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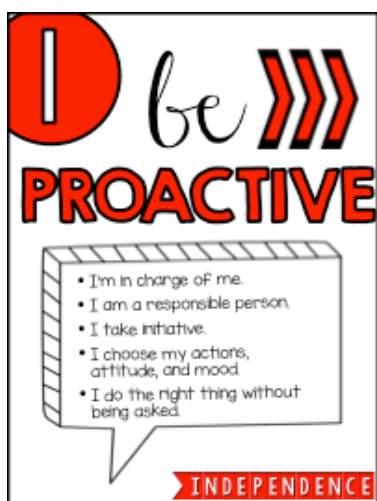
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THE FLYER



MONARCH GROVE NEWS

MESSAGE FROM THE CO-PRINCIPALS: HELPING CHILDREN LEAD THEMSELVES



These next two weeks, our 7 Habits focus is on Habit 1: Be Proactive. This is the first habit because it is the foundation of all the other habits. None can exist without it!

In distance learning, there are many opportunities for your child to practice being proactive. The key is for the adults to step back so they can step up. One of the easiest ways to do this is to set your child up to do synchronous (live) instruction independently. For example, in Kindergarten and first grade, it could be that your child is at his or her learning space with you sitting nearby doing your own work or reading a book. Perhaps one of you is even wearing headphones to allow for even more independence! In second and third grade, it could be that instead of sitting nearby, you are in another room and walk by every so often to check in. In fourth and fifth grades, it might be that your child is independent most of the day, and you ask how things are going during breaks and lunch.

We know the thought of this independence can be scary. However, we need to let children learn how to lead themselves in the school environment of supportive failure, and they cannot do that if we don't give them space. If you have been monitoring synchronous time closely and are hesitant to step back, let the teacher know that you want to give it a try. The two of you can communicate about participation, work completion, and general progress. If things aren't going well, you can brainstorm together how to best support your child while continuing to build independence.

When we combine a hug (you can do it!) with a push (go do it!) we will see amazing things from our young leaders.

Sincerely,
Lara Storm & Shelly King
Co-Principals

COMING EVENTS

WED. & THURS., SEPT. 9 & 10

Library Book Pick-Up, A-L, 11:30-3:30

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Book Requests Last Name M-Z Due

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

PTA Meeting, 6:30 (Watch ParentSquare for Zoom Info)

WED. & THURS., SEPT. 16 & 17

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

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

Material & Supply Distribution

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.

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

LIBRARY CORNER: Book Checkout: Thank you to all the students and families who submitted book requests last week. It's exciting to be able to get books into kids' hands again! A-L families, don't forget to pick up the books you requested today and tomorrow from 11:30 - 3:30. Families with a last name that starts with M-Z can pick up books next week (see the full schedule [here](#)). Please be sure to fill out the [TK-2nd Google request form](#) or have your 3rd-5th grader [log in to Destiny](#) and request specific books by Sunday night. Please reach out through [email](#) or ParentSquare if you have any questions! **Million Word Reader Program:** The Monarch Library is excited to announce a new reading program this year! Million Word Reader will encourage 3rd-5th grade students to read 1 million words by the end of the school year. After students read a book, they will take an AR (Accelerated Reader) quiz and this will keep track of how many words they have read. Student progress will be tracked and updated weekly. Once students have reached 1 million words, their picture will go on a \$1,000,000 bill and be added to a display in the library that will be visible on book pickup days. I will also be working to create a digital display that can be shared in teachers' Google classrooms. ANY book can be used to get to the 1 million word goal, which I hope will be more inclusive of all our different readers (and since students should be doing daily reading for class, it's easy to join in, no sign-up required!). At the end of the year, we will have a celebration (TBD depending on what the health guidelines are) with fun prizes for all the students who reach 1 million words. I hope you will encourage your student to work towards this goal that will improve, not only their reading, but their vocabulary, writing skills, and brain strength! See you in the library! -- 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: 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.

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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