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EDUPRIZE PARENT NEWSLETTER

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THE INSIDE SCOOP WITH MR. SWAN

Our first full week of the school was a resounding success! Kids and teachers are getting to know one another and those positive classroom environments are beginning to take shape. Exciting stuff ahead indeed!

Next week we have our Curriculum Nights. We invite you to join us on your assigned night to meet grade-level teachers, learn about curriculum, and learn specifics about your child's classroom. Most grade levels begin in either the building 3 theater or in the building 2 gym before heading back to classrooms. Please note that Kindergarten parents will report directly to their child's classroom. You may check the newsletter calendar for specific times. See you all next week!

Please remember that the TLC parking lot across Monterey is personal property and EDUPRIZE parents should never drive through their parking lot.

STUDENT TARDIES

Please remember, if your child is more than an hour late to school, you must come in and sign them in at the front desk of building 1 or building 3. If less than an hour, your child must check in at the front desk and then go to class.

AUGUST 2017

- 7 **Kindergarten Curriculum Night** Classrooms 5:30-7 p.m.
- 8 **3rd Grade Curriculum Night** B2 Gym, then Classrooms 5:30-7 p.m.
- 8 **6th Grade Curriculum Night** B3 Theater, then Classrooms 5:30-7 p.m.
- 9 **1st Grade Curriculum Night** B2 Gym, then Classrooms 5:30-7 p.m.
- 9 **5th Grade Curriculum Night** B3 Theater, then Classrooms 5:30-7 p.m.
- 9 **First Lego Robotics Information Meeting** B3 Gym 5:30-6:30 p.m.
- 10 **2nd Grade Curriculum Night** B2 Gym, then Classrooms 5:30-7 p.m.
- 10 **4th Grade Curriculum Night** B3 Theater, then Classrooms 5:30-7 p.m.
- 16 **Fall Pictures** B2 Gym 8 - 2:15 p.m.
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- 8/28-9/1 **Parent/Teacher Conference Week**
- 31 **Early Release Traditional Day Students Only**

SEPTEMBER 2017

- 4 **No School** Labor Day Holiday
- 19 **Elementary Parent Tour** Bldg. 1 Media Center 5:30 p.m.
- 21 **Fall Picture Retakes** B2 Gym 8 - 2:15 p.m.
- 25-28 **Elementary Book Fair** B2 Gym
- 26 **V1 & AM TOPS Cottage Fair** Classrooms 5:30 - 7 p.m.
- 27 **V2 & Kindergarten Cottage Fair** Classrooms 5:30 - 7 p.m.
- 28 **Sixth Grade & PM TOPS Cottage Fair** Classrooms 5:30 - 7 p.m.
- 29 **Early Release** Traditional Day Students Only

Free and Reduced Lunch is offered for those who qualify. Applications are available at the Front Desk of all buildings.

HEAT ADVISORY/AIR QUALITY

We have developed a three-tiered plan for lunch time to meet the needs of our students during the day. Each tier is described below:

Days over 100 degrees: We will provide a "cool" room for children to eat their lunch when the temperature is over 100 degrees. Attendance in the "cool room" will be by parent request only. Please let your child's teacher know if you would like your child to eat in the "cool room".

Official Heat Advisory Days: When we have a heat advisory, all students will eat lunch in their classroom. After they have eaten their lunch, we will let them go outside for a short recess.

Official Heat Advisory/High Pollution Days: When we have both of these situations in place, we will not let the students outside for lunch or lunch recess.

The PTN monthly meetings are held on the 3rd Friday of every month at 9:15 AM at the Building 2 picnic tables. Our first meeting of the school year is August 18th. Hope to see you there!

Just a reminder: T-shirt order forms are due by August 23rd. If you still need a form, they are available at the front desk of each building.

The PTN is looking for a coordinator for our Box Top for Education program. This is a great way to help our school earn money from the comfort of your home! Please email the PTN at ptn@eduprizeschools.net if you are interested.

Fry's Community Rewards Program begins September 1st. Fry's will donate a portion of the dollars you spend to EDUPRIZE. New this year- current participants will not need to reenroll. If you would like to participate, please visit www.fryscommunityrewards.com, log into your V.I.P. account, and search #82617 for EDUPRIZE Parent Teacher Network.

Getting to Know Your Special Education Team

My name is Karen Sherman. I came to EDUPRIZE in January of last year (2017). I am the first and second grade Special Education Teacher. I love teaching here. I love the philosophy of EDUPRIZE. Children come first!

I have been teaching over 20 years, in both general education and special education. I have taught everything from Pre-K through college. I have also been an administrator and a National Presenter for Bureau of Education and Research (BER).

I possess an M.Ed. in Special Education, a Reading Specialist Endorsement, an Early Childhood Endorsement (general and special education), and am currently pursuing my Gifted Endorsement.

I love being a part of the EDUPRIZE team and look forward to another successful year!

NEWS FROM THE NURSE

Healthy Sun Habits

To protect your skin and eyes:

- *Wear a wide-brimmed hat and protective clothing.
- *Choose sunglasses that block UV radiation.
- *Use a broad-spectrum sunscreen with an SPF of 15 or higher.
- *Reapply sunscreen often throughout the day.

Ten to fifteen minutes of sunshine three times per week is enough to produce the body's requirement of vitamin D.

Benefits of sun exposure:

- *Sunlight helps your body create vitamin D, which helps build bone and muscle strength. Vitamin D can help lower your risk of certain cancers and heart disease.
- *Helps you sleep better.
- *Sunlight enhances your mood and feeling of well-being.



ATHLETIC DIRECTOR UPDATE

EDUPRIZE fall sports have officially started in Coed Cross Country, JH Flag Football, Girls JH and HS Volleyball and Cheer. It is important to know that all athletes must have a completed athletic waiver and a physical before trying out. These forms can be found on our website under the extracurricular tab. The try out period for fall sports will be extended through next Thursday, August 10th to ensure that each athlete is evaluated by our coaching staff. Practice times for all fall sports will be Monday through Thursday from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., with the exception of Cross Country, which trains Monday through Thursday from 6:00 a.m. to 7:15 a.m.

The first day of try outs have witnessed a great deal of interest in our sports programs. I highly encourage any student to become involved in our extracurricular programs as they continue through winter and spring.

Our athletic program will host a brief parent meeting on Wednesday, August 9th for fall sports participants. The general focus of the meeting will be in regard to expectations of the athletic program and the coaches. There will be an opportunity to meet the coaches from each fall sport.

Games schedules, times and locations are currently in the works and this information should be available by the end of next week.

Steve Melvin

EDUPRIZE Athletics

Go Eagles!