



# The Monarch Memo

Monterey Ridge Elementary School PTA Newsletter

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## Principal's Coffee Chat

Join Dr. Newman for Coffee with the Principal this Thursday, October 1 immediately after school begins. He will be spending time sharing specific literacy and math activities that you can do with your child at home, while also sharing some data from our test results and engaging you in an activity designed to hear your hopes, dreams and wishes for MRES this year. Lastly, there will be time for questions and answers.

## Box Tops for Education



Tami Dedic ~ PTA Chair

Are you ready for some box top football? We are having a contest to see which two classes can collect the most box tops before October 16.

Collect all your box tops and turn them in on collection sheets or in baggies of 50. No expired BoxTops please.

Turn them into your classroom or the collection box in the MPR. Make sure your name and classroom is on the box tops so you get credit.

Prizes to the classes that collect the most so get going!

Please use the collections sheets which can be found online at [www.btfe.com](http://www.btfe.com).

## Community Concerns = Helping Hands



Roxan DeGennaro ~ PTA Chair

The PTA's Helping Hands 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.

## Gift Wrap Fundraiser

Julie Golich ~ PTA Chair

Although the catalog sales portion of our 2009 Monterey Ridge Fall Fundraiser came to a close on September 25, be sure to take a look on-line since Internet ordering continues until October 10. During this time students can continue to earn prizes.

This is a great time 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, please leave a message in the PTA voicemail box. (858) 487-6887 ext. 6123.

## Butterfly Bucks Card ~ Support PTA

Julie Golich ~ VP Fundraising

Monterey Ridge is happy to provide another way to support our PTA programs and initiatives **and** to help you save money at the same time. This year we're offering 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 school events. If you have any questions, please leave a message for Julie at (858) 487-6884 ext. 6123.

### Running Club



Karen Stokes ~ PTA Chair

We're off and running with Running Club. 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 participation. 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.*

### Ice Cream Sales



Mary Still ~ PTA Chair

Join us every Wednesday after school for a treat. Ice Cream is \$1 and the profits help support PTA programs. Coupon books can be purchased ~ 10 coupons for \$7.50. Leave a message for Mary in the PTA voice mail box at (858) 487-6887 ext. 6123.



## Reflections ~ *Beauty is...*

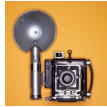
Melissa Babin ~ PTA Chair

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...*”

Represent Monterey Ridge Elementary in this year's program by expressing it in one of the following categories: Literature, Visual Arts, Music Composition, Film Production, Photography, and Dance Choreography. Entries are due by Friday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Participation rules apply. Official rules packets are available at [www.mrespta.org](http://www.mrespta.org). Everyone wins an award and a butterfly catch!

The Annual Gala and Awards Night will be held on 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.

## Make up Picture Day 2009



Janet Powell ~ PTA Chair

Make up pictures will be taken on October 13, 2009. Volunteers will also have the opportunity to take badge photos on that morning. If you have any questions, please leave a message for Janet in the PTA voice mail box at (858) 487-6887 ext. 6123.

## Recycling with MREFoundation



Join Monterey Ridge Educational Foundation in keeping our planet clean by recycling your empty plastic bottles and aluminum cans. The next Recycle Day will be on **October 8** during drop off – at the flag pole.

## WALK TO SCHOOL DAY

Wednesday, October 7th

The PTA is sponsoring Walk to School Day, Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>. Students who walk to school will be provided with a healthy snack which has been generously donated by Kashi. The PTA would like to thank Kashi for their support in supporting our students healthy walking habits.

All students and parents are encouraged to walk to school on October 7<sup>th</sup> in lieu of driving to promote healthy walking habits. Students are reminded to use the sidewalks while walking to school. Students should also use safety cross walks when present. Students and parents are also encouraged to use care when walking across our school parking lot. Parking lot drivers please use caution when driving in the parking lot. A few extra seconds of caution could prevent an injury.

We are looking for volunteers to assist in passing out the healthy snack. If you would like to volunteer, contact Karen Hayes @ [ghayes01@cox.net](mailto:ghayes01@cox.net).

We hope to see you all on Wednesday, October 7th for walking fun!

## Join the Monterey Ridge Elementary PTA

Jennifer Roa ~ PTA Membership Chair

What does it mean to be a member of PTA? What are my obligations and responsibilities? We often hear these questions as we start our Annual Membership Drive. The answers are easy.

- Being a member of PTA simply means that you support Monterey Ridge Elementary and the programs that the PTA offers. Your membership helps PTA pay for the resources our school needs to help students have a great experience every day. This year, our PTA has budgeted to spend over \$50,000 to support new and existing programs, school supplies, field trips, assemblies, family nights, service projects and more.
- Your obligations and responsibilities are also simple. Support your child at home, in the classroom and at school. We encourage attendance at four short General Assembly meetings throughout the year and ask for your help with our two major fundraisers. Additional involvement is completely voluntary.

Our goal of an increase in membership means we hope that all of our families will show their support by purchasing a \$10 per person membership. The resources you receive will more than cover the cost.

## PTA Volunteers Needed

The following PTA Chair positions are open:

### 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).

## Playground Partners



Karen Hayes ~ PTA Chair

**Do You Ever Wonder What Your Child Does on the  
Playground at Lunch?**

**Become a Playground Partners Volunteer to Find Out!  
It's Easy and Fun!**

### What is Playground Partners?

Playground partners is a PTA sponsored YMCA program which assists our parent volunteers in running structured sports, games, and activities for our students to help with conflict resolution, social learning, role modeling, and of course physical activity. Two stations will be set up on the playground during the lunch period with both active games and less active games.

### When are Volunteers Needed?

Playground Partners will run on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays during the lunch period through June. Playground Partners runs from 12:20 p.m. to 1:50 p.m.

### How Will I Know What to Do?

Volunteers will be trained by the YMCA staff member who attends weekly.

**Join the Excitement of Playground Partners and  
Help Our Students Have Fun!**

If you are interested in becoming involved in Playground Partners, please contact Karen at [ghayes01@cox.net](mailto:ghayes01@cox.net).

## MREFoundation



**Dine Out**

Support Monterey Ridge and simplify your dinner plans by attending our Dine-Out on October 8. Stop by Daphne's. 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.

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### PTA Website

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

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