

The Monarch Memo

Monterey Ridge Elementary School PTA Newsletter

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Newman's Notes

~Dr. Rich Newman~
Principal

Compass Learning for Parents Evening

Date Change

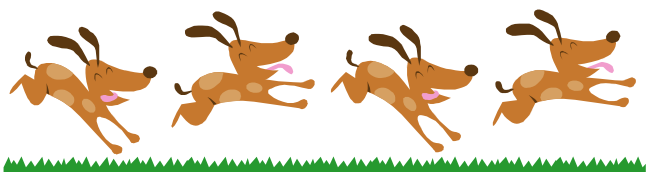
I will be hosting a Compass Learning (CL) for Parents evening on Thursday, February 25 from 6:00-7:00. As you know, Compass Learning is a big part of our program of support and enrichment for students. I will share a variety of CL tools that are at your disposal to help your child as well as explain how we use it to differentiate lessons and answer your questions.

Calendar item:

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

Get ready for the 4th Annual Fun Run Wednesday, March 3

~get pledges and return your envelopes on
February 5th.



PTA News



~ Evi Haux~
PTA President

We have so much to appreciate at Monterey Ridge! This week we are celebrating **Staff Appreciation Week**. I've heard many fun and creative ideas about how you're making your child's teacher feel special. Just remember, it's easy to share an extra smile or write a personal note of thanks.

Our Nominating Committee was elected at the General Association Meeting on January 28. Thanks to all who attended during the Science Fair viewing! Please consider how you can make a difference by volunteering on the PTA. Programs like Mini-grants to Teachers, Staff Appreciation Week, Playground Partners, Running Club, Gardening Club, School Photos, and Yearbook are funded and run by your PTA. Ask how you can help ~

The **MRES Garden Club** met on January 30 to ready the garden beds for spring planting. Families came to dig, rake, weed, build fences, and look for worms and ladybugs. There is something for everyone in the MRES Garden Club. Are you are interested in gardening? Watch for the next garden work day...

www.mrespta.org

~Upcoming Date's to Note~

February 1 – 5 – MRE Celebrates Monarch Staff Appreciation Week

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

Thursday, February 25 – Compass Learning For Parents 6 – 7 pm

Friday, February 26 – Breakfast of Champions

Wednesday, March 3 – Fourth Annual MRE PTA Fun Run

March 4 – 10 – Scholastic Book Fair (AM shopping and PM Family Night) ***Date Change***

May – MRE Talent Show

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. 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 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.

Oak Valley Parents Needed!!!



Oak Valley Middle School PTSA is currently looking for people interested in being a part of the Executive Board for the upcoming school year. If you are interested, please contact Jane McGuire at JEKSMCG@AOL.COM. Positions include President, Executive Vice-President and VP of Programs as well as other chair positions.

Full Color Yearbook ~ The Metamorphosis

Heather Long ~ PTA Chair

Great News!!! You can still purchase The Metamorphosis for only \$20.00 by buying online directly from Jostens at 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.

You can also use the printable order form available online at mrespta.org under "forms" but the cost will be \$25.00.

This year, 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!

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.

~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.

~Student Council Report~

Spirit Days ~ Monarch Day (Founders Day)

February 5. Show your Monarch Spirit on February 26th by wearing your sunglasses.

Smencils bookmarks and Valentine Grams will be on sale for \$1 in front of the school every morning February 4 – 11.

~Walk to School Wednesday~

Wednesday, February 10th

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.

~ Professional Growth Day~

This Friday, February 5th will be a minimum day. This Professional Growth Day will provide our staff an opportunity to collaborate to review student data, assess our progress to date, and determine our next steps to ensure all students achieve their potential. Students will dismiss at 12:45 except for PEPP which will continue to dismiss at 12:20.

~PTA Board Positions~

Our school's PTA Executive Board has the following elected positions: president, executive vice president, 1st vp of programs, 2nd vp of volunteers, 3rd vp of communications, 4th 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.

Community Corner

~announcements~

PQ Youth Soccer

PQYSA Soccer is busy preparing for Spring programs and the upcoming competitive season. If you are interested in participating in their programs and would like more detailed information, please visit <http://www.pqsoccer.com/>.

Thank YOU Adobe Systems!

Monterey Ridge Elementary would like to extend a big thank you to Adobe Systems for providing over \$1,300 worth of software to our classrooms this year. The software was provided through a grant.

~ Talent Show ~

Keep an eye out for more information about the Talent Show. We'll continue sign ups for a few more weeks and announce the date for the show soon.

Please continue working on your act and plan to attend some practice sessions during the next month.

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