

Monterey Road School PTA Newsletter

October 2016

"Come Run with the Mustangs"

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President's Corner

Hello Monterey Road families!

Happy Fall! October brings us so many fun events on campus but the biggest one of all is our annual Long Jump-A-Thon! The Long Jump-A-Thon (LJAT) is our big fundraiser every year. The monies raised from LJAT support the needs of our students, staff, and PTA-sponsored events throughout the school year. All of the information regarding LJAT is going home in your child's donation collection envelope. I encourage you to read through all the information in order to help your child be successful in supporting our school. Jumping is scheduled this week (Oct 11th-13th). We hope you will "jump in" to help support our Long Jump-A-Thon! Please feel free to contact myself or any PTA board member with your questions, concerns or ideas. Thank you.

Emily Smith

PTA President

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CALENDAR AT A GLANCE



OCTOBER

- 3 Picture Day
- 3 PTA Board Meeting (5:30 pm)
- 6 Wacky Shoe Day
- 6 Parents on the Playground 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

NOVEMBER

- 1 PTA Board Meeting (5:30 pm)
- 7 Make-Up Picture Day
- 11 NO SCHOOL - Veterans Day
- 14-18 Parent-Teacher Conference
- 14-18 Early Release Week (1:20 pm)
- TBA Fall Book Fair
- 21-25 Thanksgiving Holiday Break



Long Jump-A-Thon

Last Find Out Friday (FOF) is this Friday, October 14th.

Final packets are due October 18th!

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

PTA NEWS

Long Jump-A-Thon

The GRAND TOTAL (as of October 13, 2016) from the Long-Jump-A-Thon Fundraiser is...
\$6,402.20!

JOB WELL DONE MUSTANGS!!!

Congratulations to ALL of our Monterey Road Mustangs for doing such an amazing job supporting our school!

Please note we will accept donations throughout the year. If you have donations or know of a business who might want to be a corporate sponsor, it's NOT too late! ☺

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact *Emily Smith* at bahasmith@yahoo.com or (805) 423-5930.

Colony Days Parade

COLONY DAYS PARADE is this **Saturday Oct. 15th**!

The theme this year is "Celebrate Atascadero — Past, Present, Future". We will have a truck for our Mustang Mascot to ride on and possibly a few other students. We do not have confirmation of a trailer so please be prepared to walk the parade route.

The parade route has changed this year - starting at Heritage Oaks Bank and going down El Camino Real and ending on Traffic Way.

Please note the following:

- This is NOT a drop off event! Each student must be with an adult.
- Parade entry is #56.
- Staging area is behind Heritage Oaks Bank on Pueblo Street.
- Arrive to our staging area by 9:45am.
- Wear your mustang shirt or any royal blue you may have.
- Wear comfortable walking shoes.
- Eat a healthy breakfast.
- Wear sunscreen.

The more the merrier, if you don't get your permission slip turned in by Friday - you can bring to the parade. If you have any questions, please call *Emily Smith* at 423-5930.

For more details about the Colony Days Parade in Atascadero: <http://colonydays.org/>

Celebrate Atascadero



Pumpkin Showcase & Costume Dress-up Day



On Monday, **October 31st**, the students may bring one decorated and/or carved pumpkin to school for the "Pumpkin Showcase". All pumpkins must be brought to the designated area by the stairs located near the cafeteria before school begins at 8:15 am.

Students will also be allowed to wear costumes to school that day to celebrate Harvest/Halloween. We do ask that you follow a few simple guidelines. Please note, if the guidelines are not followed, we will call and have parents bring a change of clothes for their child.

Costume Guidelines:

- Masks are not allowed at school.
- Weapons of any kind are also not allowed.
- Your costume must allow you to sit at your desk and participate in daily classroom activities.
- Have fun and be creative!

Thank you! This should be a fun day for us all!

OTHER NEWS

Garden Club



The "Garden Club" will meet after school in the garden on Mondays from 2:45 – 3:30 pm with [Mrs. Shervem](#). The "Garden Club" has been so popular, we will we have two clubs. The clubs will be divided by grade levels. One club will be for 1st, 3rd, and 5th graders and the other one will be for

2nd and 4th graders. If a 3rd grader has a 2nd or 4th grade sibling, they may attend the 2nd and 4th grade club as the other club has more students.

This is the proposed schedule for meeting dates. Please be aware that the dates could change. Changes will be announced on morning announcements.

1st, 3rd, and 5th graders will meet on **Oct. 17, Nov. 7, Dec. 5, Jan. 23, Feb. 6, Mar. 20, and Apr. 3.**

2nd and 4th graders will meet on **Oct. 24, Nov. 14 (1:20-2 pm), Dec. 12, Jan. 30, Feb. 27, Mar. 27 and Apr. 24.**

If you have any questions, please contact [Diane Shervem](mailto:dshervem@charter.net) at dshervem@charter.net. If you would like to help with the Garden Club, please let me know. If you have already turned in a permission slip, you do not need to turn in another one.

The school garden also needs children-sized garden gloves. Donations could be taken to the office. Thank you!

**Please print out and fill out the following permission slip. Return form to your teacher if you haven't already done so...*



MONTEREY ROAD GARDEN CLUB

Student Name _____
Room number and grade _____
Parent Signature _____
Phone number _____
Food Allergies _____

Annual San Luis Obispo County Burn Relay to Support Alisa Ann Ruch Burn Foundation

We are very thankful to the firefighters who have been fighting throughout San Luis Obispo County and surrounding areas. We would like to thank them by supporting them in their fundraising for the Burn Foundation, which is dedicated to burn prevention through education and burn survivor assistance.

This year, Monterey Road Elementary School, participated in fundraising for the Burn Relay! The Student Council placed fire boots in every classroom where students donated their spare change. Every cent collected will be donated to the Burn Foundation. Thank you to all who donated!

The firefighters from our county will be visiting our school for the Burn Relay on Friday, **October 14th**. We hope to show them our support, gratitude and appreciation when they arrive. 😊

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A Note from the Principal

Dear MRES Parents,

October is here and we are soaring at Monterey Road! As a school, we are striving for excellence in all we do. It is so amazing to walk into the classrooms and see students at all grades engaged in high level learning. I can't wait to see where they are at in June! Thank you to you all for your continued support. With our decrease in homework this year, we are hoping you are finding more time to read with your children, practice math facts, and engage in healthy family time!

I have exciting news to share! On Friday, October 7th all students in grades 3-5 were issued their very own chrome book! Students were taught how to care and manage their chrome book and make responsible choices while using the device. The chrome books are going to provide a way for teachers to enhance learning opportunities around the existing curriculum. Students will be learning how to demonstrate their knowledge using the different google apps such as google docs, google slides, google draw, etc. There are also many pieces of our new reading curriculum that are electronic. The technology will also enable students to work collaboratively on researched based projects across the curriculum. Our teachers will be receiving lots of professional development over the next few months and are super excited to use the technology in their classroom. We also know how fast the students catch on to technology, so we have no doubt that we will be learning from them too!

I am also happy to announce that kindergarten through second grade classrooms will be receiving sets of chrome books so that students will have the opportunity to become familiar with the device by the time they get to third grade where we are one to one.

Lots of great things happening at our school. I continue to count my blessings as I have the opportunity to lead such an amazing group of students and staff. Thank you all for your continued support!

Warm Regards,
Julie Davis
Principal