



# The Monarch Memo

Monterey Ridge Elementary School PTA Newsletter

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## Newman's Notes

~Dr. Rich Newman~  
Principal

With the dawn of each New Year comes the inevitable ritual of making resolutions and setting goals for the coming year. As we all know, it is very easy to say we want to lose weight, exercise more or simply spend more time reading. By some reports 92% of resolutions are broken by January 31.

The success in achieving goals, I believe, lies in part in setting achievable targets that are SMART. That is setting goals that are **s**pecific, **m**easurable, **a**ttainable, **r**ealistic, and **t**imely. I am pleased to share with you that during our ProGro day on February 5<sup>th</sup> we will be revisiting the SMART goals that we set as a school and for each grade level. We are working hard to keep our eye on the prize and to ensure that we keep the goals we set at the beginning of the year by holding ourselves accountable for ensuring the success of all of our students.

We are looking forward to making 2010 a great year and achieving great success.

**Calendar note: February 5 ~ 12:45 release grades K-5**  
PEPP will release at 12:20

## PTA News



~ Evi Haux~  
PTA President

2010! As we realize this is the start of a new decade, other fresh starts seem appropriate. Big things, small things, many things are up for evaluation.

Last January, Monterey Ridge and our PTA "went green" with nearly all school and after school activity related information being available only on our website. While the system isn't "perfect", we've introduced some new ways to make it work better. Be sure to check it out and let us know what you think. We will continue making improvements until it works for everyone!

This year, we'll go green in another way. We are introducing the Monterey Ridge Gardening Club. We are looking for all types of gardeners. We'll kick everything off with a *Work Party* on Saturday, January 30 to do some general maintenance and will plan to meet regularly thereafter. Stay posted for more information in the Monday and Wednesday email messages.

[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 2010 - 2011 school year. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Donna Liebrecht at [kliebrec@ix.netcom.com](mailto:kliebrec@ix.netcom.com) or Evi Haux at [eahaux@aol.com](mailto:eahaux@aol.com).

## ~Upcoming Date's to Note~



Friday, January 8 – PTA All Hands (discuss Staff Appreciation, Yearbook & upcoming events)

Monday, January 18 – Observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day (school closed)

Thursday, January 28 – Science Fair and PTA Association Meeting to revise the PTA's annual budget, ratify expenses, approve contracts and new programs and elect the 2009 – 2010 Nominating Committee and convention delegates.

Friday, January 29 – Student Council Spirit Day – Sports Day

February 1 – 5 – MRE Celebrates Monarch Staff Appreciation Week

Monday, February 15 – 19 – President's Week (school closed)

Wednesday, March 3 – Fourth Annual MRE PTA Fun Run

March 8 – 12 – Scholastic Book Fair (AM shopping and PM Family Night)

April – 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.btfе.com](http://www.btfе.com). It's the easiest way we know to support our school. We'll announce another contest soon!

## Playground Partners

Karen Hayes ~ PTA Chair

The highly successful PTA Playground Partners program continues in 2010. 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.

## Ice Cream Sales



Mary Still ~ PTA Chair

Join us every Wednesday after school for a treat. Ice Cream costs \$1 each and the profits help support PTA programs.

~Walk to School Wednesday~  
Wednesday, January 13<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 = an easy way to support MRE~

Be on the watch for our new 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.

## Monterey Ridge Elementary Science Fair

Come view Science Fair projects on Thursday, January 28 from 6:00 – 7:00 pm. The PTA will also conduct a brief meeting from 6:30 – 7:00.

## Full Color Yearbook ~ The Metamorphosis

Heather Long ~ PTA Chair

Between now and February, our school's yearbook, The Metamorphosis will cost only \$20. After that, the price will increase! The yearbook will be comprised of 84 pages. The pages will include: student portraits, class group shots, and many candid photos of students at work, learning, playing, and at our special events throughout the school year. We're excited to announce all pages will be in full-color this year! Order one for your child now and save!

Printable order forms are available online at [mrespta.org](http://mrespta.org) under "forms" OR purchase your yearbooks online at [www.jostensyearbooks.com](http://www.jostensyearbooks.com). Once on this page, simply find our school by typing Monterey Ridge Elementary School in the available search field. Room parents – consider ordering one for the classroom to sign at the end of the year.



## 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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