read the following carefully as these are brand-new procedures to all of us. TK-2nd graders can request themed books sets by filling out this [Google form](#) (available sets listed in the form may be updated). Book sets will include 5 books with a mix of fiction and nonfiction with a few exceptions. You will get these books for two weeks.

3rd-5th graders will log in to our Destiny catalog and place holds for up to 3 books that they will keep for two weeks. View a [tutorial here](#) to see how to do this. Please note students can only request books from the Monarch library; interlibrary loans between schools are not available at this time. If you need a reminder about how to search the catalog, you can find that [here](#) (ignore the summer book checkout information). Students will be limited to 2 books in a series at a time and only 1 graphic novel at a time.

All book requests must be submitted by Sunday night for book pickup on Wednesday or Thursday of the following week. Book pickup will be on Wednesdays and Thursdays between 11:30-3:30 in front of the library. In order to best serve everyone, students with the last name A-L will pick up starting next week and M-Z the following week. You can view and print a pickup schedule [here](#). Requests will be honored on a first-come, first-served basis. For the safety of students and staff, all books will be quarantined for 4 days before going back into circulation. Please be sure to check the catalog first to see if the book is available before requesting it (though we still can't guarantee books will be available since books may be lost or in quarantine).

You can return spring/summer books still checked out in the office until Friday. After that, please return books on pickup days to the designated spot outside the library (this will help make sure all books are quarantined for the correct amount of time).

These checkout procedures may change as we see how this process works. Thanks for being flexible and patient! Please [email me](#) if you have questions or feedback.

Happy reading Monarchs!
Mrs. Santoianni

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**.”

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.slcusdfood.org. Distribution will be on Wednesdays from 9:00AM-1:30PM at Morro Bay HS and Laguna Middle School.

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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