

Monterey Road School PTA Newsletter

September 2016

"Come Run with the Mustangs"

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President's Corner

Hello Monterey Road families!

I hope this school year is off to a great start for you and your student(s). PTA has been busy planning activities and we are looking forward to a fun and rewarding year! Make sure you are signed up to receive emails and be sure to check PTA website as well as the MRS website often for the most up to date information!

PTA website - www.mrspta.org

MRS website - <https://sites.google.com/a/atasusd.org/monterey-road-elementary-school>

If you are not currently on our email subscriber list, please let us know at mail@mrspta.org and we'd be happy to add you.

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CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

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SEPTEMBER

- 5 NO SCHOOL – Labor Day
- 6 PTA Board Meeting (5:30 pm)
- 15 Family Picnic (5:30-7:30 pm)
- 12-16 Parent-Teacher Conferences
- 12-16 Early Release Week (1:20 pm)
- 23 Long Jump-A-Thon (LJAT)
Packets Go Home
- 30 LJAT Find Out Friday (FOF)

OCTOBER

- 3 Picture Day
- 3 PTA Board Meeting (5:30 pm)
- 6 Wacky Shoe Day
- 6 Parents on the Playground Day
(formerly "Walk Your Child to Class Day")
- 7 LJAT Find Out Friday
- 10 NO SCHOOL – Staff
Development Day
- 11-13 LJAT Jumping Week
- 14 LJAT Find Out Friday
- 15 Colony Days Parade
- 18 LJAT Last Day to Turn in
Donations
- 21 Student Award Assembly (9 am)
Grades 1-3
- 21 Student Award Assembly (10 am)
Grades 4-5
- 31 Costume Dress-Up Day
- 31 Pumpkin Contest



PICTURE DAY IS OCTOBER 3RD!
Photo order forms will be sent home with your child soon. Thanks!

Because of District policy and State Education guidelines, only first names and last initials are used when reporting news regarding students.

PTA NEWS

Join the PTA!

MRS PTA is looking for parents, guardians, grandparents, teachers and staff to join our school PTA!

We invite ALL to come help us strengthen our school family community with fun events and support our school with our annual fundraiser, the Long-Jump-A-Thon! Together we will support the success of all Monterey Road Elementary School students and staff! We need YOU!! With your membership and involvement, we can provide books, supplies, field trips, assemblies, teacher support, Fun Fair event, Talent Show, and so much more.



PTA stands for Parent Teacher Association. The PTA provides structure for special events on campus, supports all staff and their needs to operate for the school year, and much more. All parents/guardians are welcome to attend PTA meetings and as a PTA member, you are able to vote at General Association meetings. More importantly, your PTA membership gives parents a voice in their student's school and district. Membership DOES NOT require hours of volunteer time, but there are always a variety of ways in which you can help at Monterey Road School, if your schedule allows. If you are unable to support PTA with your time, please consider lending your support by purchasing a membership.

You can contribute your support by choosing one of 3 membership options:

- \$10 Basic PTA Membership with PTA perks card
- \$15 PTA Membership with PTA perks card plus MRS logo sticker
- \$20 PTA Membership with PTA perks card, MRS logo sticker
- Any additional amounts donated help the MRS PTA start supporting our school right away!

Forms are in the registration folders that were given to the students on the first day of school. If you need an extra form, you may pick one up at the school office or fill out and return the bottom portion along with support amount in a sealed envelope marked PTA MEMBERSHIP. Write out checks to "MRS PTA". This can be returned to your child's teacher or to the school office.

*THANK YOU for choosing to support Monterey Road Elementary School
with your PTA membership!**

Name _____ Phone # _____

Address _____ City, Zip _____

Child's Name _____ Room # _____

Email Address _____ Donation Amount _____

Back to School PTA Membership Drive

The winners of the early bird PTA membership drawing were: *Jenie O., Lauri G., and Lisa M.* Thank you so much for your support! The total PTA membership so far are 80 members. It's not too late to join!

OTHER NEWS

Birthday Treats

Our staff welcomes fruits, vegetables, and non-edible items for class birthday celebrations. We are promoting our district wellness policy at Monterey Road School. Please contact your child's teacher if you would like to bring birthday treats for your child. There are lots of fun, healthy, and creative ideas out there! Thank you for your help with implementing our district wellness policy at MRES!

For more details regarding the district's "Wellness Policy", please click on link:
<http://bit.ly/2cj2gMO>

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A Note from the Principal

Welcome back! What an amazing start to the school year it has been. It has truly been a joy to see all of our new and returning mustangs back in action. I am so proud of them already. Our staff is working extremely hard to teach routines and procedures so that our students feel safe, know what to expect, and have a positive learning environment. We are continuing to implement our Caring School Communities Curriculum in all classrooms. Caring School Communities is a researched based curriculum that fosters respectful and supportive relationships among students, teachers and parents. It also allows frequent opportunities for students to help and collaborate with others, participate in decision making, and emphasize common purposes and ideals. Together, students, staff and parents can take part in helping Monterey Road be a caring school community. In a caring school community, children are treated warmly, and adults are treated as valued, contributing members of the school. Teachers and administrators enjoy their work and parents contribute to the daily life of the school and model core values for their children at home. Our core values at Monterey Road are respect, integrity, teamwork, excellence, kindness, and safety. We will be focusing on all core values both in and out of the classroom this year and we hope you will help at home too!

We have many exciting things happening this year. Our new English Language Arts program "Wonders" is getting off the ground. This curriculum has many different resources that meet the needs of all types of learners at all levels. It researched based and tied with our California State Standards. Students will be thinking critically, reading closely, citing textual evidence, and providing written response to what they are reading. The assessments mirror the SBAC (Smarter Balanced Assessment) that students take in the Spring. In addition, there are an abundance of electronic resources that connect to 21st century learning. We can't wait to see our students soar this year!

You will most likely notice a decrease in the homework load this year. Our staff spent time this summer reviewing research related to homework and student achievement. There is significant research that shows homework in the elementary grades does not increase student achievement. Our students are being exposed to rigorous standards and work all day long while at school. We believe homework should be limited so that students have a chance to be kids, interact with their family, and participate in community activities, which all directly relate to student achievement. We are promoting reading, practicing math facts, and writing for homework but most importantly, we are promoting family time. We hope you will join us in this promotion and take the time to play ball with your children, have them help you make dinner, go on a bike ride, read to them and just enjoy each other. We hope you will join us in promoting kids being kids and family time.

A big thank you to you all for your continued support. This has been such a smooth start to the school year and I believe it is because we are all working as a team to do what is best for our students. Thank you and I look forward to see you all this school year!

Warm Regards,
Julie Davis
Principal



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