



# The Monarch Memo

Monterey Ridge Elementary School PTA Newsletter

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## Newman's Notes

~Dr. Rich Newman~  
Principal

Thanks to the generous support of the MRES Foundation we've added a new computer lab to our school. Yes, a new computer lab! This new lab was made possible by the purchase of computers by our school Foundation. It's up and running now and will help abbreviate the current MAPs testing window.

We are currently installing 21 Interactive Promethean Smart Boards. These Promethean Boards will give Monterey Ridge another way to bring cutting edge technology into our classrooms. Be sure to ask your child to tell you about the new equipment.

## ~Dr. Newman's Book Club~

*Positive Discipline* by Jane Nelsen.

Discussion to be held in February or March.

## PTA News



~Evi Haux~  
PTA President

January is the month of new beginnings. It's also the point when I realize that we're almost half way through the school year. In my house, we're getting back to our school routines with fresh perspective. The habits we start now will carry us through the rest of the school year and into the summer.

Our PTA is starting a new habit. We're helping the OK Packets "Go Green." This issue of the Monarch Memo will be the last to be mass produced and distributed. In the future, we'll only print enough for those who wish to receive the paper version and a few extra for the front office. Everyone will receive an email with instructions about how to access the online versions. We hope you'll help us embrace the use of technology by visiting the PTA's website often.

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

## ~PTA Board Positions~

Our school's PTA Executive Board has the following elected positions: president, executive vice president, 1<sup>st</sup> vp of programs, 2<sup>nd</sup> vp of volunteers, 3<sup>rd</sup> vp of communications, 4<sup>th</sup> vp of fundraising, secretary, treasurer, financial secretary, auditor and historian. The parliamentarian is appointed by the president. All of these positions are open for the 2009 - 2010 school year. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Shannon Perri at [colenjakesmomy@yahoo.com](mailto:colenjakesmomy@yahoo.com) or Evi Haux at [eahaux@aol.com](mailto:eahaux@aol.com).

## ~Upcoming Date's to Note~

Monday, January 19 – Observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day (no ESS)

Tuesday, January 20 – Professional Growth Day (ESS is open)

Friday, January 23 – Principal's Coffee Chat and PTA Association Meeting to revise the PTA's annual budget, ratify expenses, approve contacts and new programs and elect the 2009 – 2010 Nominating Committee and convention delegates.

Friday, January 30 – Student Council Spirit Day – Wear your PJ's

February 2 – 6 – MRE Celebrates Monarch Staff Appreciation Week

Monday, February 16 – 20 – President's Week (ESS avail. 17 – 19)

Wednesday, March 4 – Third Annual MRE PTA Fun Run

March 9 – 13 – Scholastic Book Fair (AM shopping and PM Family Night)

Wednesday, March 11 – MRE Talent Show at Westview High School Auditorium



## Monterey Ridge Box Tops



Tami Dedic ~ PTA Chair

Continue to collect Box Tops from your favorite foods and snacks throughout the winter months. Please use the collection sheets which can be found online at [www.btf.com](http://www.btf.com). It's the easiest way we know to support our school.

## Playground Partners

Karen Hayes ~ PTA Chair

The PTA Playground Partners program began in November and has been a great success. We continue to need parents who are willing to commit one day per month (or more) during lunch on Monday or Wednesday to help run programs on the playground. You will be supported by the YMCA Playground Partners training system.

Contact Karen at [ghayes01@cox.net](mailto:ghayes01@cox.net) for more information.

## Ice Cream Sales



Mary Still ~ PTA Chair

Join us every Wednesday after school for a treat. Ice Cream is 75 cents each and the profits help support PTA programs.

~Walk to School Wednesday~  
Wednesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>

Get used to the idea of walking to school on at least one day of the month! 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.

## ~Butterfly Tree~

You might have noticed the new and improved Butterfly Tree in the lobby... 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.

## Dine Out with MRE Foundation Supporters

We'll see you at Mr. Charlie's in RB next Thursday!  
See the attached flier for more details.

## Yearbook ~ The Metamorphosis

Kelly Gechoff ~ PTA Chair

Don't miss your chance to save! Between now and February, a copy of The Metamorphosis will only cost \$20. After that, the price will increase. 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 and save! 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".



## Running Club

Open position ~ PTA Running Club Chair

Keep your resolution to stay fit! 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!

January's back pack charm is a penguin. Earn a charm by running at least 5 miles in January.

Parents, let us know if you can help tally laps – we're done by 9:00 so it's a fun and easy way to volunteer at Monterey Ridge!

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



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