



# The Monarch Memo

Monterey Ridge Elementary School PTA Newsletter

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## Newman's Notes



~Dr. Rich Newman~  
Principal

May has arrived and the summer is beginning to beckon. It is hard to believe that the year is moving towards a close. And as the end of the school year approaches, so do thoughts of next school year. We will soon be turning our attention to thinking about next year and focusing on developing class rosters for the coming year. While our policy at MRES is not to accept requests to have or not to have a specific teacher, we do invite you to share your thoughts about your child with us. We realize that you, as parents, know your children and their learning styles, strengths, and areas of need better than anyone. For these reasons, we invite you to complete a Parent Input Form, which is available on our website or in the office, and share your thoughts as to what you believe would be the best learning style and room environment for your child.

All forms are due by 1:30 on May 18<sup>th</sup>.

## PTA News



~ Evi Haux~  
PTA President

As we count down the remaining days of the school year, I'm reminded that time flies when you're having fun. It seems like just yesterday that we were planning our first *Popsicle Posting Party* and getting a new principal to start the school year.

Although "next year" is still months away, we're already putting the next *Popsicle Posting Party* on the calendar and working with Dr. Newman to plan fun activities and programs for the 2009 – 2010 school year.

Summer will be busy, hectic and difficult in many ways, but the more relaxed schedule always allows for lots of fun so the time is sure to fly. Before we know it, we'll be having a *Popsicle Posting Party* and *Back to School Night 2009-2010*.

We'll have one more Monarch Memo for this school year but be sure to keep an eye on the PTA website this summer. We'll be posting important dates and events that you won't want to miss.

[www.mrespta.org](http://www.mrespta.org)

## ~Dine-out on May 14~

Don't miss the next MREFoundation Dine Out on **May 14**. Please note the date on your calendar now and watch for flyers announcing the restaurant next week.

## ~Upcoming Dates to Note~

May 7 – Kindergarten Information Night in the MPR

May 10 – Mother's Day

May 13 – Kindergarten Registration starts at 2:00

May 21 – PTA Association Meeting, Open House and Art Show

May 25 – Memorial Day (Observed) No School, ESS closed

June TBA - Volunteer Tea (sponsored by MRE staff)

June 12 – Unclaimed Lost and Found items will be donated to Salvation Army

## ~Kindergarten Information~

The school's website is your best bet for keeping up to date with the latest news about the Kindergarten program at MRE. Visit [www.powayusd.com/pusdmres/](http://www.powayusd.com/pusdmres/).

Registration for Kindergarten and PEPP will begin on Wednesday, May 13, 2009. It will take place from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. and will continue each day thereafter in the office between 9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

## ~Butterfly Tree~



Take a minute to visit the new and improved Butterfly Tree at MRE's Open House and Art Show on May 21.

It's an easy way to support the needs at Monterey Ridge. Choose a butterfly and write a check ~ it's easy and the money will go directly to the program or activity listed on the butterfly. Use the clipboard to log the item description and your contact information. Checks should be made payable to "MRE Foundation" and turned in to the front desk.

## Ice Cream Sales



Mary Still ~ PTA Chair

As the weather heats up, don't forget to join us every Wednesday after school for a treat. Ice Cream is 75 cents each and the profits help support PTA programs.



## Recycle Cans and Bottles

Save your empty and rinsed cans and bottles for the next Recycle Collection Day at the Flag Pole.

**Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup>**

## ~Special Thanks~

We would like to recognize **Christine Reiter** for chairing a super **Scholastic Book Fair!** All the activities were fun and well attended and our PTA earned almost \$4,000!!!

**Alya Mansi** deserves special thanks for chairing the fun-tastic **Fun Run.** The event was extremely well organized and netted the PTA nearly \$10,000!!! **Way to go Monarchs!**

## Yearbook ~ The Metamorphosis

Kelly Gechoff ~ PTA Chair

Order your yearbook while supplies last. The cost is still only \$25 and the book will provide a keepsake for your child to enjoy for years to come. The yearbook will be comprised of 84 pages of student portraits, class group shots, candid shots of students at work learning and playing, and at special events throughout the school year. Order one for each child now! Room parents – consider ordering one for the classroom to sign at the end of the year.

**Forms are online at [mrespta.org](http://mrespta.org) under "forms".**

## Monterey Ridge Box Tops



Tami Dedic ~ PTA Chair

**WOW! Monterey Ridge earned over \$1,200 by collecting Box Tops this year!!!** An easy way to earn money with Box Tops is to sign up on the box tops web site at [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com). Every time someone new signs up we get FIVE FREE box tops (\$0.50)! The site has great recipes, coupons for items with box tops, and activities for the kids and ways to help our school. Please consider signing up today.

**It's the easiest way we know to support our school.**



## Running Club

Open position ~ PTA Running Club Chair

Put on your running shoes and come out to the track at 8:30 AM on Tuesday and Thursday mornings (unless it's raining). It's a fun way to get fit and a fantastic way to start your day! May's back pack charm says "26.2" (a marathon). Earn a charm by running at least 5 miles in May or completing a marathon since the beginning of 2008-2009's Running Club.

May will also be the last month to earn miles toward qualifying for the top 10 medal award.

*For safety reasons, please do not drop your child off before 8:30. Laps run before our volunteers arrive cannot be counted.*

## ~Gift giving supports Monterey Ridge~

You can **still** support our PTA by purchasing Gift Wrap, jewelry, and gifts online through our fundraising partner Community Resources. Just visit: [www.shoppingforyourschool.com](http://www.shoppingforyourschool.com). Purchases will be shipped directly to your home and Monterey Ridge will receive a portion of the sales. If you have any questions, please leave a message in the PTA voicemail box. (858) 487-6887 ext. 6123.



## ~Fall Festival 2009~

Be a part of the first ever Monterey Ridge International Fall Festival! Contact Gigi Adaya – VP of Programs at [alexngigi@yahoo.com](mailto:alexngigi@yahoo.com) for more information and to help plan this event. This event will replace our Spring Festival and will be held in September or October. We'll need lots of help and suggestions to ensure the festival is fun and exciting for everyone. There will be meetings over the summer so join the fun NOW!

## ~Spirit wear~

Visit the PTA website to place your order for spirit wear. Our new styles include chocolate brown T's tailored for boys and girls. The logo is a cool surfer style. Get yours now at [www.mrespta.org](http://www.mrespta.org), then click "forms".

## ~Summer Camp Information~

As you consider camps and activities this summer, look into some camps provided by businesses that support Monterey Ridge with their donations and sponsorships.

[www.scienceandventures.com](http://www.scienceandventures.com) – use promo code raf002 to save \$

[www.rancho.ymca.org](http://www.rancho.ymca.org) – provide Playground Partners Program

[www.baseballsap.com](http://www.baseballsap.com) – Fun Run Sponsor

[www.floatiesswimschool.com](http://www.floatiesswimschool.com) – Fun Run Sponsor

## ~Student Council Update~

It's time to participate in the Student Council's Community Service Project *Pasta for Pennies*. The program benefits The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Students will be collecting spare change to support the Society's mission to cure leukemia, lymphoma, myeloma and Hodgkin's disease and to improve the quality of life for patients and their families. Olive Garden will deliver lunch (pasta party) to the top fundraising class.



## Playground Partners

Karen Hayes ~ PTA Chair

Playground Partners has been successfully received by our students! Playground Partners volunteers assist a YMCA staff member run games on our playground on Mondays and Wednesdays during the lunch periods.

During the remaining month of Playground Partners, we are in need of volunteers. If you are interested in becoming involved in Playground Partners, and are able to commit one day (or more) during lunch, please contact Karen at [ghayes01@cox.net](mailto:ghayes01@cox.net). You will be supported by the YMCA Playground Partners training system.

## ~Walk to School Wednesday~

Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>



Don't miss the last Walk to School Wednesday of the school year! PTA continues to support healthy lifestyles by encouraging you to walk to school. Please remind students to use sidewalks and cross walks on their way to school.

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## Use Compass Learning ANY time from home!

There are enough licenses to allow unlimited access to all students. Log on **any time** at:

<http://cl.powayusd.com/childu/index.html?SSL=1>

or visit the Monterey Ridge home page and click "students" on the left hand side of the screen to see a list of options, then choose "Compass Learning Login".