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A newsletter for parents and students of Monterey Elementary • 3811 Hoover Road • (614) 801-8250 •

Monterey Elementary, working in unison with family and community, value teaching and learning in a secure, respectful environment where all children are challenged to reach their potential and become responsible, productive citizens.

Calendar of Events

March

- 7-11 Terra Nova Testing
2nd & 4th grade
- 8 PTA meeting 6:30
- 13 Daylight Savings Time Begins
- 15 Spring Pictures
- 16 Butter Braid pick-up
2- 5pm
- 25-April 3 No School



- 12 PTA meeting 6:30
- 13 Early Dismissal
Skating Party
Report Cards come home
- 21-29 PTA Book Fair
- 28 & 29 Goodies with
Grown-ups

A Note from the Principal...

Second and fourth grade Terra Nova testing is scheduled for March 7-11. Thanks in advance for seeing to it that your students are in attendance and well rested.

Hanging with the Big Dawgs was a huge success. We are so happy to have had Hayes Intermediate students working with us on our reading and math skills. Thanks Dawgs!

Thanks to all who participated in our Butter Braid Sale. Pick-up is Wednesday, March 16. Butter Braids are frozen and must be picked up that day between 2-5pm.

Spring pictures are scheduled for Tuesday, March 15. Approximately 1 week later you will receive an image proof. All ordering information will be included on that proof.

There is no school March 25– April 3. Enjoy Spring Break!

Regards,
Marge Moretti

School Safety



The end of the day is a busy time for our staff. It takes everyone's full, undivided attention to safely get almost 500 students out the door and on the correct mode of transportation home. For the safety of our children, please limit last minute transportation changes to emergencies only and please call us by 1:00pm.

We will not accept any transportation changes after 2:00pm.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION will begin April 4

It's time to think about Kindergarten for the 2016-17 school year!

If you have a child who will turn five (5) years old on or before September 30, 2016, please call the school office at 614-801-8250 beginning April 4, to schedule your appointments.

Two (2) appointments are needed. The first is at our Student Enrollment Center to complete paperwork and takes only 15 minutes. You will need to take your child's original birth certificate, proof of residence, immunization records and custody papers if they exist. You may also schedule this appointment by visiting the district website at swcsd.us and clicking the Registration Information tab.

The second appointment is at Monterey on either May 10 or 11 and takes about 45 minutes. Your child needs to attend this appointment with you. Children will have their vision and hearing checked and do some number and letter activities while you attend an informational meeting.



In collaboration with *Read Across America*, Monterey is participating in the *REACH OUT AND READ* program that is sponsored by Nationwide Children's Hospital. We are asking for contributions of new or gently used, age appropriate books for children between the ages of 5 months and 6 years of age. **We will be collecting books in the office through Friday, March 11.**

Our goal is to collect at least two books per Monterey student and staff member. If each person contributes at least 1 or 2 books, that's nearly 1000 books!!! It would be wonderful if we could collect that many books to benefit children who may not have books to read in their homes.

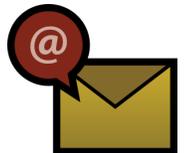
PTA News

Meetings

Please come to the monthly PTA meetings. They are held in the school library on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm. Come to meet other parents, share your ideas, express your concerns or just to hear what great things PTA has planned for this year.

Did you know that our PTA has their own e-mail address?

If you want to reach someone in PTA, but aren't sure *who* or *how*, send an e-mail to



montereyelementarypta@gmail.com

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Butter Braid Pick-Up

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2nd & 4th Grade Parents

Terra Nova testing is
Monday, March 7 through Friday, March 11

Some things to remember about test taking

- Get a good night's sleep the night before
- Have a good, healthy breakfast that morning
- Please do not schedule appointments for your student during this time



MYCH News

In the month of February, our MYCH students (Monterey Youth Community Helpers) lead an effort to collect donations for the Pennies For Patients Program. Together with all of our students and staff, Monterey donated over **\$1,300.00** to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. The class that collected the most money was Mrs. Eberle's 2nd grade class. They will be celebrating with a pizza party!



Reading can happen anytime, anywhere! You and your children can explore the joy of reading together with this series of "Reading 'Round the Clock" videos that gives easy tips for working reading practice into everyday activities. These three videos—Reading on the Go, Reading for a Purpose, and Reading on the Screen—give great tips on keeping your family reading and preparing your children for Ohio's Third Grade Reading Guarantee. Link to the videos and to companion flyers with even more tips on the INFOhio Third Grade Reading Guarantee page at <https://www.infohio.org/students/parents/resources-for-the-third-grade-reading-guarantee> The flyers and videos were developed by INFOhio, the State Library of Ohio, Ohio Educational Library Media Association, and the Ohio PTA, and they are available to all Ohioans for free.

Reading on the Go - This video introduces caregivers to the many ways they can help children with reading skills while on the go, such as spotting all the places where you see letters and words in a city block, at a store, or on the road. Signs are everywhere. Children can find and point out words on a sign or talk about the meaning of signs. Using menus in restaurants, children can match pictures to words or make up a story about a food. Singing with children helps them hear each syllable because each has a different note.

Reading for a Purpose - This video introduces caregivers to the many ways they can help children with reading skills, whether reading for fun or to find information. Word lists from the teacher are great tools for building vocabulary. Children can sort the words by prefixes, suffixes, or syllables. Word games such as Sneaky Snake offer ways to engage children in reading, as does having them pretend to be a favorite book character, or creating their own artwork based on a book.

Reading on the Screen - This video introduces caregivers to the many ways that they can help children with reading skills while using handheld devices, watching television, or in front of a computer. Talking with children about what they see on the screen helps them better understand what they see. Turning on closed captioning encourages reading during screen time. With your help, children can access a wide range of books, reading apps, and free high-quality resources from public and school libraries.