

Monterey Bay Charter School

News and Notes

March 28, 2010

Spring Assembly

For a complete calendar, go to the [April Calendar HERE](#). Print it out and put it on your refrigerator.

Better yet, go to the on-line calendar [HERE](#).

Minimum Day, Friday, April 2nd

**NO SCHOOL
APRIL 5-9**

Spring Assembly on Thursday Evening!

Thursday, April 1, at 6:30pm

Monterey High School Cafeteria

(directions will be emailed separately and handed out to students)



Plant-a-thon

A wild and wonderful Planting Day it was --



Congratulations! Over 5,000 natives were planted by over 280 MBCS families and friends. And the after-party - wow. There was BBQ chicken, fish and veggie kabobs, live music and a drumming circle!

The Final Push

We have until the end of this month to gather pledges toward this magnificent

planting effort. Go after every possible supporter to maximize our fundraising effort.

Wednesday, March 31st, is the deadline to hand in your money and donation forms.

We will busily add it all up and give you a new total at the spring assembly on Thursday and see if the Shapiro family holds on to their *golden shillelagh*.

Plantathon Banners are in the office now for anyone who would like to set up a table outside of your local store or farmers market. They are a powerful marketing tool. It says it all and all you have to do is watch people fill up the jar and take names and addresses of people giving \$20 or more onto the donation form.

I'd like to remind you that **Luminata Bookstore in Monterey** will be donating 3% of all sales from yesterday until March 31st. This would be the best time to shop there, and support Ms.

Mia's wonderful Book and Gift shop and generate something for our school too!!!

One final note, we have a slide show of the event with **lots** of pictures on the [website](#). Please enjoy them. **And thanks again for all your efforts with the plantathon.**

Move Update

Update on Possible Move to Seaside

The Board will discuss the latest information about various facility options at 5:30 at Tuesday's monthly Board meeting. As always, anyone is welcome to attend this meeting. A Town Hall meeting will be held if there is a viable site offer. However, it is expected that a decision will be made in the next few weeks.

Parent Education Opportunities

Loving Authority: Discipline Skills for Healthy Parenting - April 16, 7:00pm

Joya Birns and Cindy Brooks will present a parent workshop on the topic of discipline and the parent-child relationship. Parents at her first workshop earlier this year asked that they return to cover more topics. Parents of all ages of children would benefit from participating. Donation of \$6 is requested.

Colors of the Soul: Painting Workshop by Jennifer Bunday - April 23

"In my classes I assist the artist within each participant to find expression. It is a delight to watch my students take risks and discover new possibilities in the process. Everyone can paint." Jennifer is an experienced art teacher who will be working with faculty on Thursday and holding two parent workshops on Friday. Limited to 12 adults at each session; \$25 fee includes supplies.

Friday, April 23 at 10:30-12:00 or 2:00-3:30. Call Mia Michael at 883-9166 to make a reservation.

Joyous Hands Workshop - April 12th, 13th, and 20th at 1:15pm

A series of hand craft workshops will be held at the Kindergarten - all levels of interest and skill are welcome to join in. No charge.

Needle Felting Class - Saturday, May 8th, 10am - 2pm

Join Marilyn Lynds and Giulie Garland for a class in making needle-felted creatures. You will complete a little bunny or something similar. **Cost of \$25 for adults and \$15 for children** includes materials (additional supplies may be purchased). The proceeds will benefit the 8th grade field trip. There will be a large (and very cute!) felted bunny and other wonderful items in the Springtime Basket Raffle, too.

Upcoming Events



3K "JUST RUN" - APRIL 24 at 8am.

If you didn't already register to participate, you can do so online at www.justrun.org. The starting point will be at Lover's Point in Pacific Grove. Sponsored by the Big Sur International Marathon.



May Faire Festival - Saturday, May 1st

Whoever would like the pleasure of getting in on the planning of this wonderful event, email Melanie

Stackpole at stackpole92@gmail.com or Martha Carswell at alnyrhd@comcast.net.

NEEDED: If you have any tables, chairs, or shade covers that can be borrowed that day, please let Martha or Melanie know.

VENDORS NEEDED: Organizers are inviting vendors to participate in May Faire.

SHIELDS: Class parents can pick up shields at the school office.

Announcements

Talent Show Auditions

Students in grades 4-8 may audition to be in the annual talent show that will be held Friday, May 7th. Auditions will be held every Tuesday beginning April 13th.



Cypress String Quartet

Our strings teacher, Michael Blackburn, arranged to have the Cypress String Quartet visit our school on April 15th and play for our students. This is made possible by Chamber Music Monterey Bay's educational outreach program (thank you!). Cypress String Quartet performs over 90 concerts each year at venues across America and internationally, including Kennedy Center and the Ravinia Festival. The quartet includes two violins, one viola and cello and will be performing at Sunset Center on April 17th.

Yearbook Orders

Now is the time to get your yearbook order in. Anne Parker is once again coordinating the production of our beautiful handmade yearbooks this year. Order forms are in the school office.

Pizza My Heart Momentum

This month's pizza fundraiser at PizzaMyHeart at Del Monte shopping center will be held on April 14th. Be sure to order your pizza from 4-9pm and tell them you are with Monterey Bay Charter School.



Fifth Grade is Selling Crystals Every Friday

These natural treasures make a wonderful gift for all ages. Prices range from \$1 to \$10 and there is a wide selection of crystals and geodes. Look for anyone selling Popsicles on Friday to see them.

Bike Exchange Available - ALL FREE

Free bikes and repair! Luke Shenefield, an MBCS dad, is offering a **Bike Exchange** to our families. Bikes are available for your children to ride, for free, and all he asks is that you let him know if it ever needs repair and when you are finished with it, give it back to him to hand on to someone else. Great for those bikes you've outgrown! [Click here to see pictures](#). Contact Luke at his store, Dress for Change, on Forest Ave. in Pacific Grove: 324-4844.

Parent Rights Regarding School Records

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords parents rights with respect to their students' educational records. Please [click here](#) to read them.

RECYCLE IT!



8th graders are collecting all CRV (redemption value) bottles and cans to earn money for their end-of-year field trip. There are collection bins at the school office and the 8th grade

classroom. Anything you can do to help them in their effort will be very much appreciated!

Ways to Support the School

The Annual Giving Campaign provides essential support for the enriched program - specialty teachers, music program, Waldorf materials and more. If you haven't yet participated, please consider making a tax-deductible donation. Go [HERE](#) for a letter and donation form.

Other ways to support:

Pizza My Heart Day - Wednesday, April 14, 4-9pm

Our monthly pizza fundraiser has been great. Order pizza between 4 and 9 pm and tell them you are with Monterey Bay Charter School. The school will get a share of the proceeds. Pizza My Heart is located at Del Monte Center in Monterey.

SaveMart S.H.A.R.E. cards

Cards are in the office. If you use with purchases, MCBS gets a 3% donation from SaveMart. Our latest check was for \$321.54! Thanks to everyone who uses their card with every purchase..

E-Scrip

If you enroll on line for e-scrip (www.escrip.com), MBCS will receive a percentage of your purchases, including at Safeway stores.

Boxtops and More

Parent Lorrie Sizemore is taking care of the boxtop program. Go to the [Boxtops4Education web site](#)

Lunches

Lunches are being served as class fundraisers from Monday through Friday. All lunches are \$2.00, or \$2.50 if a bowl or plate is needed.

MONDAY - 4th Grade - Soup or Chili

TUESDAY - 7th Grade - Spaghetti and bread

WEDNESDAY - 3rd Grade - Soup and bread

Get a Soup Card! Pay \$10 for a card that will be punched each time your child has soup.

THURSDAY - 8th Grade - Bean & Cheese Burritos

FRIDAY - 6th Grade - Rotating menu: pizza, fried rice, chili, or rice and beans. (The exact schedule is on the bulletin board next to 5th Grade)

PLUS - 5th Grade - \$1 Popsicles on Fridays



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