



# The Monarch Memo

Monterey Ridge Elementary School PTA Newsletter

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## Newman's Notes



~Dr. Rich Newman~  
Principal

*Excerpts from this weeks (e)mail*

### **VOLUNTEER BREAKFAST**

So much of our work at school depends on the generosity and support of our parents and volunteers. We will be hosting a Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast on Friday, June 5th from 8:15 to 9:00 in the MPR to say thanks to all of our volunteers that have made this year so successful. I am looking forward to seeing you there!

### **STAFF/STUDENT SOFTBALL GAME**

On Tuesday, June 9 many of our fabulous MRES staff will face off against our impressive 5th grade students for a fun game of softball. I am looking forward to a great time and an exciting game.

### **FIFTH GRADE PROMOTION**

It is hard to believe that the time has almost arrived to say goodbye to our fifth graders and send them on to middle school. Our 5th grade promotion will take place on Wednesday, June 10 at 10:00 in the MPR. Cameras and lots of tissues are a must to bring.

## PTA News



~ Evi Haux~  
PTA President

# Thank You

Thank you for spending time in the classroom. Thank you for your generous donations of supplies, money and support. Thank you for helping with our PTA, Foundation and school fundraising efforts. Thank you for creating and attending our programs, performances, informational nights and family nights.

You are the support structure that makes it all possible. Thank you to the **staff members** and **families** of Monterey Ridge.

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

## ~Camp Flyers - ePacket~

Be sure to check the Wednesday ePacket at [www.mrespta.org/epackets](http://www.mrespta.org/epackets). There are lots of opportunities for your children to attend summer camps and activities.

## ~Upcoming Dates to Note~

June 5 from 8:15 – 9:00 - Volunteer Breakfast (sponsored by MRE staff)

June 9 – Staff vs. 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Students in a Softball game

June 11 6:00 pm – MREF Board Meeting to announce slate of officers for 2009 - 2010

June 10 10:00 in MPR – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion

June 11 – Last day of school (ESS open before school only)

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

June 21 – Father's Day

## ~Volunteer of the Year~

Congratulations to **Donita Santos** who was named *2008 – 2009 MRES Volunteer of the Year*. Donita will be recognized at the Volunteer Breakfast on June 5 and at the district level during a special recognition dinner in February.

**Thank you for ALL you do Donita!**

## ~School Supplies~

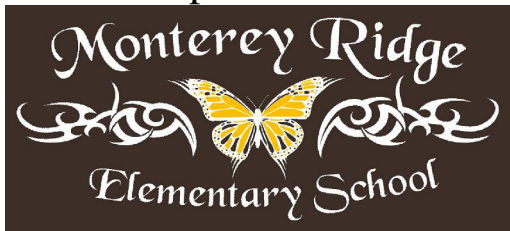
Don't wait until August to buy your school supplies! Save hassles, time and gas by ordering them now.

MRES PTA has partnered with Innisbrook School Supplies to provide Back-to-School Packs created especially for our classrooms. Order the pack now and it will be delivered to your child's classroom on the first day of school.

Packs are available for Kindergarten and 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grades. Please look for information coming home this week and place your order before June 25<sup>th</sup>.

Visit [www.innisbrook.com](http://www.innisbrook.com), select "buy school supplies", use our school number 113869 to pay with a credit card or return the form before the last day of school with a check to **MRES PTA**.

## ~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".

## Recycle Cans and Bottles

Save your empty and rinsed cans and bottles over the summer and make our next Recycle Collection Day the biggest ever!



**Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup>  
at the flag pole**

## Yearbook ~ The Metamorphosis

Kelly Gechoff ~ PTA Chair

Get your yearbook while supplies last! We expect to sell out this year so be sure to get yours now.

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.

Representatives will be selling the books before and after school until they are gone. Room parents – consider purchasing one for the classroom to sign at the end of the year as a teacher gift.

## 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.

Turn in any boxtops that you don't want hanging around this summer and don't forget to ask friends and relatives to save them from summer time snacks. We'll have a fun contest in August to kick-start the collection in 2009 – 2010.

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

## Running Club

Rachel Pustelnik ~ PTA Running Club Chair



Running Club is finished for the 2008 – 2009 school year but please continue being physically active this summer to keep your body healthy!

We will be awarding our top runners with medals at the last Friday Flag on June 5<sup>th</sup>.

Thanks to all our volunteers for making this year's Running Club successful and especially to **Rachel Pustelnik** for keeping track of the laps that were run every Tuesday and Thursday morning before school.

## ~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!

## Playground Partners

Karen Hayes ~ PTA Chair

Playground Partners will continue next year! This year, MRE PTA sponsored a new program called Playground Partners. Volunteers assisted a YMCA staff member in running games on our playground two days each week. We are planning to enhance the program by increasing it to three days a week next year but we will need additional 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.

## ~ESS News~

Keep up with ESS through the summer at:

<http://www.powayusd.com/pusdmres/ess>

Please note these important ESS dates:

**Wednesday, June 3...**Summer Packets Available

**Thursday, June 11...**

Last Day of School!!! **E.S.S. OPEN BEFORE SCHOOL ONLY!!!**

**Friday, June 12...**E.S.S. Closed, Preparing for Summer!

**Monday, June 15...**Start of our Summer Program!!

## ~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.scienceandadventures.com](http://www.scienceandadventures.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

## 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”.



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