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MG Flyer - Family News 1/20/2020

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**MESSAGE FROM THE CO-PRINCIPALS:
THE GREAT KINDNESS CHALLENGE**

The week of January 25 - January 29 is The Great Kindness Challenge. This is a proactive and positive bullying prevention initiative that improves school climate and increases student engagement. The Great Kindness Challenge is one week devoted to performing as many acts of kindness as possible. Using the provided checklist, students show the world that KINDNESS MATTERS! The organizers of this activity, Kids for Peace, is a global non-profit with the mission to create peace through youth leadership, community service, global friendships, and thoughtful acts of kindness. Feel free to check out the website all about **The Great Kindness Challenge**. Monarch Grove, along with many schools in our district and throughout the world, are participating in this very special week. At Monarch Grove we are asking families to participate in a special challenge each day. Below is the challenge for each day as well as the link to the family checklist. You will probably hear more information from your child's teacher as we plan to extend the challenge through February.

Our habit challenge this week comes from Mrs. Fenton and fits well with the kindness challenge. It relates to Habit 4: Think Win-Win, Make goodies to share with a neighbor.

Kindness Challenge Family Checklist
Kindness Challenge Family Checklist Spanish

Kindness Challenge

MONDAY - use kind words

Leave positive messages around your home for people you love

TUESDAY- be kind to others

Make a card for a HERO right now!

WEDNESDAY- be kind to our earth

Pick up litter on your walk or plant something new!

THURSDAY- be kind to ourselves

Do some mindful breathing or get moving outside

FRIDAY - be kind to all

Create a chalk picture on the sidewalk or make a sign for your window that spreads kindness and peace!

Sincerely,

Lara Storm & Shelly King

Co-Principals

COMING EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20

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

THURSDAY, JANUARY 21

Diverse Monarchs, 6:30pm

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1

PTA Meeting, 6:30pm

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3

Material 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

ELAC Meeting, 6:00pm

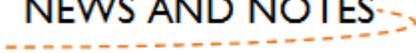
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15

No School, Lincoln's Birthday

THURSDAY, February 18

Diverse Monarchs, 6:30pm

NEWS AND NOTES



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: It's that time of year for the California Young Reader Medal nominees! If you aren't familiar (or forget) what CYRM is, you can **watch the intro video** I sent to students last week. I am recording a read aloud for each book in the categories our students participate in, which I will be sending out each week, along with some other fun information or activities related to that week's book. Once we've finished reading all the books, students will vote for their favorite. We usually find out in April which book won in each category (I have not heard if things will be different this year due to COVID). 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: Time for our monthly meeting! **Thursday, January 21 at 6:30**

Come listen and/or share your thoughts! Zoom Link **[https://zoom.us/j/95054527450?](https://zoom.us/j/95054527450?pwd=d1k0Q3ZjdW9STGNMcHJqWHBuT0RiQT09)**

pwd=d1k0Q3ZjdW9STGNMcHJqWHBuT0RiQT09 Meeting ID: 950 5452 7450 Passcode: 638504

Daina Catlin, Counselor

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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