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THE FLYER



MONARCH GROVE NEWS

MESSAGE FROM THE CO-PRINCIPALS: THE GREAT KINDNESS CHALLENGE

We hope all is going well with The Great Kindness Challenge this week! We would love to share with others how our Monarch Grove families are participating in The Great Kindness Challenge. If you have been documenting your families participation please send photos or video to our social media email: monarchgrovesocialmedia@gmail.com. We look forward to seeing how you are spreading kindness!

We can also use your help making our 40% threshold for Title 1 funding. If you haven't applied for our district's free meal program yet we could really use your help. Please call the office at 805-534-2844 to let us know you are applying and then [apply online here](#).

When you qualify, your family gets 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 Title 1 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 call our office tomorrow 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 applied this year and didn't qualify, you may want to apply again, especially if your family's circumstances have changed.

Sincerely,
Lara Storm & Shelly King
Co-Principals

COMING EVENTS



MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1

PTA Meeting, 6:30pm

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3

Material/Innovation box pick up, 1:00-3:00

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8

No School, Presidents Day

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

Special Valentine's Day Pick-Up, 1:00 - 3:00

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11

ELAC Meeting, 6:00pm

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15

No School, Lincoln's Birthday

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

Material Pick-up, 1:00-3:00

THURSDAY, February 18

Diverse Monarchs, 6:30pm

NEWS AND NOTES

FROM THE COUNSELOR: Thank you to all who filled out the parent surveys! It helps to hear from you! Many families shared a need for a social outlet, so I will be hosting zooms to allow kids to be with their whole grade level once per week. All kids are invited to their grade social zoom!!

Mondays:

12:00 K [Zoom link - whole K class](#)

12:30 1 [Zoom link - whole 1st grade](#)

1:00 2 [Zoom link - Whole 2nd grade](#)

1:30 3 [Zoom link - Whole 3rd grade](#)

2:00 4 [Zoom Link - whole 4th grade](#)

Thursdays:

12:00 5 [Zoom Link: whole 5th grade](#)

It is interesting to see how very different all our experiences are! 53% of respondents said their family is stressed, frustrated and tired. 43% said they're hopeful, happy, and content. Some wanted more dancing, drawing and connection, while others wanted more focus on hard academics and less on social/emotional (regardless of age).

But it was fun to hear how many of you took the opportunity to say thank you to my rock-star colleagues who are working so hard to make this "hard thing" as positive as possible. If you need anything at all, please don't hesitate to call or email me! Daina Catlin, School Counselor dcatlin@slcusd.org.

FLAMINGO FLOCKING IS BACK!! The 4th grade class will be running the flamingo flocking fundraiser for the month of February. A super fun fundraiser where a flock of flamingos (fun plastic ones that is) fly into your yard in the evening, hang out for the day and then move on to the next location. Great way to spread some fun and cheer to our kiddos, friends, family and neighbors. More info to come!!

DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP FAMILY TIPS: Working together, schools and families can prepare kids to think critically

and use technology in positive, creative, and powerful ways. Check out this month's Family tip on digital citizenship: January 2021: **Privacy & Safety**

Protecting personal info & data privacy (Spanish version: **Ayudemos a fortalecer la privacidad y seguridad de los niños (ELEM)**)

Since I neglected to add the December tip, here it is: English **Help Kids Balance Their Media Lives (ELEM)**.

Spanish **Ayudemos a los niños a encontrar equilibrio en su vida digital (ELEM)**.

LIBRARY CORNER: Million Word Reader Challenge: 3rd - 5th grade students are moving and shaking on our leaderboard. Encourage your student to show you the digital display- it's posted in their Google classroom.

CYRM Time: Last week, students watched the week's read-aloud with their teacher or were assigned it for asynchronous work. Look for it in their Google classroom if you'd like to watch/listen as well. If you aren't familiar (or forget) what CYRM is, you can **watch the intro video** I sent to students. For more information, check out the **CYRM website** or the **library website**. It will look different this year, but it will still be a lot of fun to read all the books and see who comes out the winner!

Book Checkout: Any student/family can request books each week (no more worrying if it's your turn by last name).

This means students can check out books each week if they'd like. You are welcome to keep books that your child is still reading, but we ask that you return books you are done with as soon as you are able to so other students have a chance to read them as well. **Here is the form for TK-2nd** (you can request specific books now!) and **here is the video showing 3rd-5th** graders how to request their books in our library catalog **Destiny**. If you have questions, please **email me**.

Online Reading Options: Don't forget we now have access to Sora through both the district and the public library (no library card needed!). You can find the steps to set up your child's account **here** or watch the video **here**. Through the public library with a library card you and your child also have access to eReading options through platforms like CloudLibrary, Libby and Hoopla. If you need help getting a library card, I am happy to help! See you in the (virtual) library and at book pickup! -- Mrs. Santoianni

DIVERSE MONARCHS: Wrapping up our month of sharing resources to start a conversation about race in your home, this is a 7 minute video which describes how the topic is handled in public schools across the country.

Teaching America's Past

This is a short interesting article from National Geographic.

Empathy and Bias

To see all the resources we've collected visit our site!

Race Resources

Our next meeting is Thursday, February 18th at 6:30pm.

All are welcome!

PARENT RESOURCES FROM TCRWP: Teacher's College has created resources for families to support literacy development in distance learning. There are family videos (K-2, 3-5, 6-8), book collections, "Ask a Literacy Expert" office hours, and even free workshops. There are resources in Spanish, too. **Check it out.**

PTA NEWS: It's time to start thinking about the PTA Board Elections, are you interested in volunteering your time for the little people of Monarch? We typically hold elections in the month of March, available positions are

President

Vice President

Treasurer

Secretary
Parliamentarian
Historian

Please contact monarchgrovepta@gmail.com if you are interested in joining the board.

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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