

Monterey Road School PTA Newsletter

December 2016

"Come Run with the Mustangs"

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President's Corner

Hello Monterey Road families!

We hope you will visit our book fair during the week of December 5th-8th. We will have evening hours on the 8th as well as a choir performance!! The Gingerbread House contest is on December 16th, can't wait to see all the fun creations!

I hope you all enjoy your winter break! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Emily Smith

PTA President

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CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

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DECEMBER

- 1-8 Loaves & Fishes Canned Goods Food Drive
- 1-12 Toys for Tots Drive
- 5 PTA Board Meeting (5:30 pm)
- 5-8 Fall Scholastic Book Fair
- 8 Special Evening at MRS: Book Fair, Choir Performance & Guest Story Tellers
- 16 Holiday Wear Twin Day
- 16 Gingerbread House Contest
- 23-Jan 9 NO SCHOOL: Winter Recess

JANUARY

- 1 New Year's Day
- 9 PTA Board Meeting (5:30 pm)
- 10 School Resumes
- 16 NO SCHOOL: Martin Luther King Jr Day
- 20 Student Awards Assembly

Loaves and Fishes Canned Food Drive is happening now until December 8th! Help families in need by bringing in canned goods. We recommend canned/boxed vegetables, biscuit mix, canned meat, canned fruits, cake mix, brownie mix and cookie mix. We also recommend soup, boxed stuffing and boxed noodles. We hope we can collect lots of food for people who need it. A box will be in every classroom for easy drop off!

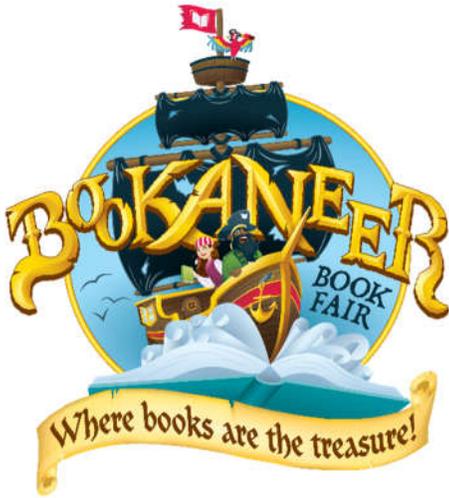


"TOYS FOR TOTS" is currently happening now until December 12th! Bring in an unwrapped toy for a child in need and drop it off at the office. The final day to bring in a toy is Monday, December 12th. Thank you for helping a child in need!

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

PTA NEWS

Fall Scholastic Book Fair



GIVE THE GIFT OF READING!

Monterey Road Elementary School
Fall Scholastic Book Fair
December 5th-8th

Open Daily in the MRES Library: 2:30-3:30 pm

Choir Performance and Guest Story Tellers

Thursday, December 8th

5:00-7:00 pm

Parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and friends are all invited to join their student for an evening of music, fun, stories and BOOKS!

*All proceeds go back to the school by way of books for students, classrooms and our library.

**Donations to class libraries are greatly appreciated! Be sure to look out for your child's teacher's "wish list" basket at the book fair.*

Our Fall Scholastic Book Fair is scheduled for the week of Dec 5-8th. These events are so exciting for the kids and families, while bringing reading support into so many homes and classrooms! We will be open Mon - Thurs after school and Thursday evening we will have the Monterey Road Choir performing! We also have spots for set up and clean up. Any time that you can give is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Gattuso at lfgattuso@yahoo.com.

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OTHER NEWS

Garden Club

We are happy to introduce a new addition to our Garden Team! Ed Surman, who was recently hired by one of our community partners, "One Cool Earth", will be helping Diane Shervem support student learning in the garden. Ed has a lifelong curiosity about the living world. He is a Horticulturalist and has worked in many roles restoring natural area's in Australia where he is from. He has worked in youth training programs, and has been a government extension officer assisting private land holders and nonprofits in conservation and land management issues. He believes kids are our future and showing them the delights of the natural world, how to grow good clean food, respect themselves, each other and the planet is the best way he feels he can contribute to a better world. We are so happy to have Ed at our school!

We are so excited to be getting two tables in the garden. We were able to get a CAPS grant for these two tables. They were delivered to the school on November 28th and hopefully be assembled and placed in the garden the first week of December. We plan to purchase 2 more tables. These 4 tables will help our garden become a better outdoor classroom with the ability to seat 32 students into groups of 2, 4, or 8 students.

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A Note from the Principal

Dear Monterey Road Parents,

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving break filled with lots of family and friend time. December is here already! We have a lot going on this month and we want to keep you in the loop! First, our MRES Student Council is hosting a Canned Food Drive. There is a box in each classroom. Please send in canned or boxed goods to donate to families in need. We are also collecting unwrapped toys for tots in the office. What a great way to teach our students the spirit of giving this holiday season! Our student council is also hosting a holiday wear twin day on December 16th. This will be a fun day for our students. Information will be sent home soon.

On December 9th, our school is participating in the worldwide Hour of Code. This is a one-hour introduction to computer science, designed to demystify “code” and show that anyone can learn the basics to be a maker, creator, and innovator. We have 20 representatives coming from Amazon SLO to help our teachers and students learn code during this hour. This day would not be possible without all the updated technology we have in our classrooms. We are very thankful for this opportunity and our staff and students are excited!

We want to thank all parents for your help in ensuring your children are at school every day and on time. We have seen a huge decrease in the amount of tardies this last month. Keep up the great work. It is so important for students to be at school regularly and on time.

I want to wish all our families Happy Holidays this December. Enjoy precious time with family and friends. I continue to be so thankful for all of you, our students, and wonderful staff. Winter Break will be here before we know it!

Warm Regards,
Julie Davis & MRES Staff