

Monterey Road School PTA Newsletter

September 2017

"Come Run with the Mustangs"

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President's Corner

Welcome Back Monterey Road Families, I will be your PTA President for the next two years, so plan on hearing from me A LOT! We are so lucky to be a part of Monterey Road Elementary and our role as PTA is to add support to our staff, parents, and students. So please join us at a meeting, volunteer at an event, or just ask to help out your teacher and get to know our amazing community.

We are working hard at updating our website so it has all the current information. If you or another parent you know has experience with website design and wants to help us update our page we would really appreciate it.

Want to know what's going on? Check out www.mrspta.org to find the most current information or you can always go to our FB page to see what we have going on.

Another way to stay informed is by signing up for our email subscriber list, if you aren't currently signed up please let us know at mail@mrspta.org and we'd be happy to add you.

Thanks for helping make our school a great place for our kids to grow!

Annie Allen
PTA President
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CALENDAR AT A GLANCE



SEPTEMBER

- 14 Family Picnic (5:30-7:30 pm)
- 22 Mustang Trot packets go home
- 29 Trot – Find out Friday – packets due Thursday

OCTOBER

- 2 PTA Board Meeting (6:00 pm)
- 2 Picture Day
- 5 Parents on the Playground
- 6 Trot – Find out Friday – packets due Thursday
- 9 Staff Development Day – No Students
- 13 Mustang Trot
- 13 Trot – Find out Friday – packets due Thursday
- 17 Trot – Last day to turn in Donations
- 20 Student Award Assembly, Grades 1-3 (9:00 am)
- 20 Student Award Assembly, Grades 4-5 (10:00 am)
- 21 Colony Days Parade
- 31 Pumpkin Contest
- 31 Dress up - Costume



Our Website is updated with all the latest information.

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



BACK TO SCHOOL PTA MEMBERSHIP DRIVE!!!

MRS PTA is looking for **parents, guardians, grandparents, teachers, staff, & students** 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 Mustang Trot! Together we will support the success of all Monterey Road Elementary School students and staff! **WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

Our goal is 150 members by September 14th, 2017!!

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

- **\$ 10 Basic PTA Membership** with PTA perks card
- **\$ 15 PTA Membership** with perks card *PLUS* MRS Button and *2 Entries for our BACK TO SCHOOL prize drawing!*
- **\$ 20 PTA Membership**, perks card, MRS Logo Sticker, MRS Button and *5 entries into the BACK TO SCHOOL prize drawing!*

Any additional amounts donated help the MRS PTA start supporting our school right away!

BACK TO SCHOOL MEMBERSHIP PRIZE DRAWING!!!

We will be promoting PTA membership with a drawing for 2 prize packages! Each prize will include a \$25 MRS Spirit Wear Gift Certificate and \$25 Book Fair Gift Certificate!

Please fill out and return the PTA Membership envelope included in your packet or you can pick one up in the school office. This can be returned to your child's teacher or to the school office.

Thank you for your support!

Mustang Trot

PTA is excited to introduce our first annual MUSTANG TROT!! The Trot will replace our very well-known Long Jump A Thon, which proved to be very successful over the past 15 years as our annual PTA fundraiser.

The Mustang Trot is our one main fundraiser of the school year. We have no doubt that it will prove to be just as fun and rewarding as the Long Jump A Thon.

We earn over 70% of our income from the Trot. The best part is we keep every dollar donated right here at Monterey Road School to benefit its staff and our students.

The Mustang Trot funds our budget, which allow us to pay for classroom field trips, student supplies, enrichment curriculum support materials, playground equipment, library books and materials, technology equipment and furniture, and so much more! It also helps to fund the many events we sponsor throughout the year like Family Picnic, Reflections Program, Talent Show, and many more!

The success of this fundraiser is made possible by the efforts of our entire school, its students and families. It provides students a valuable opportunity to work as a community and lend support to their school. Your support is critical and very much appreciated.

On October 13th our Mustangs (students) and staff will join PTA members on the playground to walk, run or TROT in support of their school and fundraising efforts – we can't wait to see all the Mustangs out their Trotting!!

If you have any questions regarding the Mustang Trot, please contact Emily Smith at bahasmith@yahoo.com or 423-5930 .

Garden Club

The garden club will meet after school in the garden on Mondays from 2:45 – 3:30 with Mrs. Shervem. The club will meet 2 Mondays each month. This year, we will not divide the club by grade levels. Students may come to any of the meetings.

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

GARDEN CLUB DATES: Sept. 18 and 25, Oct. 23 and 30, Nov. 6 and 27, Dec. 11 and 18, Jan. 22 and 29, Feb. 5 and 26, Mar. 19 and 26, Apr. 9 and 16, May NONE, and June 4 and 11.

If you have any questions, please contact Diane Shervem at dshervem@charter.net. If you would like to help with garden club, please let me know.

Please fill out the permission slip and return to your teacher. You should receive a permission slip from your teacher.

The garden is in need of small (for young children) garden gloves. If you would like to donate some, please give them to the office or your child's teacher. Thank you.

Fundraisers

The Campbell's Labels for Education program is coming to an end. The last day to turn these in to school will be Nov. 30. This will give us enough time to count and process them so we can redeem them for playground equipment.

The Box tops for Education program is continuing. Please go to the Box tops for Education website to find a list of all the products that are participating. Remember each box top is worth 10 cents. When we send in the box tops, they send us check.

Thank you for collecting both of these and turning them in to your child's classroom or to the school office.



**email us your child's name
& grade and we will get
you added!**

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MRES Parents,

What a great start to the school year it has been! Our students are continuing to learn MRES expectations across multiple settings in their day and are doing a fantastic job with this. In addition, our staff is on a roll implementing our district adopted curriculum across all subject areas. Our students are being challenged to think critically, explain their reasoning and collaborate with peers. We are continuing our school wide writing focus this year. All students will continue to use our stop light writing colors and will learn to write to their grade level standards. We are so thrilled with the data that we received on both district and state level assessments this summer. As soon as the information is public, I will share more specifics with you but know, our students ROCKED on these assessments in June!

We are in our second week of Mustang Mix-up. During Mustang Mix-up this year, our students will be targeted in Foundation Reading Skills, Reading Comprehension (using text evidence), Writing to text, and Research and Inquiry. This intervention block targets each students' individual reading needs. It may be a time they are retaught or enriched. How can you help at home? Read, read, read with your child and discuss what you have read asking them to point out key details in the text to support their answers. Ask them to write a summary of what they read. If we work together at home and school, our students will continue to soar!

Thank you for your patience with the Monterey Road Construction Project. This will be a lengthy project and I will continue to give you updates as I get them. One way you can help is to be sure your child knows the drop off and pick up procedures. Please arrange ahead of time where you will be picking up your child. If you choose to use the drop off and pick up lane, please remember that you cannot park and get out of your car. We need you to pull all the way up as far as you can. Your child's job is to look for their car. Another thing that can help is to have your child exit and enter the car on the right side. This will be much safer as they will not be walking next to moving vehicles. We also ask that if you need to get out of your car to buckle your child, please park and walk on campus. If we all work together, our parking lot runs smooth. Thank you for your help with this!

As always, thank you for your continued support! Monterey Road is the place to be!

Sincerely,
Julie Davis

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