



The Monarch Memo

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Newman's Notes

~Dr. Rich Newman~
Principal

Exerpts from Dr. Newman's eMail...

Parent Resource – Staying Safe & Talking To Strangers

The issue of how best to talk to children about strangers and safety is unfortunately we need to discuss. I wanted to share a resource with you that I found to be very helpful in talking to my own son about strangers and how to respond to people "you don't know and kinda know." This video, The Safe Side: Stranger Safety, is intended to be viewed by kids with their parents and does an excellent job of talking about the issue of strangers in a non-threatening and not scary manner. The video is intended for ages 4 and up. I have a copy in the office that I am more than happy to share. In short, I simply wanted to share a resource I found useful with my own family on a topic that is always difficult to broach but is necessary.

Kindergarten Registration Begins May 12

Registration for Kindergarten and PEPP will begin on Wednesday, May 12, 2010. It will take place from 12:30 – 4:30 p.m. and will continue each day thereafter in the office between the hours of 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Children must be five years old before December 2, 2010. PEPP classes are filled on a first come basis. All other grades (1st – 5th) may begin enrolling on Thursday, May 13th or anytime thereafter in the office between the hours of 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Registration will continue until June 25th.

PEPP Information Night

A PEPP (Poway Extended Primary Program) Parent Information Night will be held March 18 at 6:30 p.m. at Painted Rock Elementary. PEPP is a developmental program designed primarily for our younger kindergarten students, born between June 1st and December 2nd, and students with individual needs who would benefit from two years in a Kindergarten class. Many children entering Kindergarten at a younger age, benefit from being given additional time to develop the self-confidence and readiness skills necessary for academic success. PEPP is not intended as a remedial or special services program, but rather a developmentally appropriate first year of kindergarten, preparing students for a smooth transition to a traditional kindergarten classroom the following year.

Focus Group Needed

As part of the grant that has enabled us to have our new attendance hotline we need to gather your feedback. UCSD would like to schedule a short focus group meeting to hear your thoughts about the hotline and any improvements you think we can make. If you are interested and available for a very short period of time please let me know.

PTA News



~ Evi Haux~
PTA President

What makes you feel lucky? Among other things, I feel lucky because we have such a fantastic school. We have amazing teachers and support staff, incredible parent volunteers and a bunch of beautiful and talented children. Our classrooms are well equipped and our students are introduced to cutting edge tools and teaching methods every day. As we face another year with more budget cuts, our school, district and state will be forced to find ways to do things differently. We have learned from what happened in the past and we will continue to learn from the process. I'm confident that we will become better teachers, staff, parents and students through the challenge.

We're also lucky that our school's PTA and Foundation will be working together more than ever to ensure that our school's core needs are being met while still providing the enrichment activities that our community has come to count on. Please help us by staying connected and involved.

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~Upcoming Date's to Note~

March 3 – Fourth Annual MRE PTA Fun Run
March 5 – Scholastic Book Fair and Dad's Club
Family Night ***Ice Cream***
Friday, March 26 – Breakfast of Champions
May 21 – MRE Talent Show

Monterey Ridge Box Tops



Tami Dedic ~ PTA Chair

Remember to keep collecting Box Tops from your favorite foods and snacks. Please use the collection sheets which can be found online at www.btf.com. It's the easiest way we know to support our school.

Incoming Oak Valley Parents!!!



OCIS PE contracts for the fall semester of the 2010-2011 school year are now available on the Poway Unified School District website. Please click on the link below and carefully read all instructions and requirements regarding OCIS PE contracts.

<http://www.powayusd.com/pusdaltprogs/OCISPE/default.shtml>

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.

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!

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.

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!

March's back pack charm is a four leaf clover. Earn a charm by running at least 5 miles in March.

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.

~Student Council Report~

Spirit Days ~ Show your Monarch Spirit on March 12 by wearing your favorite College gear and on March 26th with Multi-Cultural Day.

Join the Student Council and MRE PTA by helping support the Annual Spring Break Food Drive. Details will be announced soon.

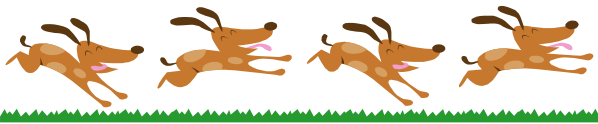
~ Library Donations Request ~

Our library at Monterey Ridge needs donations of kid appropriate magazines. We're in need of magazines such as Sports Illustrated for Kids, Ranger Rick, Cricket, etc. You can cut your name/address label out of last month's issue and donate it to the library. Thanks for helping keep our circular material current!

~2009 – 2010 PTA Board Nominated & Election Meeting Scheduled~

The PTA Nominating Committee has announced the slate of officers for the 2010 - 2011 school year. We will vote on the slate at our next General Assembly meeting scheduled for **Friday, April 2, 2010 following Friday Flag**. The slate of officers is: president – Alya Mansi, executive vice president – Sheila Lee, 1st vp of programs – Evi Haux, 2nd vp of volunteers – An Das, 3rd vp of communications – Michelle Schwausch, 4th vp of fundraising – Julie Golich, secretary – Mily Dahlke, treasurer – Heather Lockwood, financial secretary – Lynn Nakagawa. The positions of auditor and historian remain open. Please contact Evi Haux at eahaux@aol.com or Alya Mansi at alyamansi@yahoo.com if you would like more information.

We'll see you at the 4th Annual Fun Run Wednesday, March 3



~ Talent Show ~



The 2010 Monterey Ridge Elementary Talent Show will be held on Friday, May 21st.

Sign ups are going on NOW but the registration deadline is Friday, March 5th. Registration forms can be found at <http://www.mrespta.org/epackets/> or in the school office.

Please be sure to get your form turned in by FRIDAY!

BOOK FAIR IS COMING!!!

Friday, March 5 – Thursday, March 11 in the Library

Friday

9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday

8:30 am – 4:00 pm

Wednesday

8:30 am – 2:00 pm

Special Events

Family Night ~ Ice Cream and Movie Night

Friday, March 5

5:00 – 8:00pm

Books with Breakfast

Wednesday, March 10

8:00 – 9:00am

The objective of the Monterey Ridge Book Fair is to raise money for the school library and classroom libraries. Monterey Ridge PTA will receive 50% of the funds that we raise in book credit, 25% cash or a combination of both.

Please come out and help support your school and share a good book with your child. Feel free to come when your child's class is scheduled or anytime during the day. Classes will visit during their regular library time.

If you have any questions regarding the Book Fair or to volunteer, please feel free to contact Christine at 858-705-0693 or 3cmr3@san.rr.com.

Exciting events sponsored by the Monterey Ridge Elementary PTA!

~Walk to School Wednesday~ Wednesday, March 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.

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