



# The Monarch Memo

Monterey Ridge Elementary School PTA Newsletter

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## Principal's Welcome

Welcome to the 09-10 school year. I am so thrilled to have the year underway once again. Walking the halls over the summer is a very lonely experience and not one I enjoy! Now that our campus is once again bustling with energy and excitement, I want to take a moment to say thanks in advance for partnering with us. Our work at school is only successful if we work together as a community to support one another to ensure that each child receives the support, rigor and engagement to reach her or his potential.

I strongly believe education is a three-way partnership between school, parent/guardian and child. Research has proven that when the home and school work together a positive attitude about school is developed and children tend to be more productive. We want to work closely with you to ensure the success of your child and, in turn, we ask that you do everything in your power to make sure that your child arrives at school on time each day rested and ready to learn. I know that working together we can make a powerful and positive difference in the life of your child.

The results on the state standardized tests are only one indication of how well our students are performing. The results showed that our students' proficiency rate grew in EVERY subject area in EVERY grade. We are quite proud of these results. Another indicator of our success is the parent engagement we have on campus. We feel very blessed to have so many parents that are engaged and involved in our school and hope it continues.

On behalf of our entire staff we are excited to once again partner with each of you.

Rich Newman, Ed.D.  
Principal  
Monterey Ridge Elementary

## PTA Welcome

~ Evi Haux~  
PTA President

Welcome Monarch Families! On behalf of your 2009 – 2010 PTA Executive Board, I welcome you to MRES.

We've grown again ~ in more ways than one! Our school continues to grow in enrollment *and* budget cuts have also caused an increase in class sizes across all grade levels. We as parents and members of the PTA are looking for ways to meet increased needs due to decreased state funding. Now more than ever, we need volunteers to help with programs, fundraising, and idea generation.

PTA will continue funding all of the great programs that you and the kids have come to enjoy and we will introduce new programs and ideas throughout the year. We will continue to stay **GREEN** this year, so be sure to open your **ePacket** each Wednesday in order to stay up to date. Check with the office to ensure you're set to volunteer as soon as your new teacher is ready. I'm ready for a new school year and hope you are too!

## Running Club



Karen Stokes ~ PTA Chair

We'll kick off Running Club on Tuesday, September 8 at 8:30 AM on the track around the grassy area. We'll run, walk, or skip every Tuesday and Thursday morning (unless it's raining) between 8:30 and 8:50. It's a fun way to get fit and a fantastic way to start your day!

We have monthly incentives to encourage regular running. In addition to ribbons, you can earn trinkets following monthly themes. Listen carefully at Friday Flag for more information.

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

## Butterfly Bucks Card ~ Support PTA

Julie Golich ~ VP Fundraising

Monterey Ridge is happy to provide a new way to support our PTA programs and initiatives **and** to help you save money at the same time. This year we're offering the chance to purchase a discount card for many local merchants. The cards cost only \$10 and \$5 from each card will go directly to support PTA programs. Order Forms are available online at [www.mrespta.org](http://www.mrespta.org). Return the order form to your child's teacher or turn them in at the front office. We will deliver the cards to your child's classroom. We will also have the cards for sale at Back to School Night, Friday Flag and other school events.

If you have any questions, please leave a message for Julie at (858) 487-6884 ext. 6123.

## Box Tops for Education



Tami Dedic ~ PTA Chair

Keep saving all those Box Tops that you collected over the summer! We'll announce a contest soon. Each student who collected 10 Box Tops helped earn \$1.00 for our school. It's the easiest way we know to support our school.



## Picture Day 2008

Janet Powell ~ PTA Chair

School Photos will be taken on Wednesday, September 23. Be on the lookout for additional information coming home soon! Get your hair cut now and start practicing your smiles.

## Gift Wrap Fundraiser



Julie Golich ~ VP Fundraising

Our 2009 Monterey Ridge Fall Fundraiser will start on Wednesday, September 9 with assemblies for all grades. You'll notice some differences in our prize program. We have a new fundraising partner and new products too! This year we'll award incentives for selling all through the promotion. The new prize list includes items that the students are sure to enjoy and discounts that parents are sure to appreciate.

Don't miss the chance to see many of the items shown in the catalog at Back to School Night in the MPR before and after the PTA meeting.

In addition to the numerous selections of eye-catching gift wrap, the brochure also includes mouthwatering chocolates, quality fashion jewelry items, and licensed products for you to choose from. Great American Fundraising also offers easy Internet ordering for out-of-town friends and family, giving students even more opportunities to earn prizes.

This is your chance to start your holiday shopping while helping Monterey Ridge; 50% of Brochure Gift and Gift Wrap sales will benefit our PTA, enabling us to fund assemblies, field trips, science, performing arts, music, family nights and school resource needs. Your support is invaluable!

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer on Gift Wrap Order Tally Day (9/29), please leave a message in the PTA voicemail box. (858) 487-6887 ext. 6123.

## Opt In

This year the PTA is trying something new. Instead of "Opting Out" of the Fall Fundraiser, we're giving you the chance to "OPT IN" to supporting all PTA programs. You'll have the benefit of knowing you're one of Monterey Ridge PTA's top supporters and the peace of mind that your PTA donations are taken care of with one check. Look for more information online at [www.mrespta.org](http://www.mrespta.org).

## Need a place to leave your kids while you're at BTS Night?

BOUNCE can help!!! See the flyer in this week's ePacket. Call 858-592-1439 for details.

## Helping Hands

Roxan DeGennaro ~ PTA Chair

The PTA's Community Concerns Committee is looking for children and parents who would like to help others in our community. We will be discussing ways to help others and to involve our children in charitable projects.

Please leave a message for Roxan in the PTA voice mail box at (858) 487-6887 ext. 6123.

Mark Your Calendars

**Back to School Night is Thursday,  
September 3.**

*Child care will not be provided.*



## Reflections ~ *Beauty is...*

Melissa Babin ~ PTA Chair

The National PTA Reflections Program is an arts recognition and achievement program for students. The Reflections Program provides opportunities for students to express themselves creatively and to receive positive recognition for original works of art inspired by a pre-selected theme, while increasing community awareness on the importance of the arts in education. The theme for 2009 – 2010 is "*Beauty is...*" Our program will officially kick off in mid-September and entries will be due in mid-October. The Annual Gala and Awards Night is scheduled for October 22 from 5:00 – 6:00. If you are able to help with this program, please leave a message for Melissa in the PTA voice mail box at (858) 487-6887 ext. 6123.

## Monterey Ridge PTA Association Meeting

Have you joined PTA this year? If not, consider that MRE PTA plans to spend **over \$50,000** again this year to support new and existing programs, school supplies, field trips, assemblies, family nights, service projects and more. A major purpose of the PTA is to nurture a relationship between home and school; where parents and teachers can work together to promote the education of our students. Your annual membership of \$10 per person helps to pay for events and activities that will enrich their daily experience at Monterey Ridge and help support their education.

Please plan to attend our first PTA Association Meeting this year. It will be held during Back to School Night in the MPR from 6:30 – 7:00. We will be announcing some of the new programs as well as approving the association's budget for the school year.

If you have any questions, please leave a message in the PTA voicemail box at (858) 487-6887 ext. 6123.

## PTA Volunteers Needed

The following PTA Chair positions are open:

**Red Ribbon Week  
Family Nights**

If you're interested please contact Judy at [judnic73@gmail.com](mailto:judnic73@gmail.com).

## Foundation Volunteers Needed

MREFoundation is looking for energetic parents to help with great projects and events this year.

### Current needs:

Treasurer, parliamentarian, event team, VP Fundraising, recycling chair, dine out social event chair, cool kids chair, promotions team, volunteer coordinator.

If you're interested please contact [askMREF@yahoo.com](mailto:askMREF@yahoo.com).

## Recycling with MREFoundation



Join Monterey Ridge Educational Foundation in keeping our planet clean by recycling your empty plastic bottles and aluminum cans. The first Recycle Day of the school year will be on September 10 during drop off – at the flag pole.

## Ice Cream Sales



Mary Still ~ PTA Chair

Join us starting Wednesday, September 9 after school for a treat. Ice Cream is \$1 and the profits help support PTA programs.

## Monterey Ridge PTA International Fall Festival

Gigi Adaya – VP Programs



Mark your calendars and plan to attend the first ever **International Fall Festival** at Monterey Ridge.

Meet your child's classmates and teachers at this fun picnic style event with an international flair. Stay tuned for more information and an opportunity to pre-order dinner. We'll have lots of fun games, music and activities plus classroom sponsored booths representing many different countries. You won't want to miss it!

If you would like to help with this fun event, please leave a message in the PTA voicemail box for Gigi at (858) 487-6887 ext. 6123.

## Playground Partners

Karen Hayes ~ PTA Chair

The PTA Playground Partners program begins soon. We need parents who are willing to commit one day per month (or more) during lunch on Monday, Wednesday or Friday 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.

## MREFoundation



**Dine Out**

Support Monterey Ridge and simplify your dinner plans by attending our first Dine-Out of the year at 3 Rubio's locations. Stop by the Carmel Mountain, RB or Poway locations on September 10 between 2:00 and 8:00 pm. Be sure to print a flyer (in this week's ePacket list) to ensure your contribution counts!

## ~ PTA Tax Help Wanted~

Calling all accountants! Do you have tax preparation skills? If so, Monterey Ridge PTA needs your help. We are looking for someone to complete a 990EZ tax form for the Monterey Ridge PTA, a 501(c) organization. A small contribution of your time would really help our school. Please contact Kathy Gunther at [kathyg@san.rr.com](mailto:kathyg@san.rr.com) for more information.

## PTA Website

Visit the PTA website for up-to-date information and about school events.

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

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