

# Monterey Road School PTA Newsletter

November 2016

"Come Run with the Mustangs"

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## President's Corner

Hello Monterey Road families!

October brought us many fun events on campus, it was great to see the involvement in all the activities. Thank you to all those who helped with LJAT, Parents on the Playground, Pumpkin Contest and Dress up day!! Activities slow down a bit in November, which allows us to reflect and prepare for the holidays and activities coming up in December. PTA is hard at work getting the winter book fair ready and we will have our Gingerbread House contest in December too!!

Wishing you and your family many blessings this Thanksgiving!!

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## CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

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### 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)
- 17 Parent Day Lunch
- 21-25 Thanksgiving Holiday Break

### DECEMBER

- 5 PTA Board Meeting (5:30 pm)
- 5-9 Winter Book Fair
- 16 Gingerbread House Contest
- 23-Jan 9 NO SCHOOL: Winter Recess



### SAVE THE DATE!

Family Day is on **November 17th!**  
Loves ones can have Thanksgiving lunch with their child(ren).

Lunch includes turkey, mashed potatoes with gravy, roll, pumpkin pie...

The lunch times are as follows:

- First grade 11:00 am
- Second and third grades 11:40 am
- Fourth and fifth grades 12:25 pm

No advanced ticket sales this year. Tickets are sold at the door the day of.

Lunches are \$3.75 each. You are welcome to bring your own lunch.

Please arrive early to allow time to purchase tickets prior to lunch time.

Let us know if you have any questions!  
Thank you!

*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

Long Jump-a-Thon was a great success this year! Many thanks to the students, their families and our amazing staff for JUMPing in to support our school.

The total amount raised to date is **\$14,509.00!**

*Here are the results of our top earners:*

#### **Top 3 earning students**

Kensie S.  
Natalie P.  
Austin P.

#### **Top earning students in each grade level**

1st - David H  
2nd - Savannah V.  
3rd - Harper R.  
4th - Matthew N.  
5th - Tate P.  
Regional Class - Christopher W.

#### **Top earning class**

1st - Mrs. Duncan Rice  
2nd - Mrs. Daniel

#### **Top earning grade level**

5th grade

We look forward to all the fun activities, curriculum, classroom, library, playground, and field trip support PTA will be able to offer our students and staff this school year!

### Pumpkin Showcase

Here are some photos of all the creative pumpkins the children brought to the "Pumpkin Showcase" at Monterey Road Elementary School on October 31<sup>st</sup>:



## OTHER NEWS

### Garden Club

We recently sent in our Boxtops and will soon be receiving a check for **\$308**. Thank you everyone for bringing them to school. Please keep up the good work!

The garden could use some smaller garden gloves. Children's sizes would be appreciated. The students will want to use them when working in the garden. Remember the Garden Club is meeting twice a month after school. **The next meeting is Dec. 5 for 1st, 3rd, and 5th graders and Dec. 12 for 2nd and 4th graders.** We often have produce from our garden for sale after school on Mondays. Please stop by and purchase some fresh picked produce for your family.

## Burn Relay

Students at Monterey Road Elementary School in Atascadero recently raised more than \$600 to help children who have suffered burn injuries. The Monterey Road students timed their fundraising with two local events – Fire Prevention Week and the Burn Relay Parade – to collect donations to help send a child to a camp sponsored by the Alisa Ann Ruch Burn Foundation.



The Monterey Road Elementary School Student Council sprang into action with the idea of using firefighter boots as a collection point. The students borrowed boots from Atascadero Fire and Emergency Services and placed one in each classroom at their school. At the end of two weeks, the Student Council collected the boots and counted all of the donations. The students could not have been happier to discover their efforts produced **\$628.38** in donations.

“Our students are very proud of how much money they raised for the Alisa Ann Ruch Burn Foundation,” said Monterey Road principal [Julie Davis](#). “Our Student Council showed true leadership and understood the money they were raising would benefit burn survivors and their families,” said Davis.

Every October, fire and emergency service departments throughout San Luis Obispo County participate in an annual Burn Relay Parade to raise money for the Alisa Ann Ruch Burn Foundation. The foundation is a non-profit organization with the mission of enhancing the quality of life for burn survivors and promoting burn prevention education. The funding raised each year goes to recreational programs such as Champ Camp and outreach and support programs for burn survivors and their families. The Alisa Ann Ruch Burn Foundation has partnered with the California Fire Service in the hope of preventing as many burn-related deaths and injuries as possible. The Burn Relay coincides with National Fire Prevention Week, where fire service organizations visit elementary schools and stress fire safety, education and prevention. Students are taught at an early age the importance of fire safety and what they can do to prevent fires from happening. Unfortunately, even with aggressive fire prevention and education programs, too many children are still burned in house fires and from other causes.

Excerpt from article in Atascadero News: <http://atowndailynews.com/elementary-school-students-raise-money-burn-victims/44262/>

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## **A Note from the Principal**

Dear MRES Parents,

I can't believe we are already to the middle of November! We are rocking and rolling at Monterey Road. Our students and staff continue to amaze me. I am so proud of the accomplishments and growth that is happening across the grade levels in all areas.

This month is attendance awareness month. Did you know starting in kindergarten, too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school? Missing 10 percent (or about 18 days) can make it harder to learn to read. Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school, themselves and their social relationships. It is so important to start building this habit in Kindergarten so students learn right away that going to school on time, every day, is important. Good attendance will help children do well in high school, college, and in the work force.

Our schedule is tight and learning starts as soon as our day begins. It is important for all students to start the day off with their class as it sets the tone for the whole day. When students arrive late or are absent, they miss out on learning. The MRES Staff and I want to remind all parents that the first bell rings at 8:15. Students are expected to be in class or in line with their teacher by the second bell which rings at 8:20. We are securing our campus at 8:20 and students who arrive after that, will be sent to the office for a tardy pass. By state law, students are allotted 10 absences a year. Please be sure to call our attendance line to report an absence. We also want to encourage you to ask teachers for missed work so that your child does not miss out on the learning that took place during the absence. There are independent study contracts that can be given when students are going to be absent five days or more. You can arrange for the study contract with the ladies in our office. (Please arrange for this at least five days before the contract starts so the teacher has time to get the lessons together). Thank you so much for your help with ensuring your child is at school and on time. This is a habit that will serve them well later in life. As always, thank you for your support and please do not hesitate to contact the office if you have questions or need assistance in getting your child to school.

We want to wish all our wonderful families a Happy Thanksgiving. Enjoy time together with family and we will see you back in a week!

Warm Regards,  
*Julie Davis* & MRES Staff

