

MUSTANG MESSENGER MOUNTAIN MEADOWS PTA



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BOOK FAIR SAFARI: SOMA! OTA! KUA! (READ! DREAM! GROW!)

THIS BOOK FAIR IS A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY TO ENCOURAGE A LOVE OF READING! BOOKS CAN TRANSPORT US TO FARAWAY PLACES AND TEACH US ABOUT EVERYTHING FROM AARDVARKS TO ZOOPHILISTS.

THIS YEAR'S BOOK FAIR HOURS ARE VARIED AND WONDERFUL SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR DADS AND GRANDPARENTS TO JOIN-IN ARE AVAILABLE!

MARK YOU CALENDARS FOR WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH AS THE BOOK FAIR WILL BE OPEN DURING THE FAMILY PORTRAIT NIGHT! WHAT A GREAT WAY TO GET ALL YOUR GIFT SHOPPING AND FAMILY PHOTOS TAKEN CARE OF FOR THE YEAR!

SCHEDULE/OPENING HOURS:

Wed, Nov 5th 5pm to 8:30pm
Family Portrait Night!
Faculty sneak peak 9am to 4pm

Thurs, Nov 6th 8:45am to 3pm
Fri, Nov 7th 8:45am to 12:30pm
Mon, Nov 10th 8:45am to 3:00pm
Doughnuts for Dad 7am to 8am

Tues, Nov 11th Closed for Veteran's Day
Wed, Nov 12th 8:45am to 3pm
Thurs, Nov 13th 8:45am to 3pm
Grandparent's Day 7am to 8am

Fri, Nov 14th 8:45am to 10:00am

PAYMENT METHODS:

Cash, Check, Visa, MC, AmEx, Discover

Look for the webpage link on the Mountain Meadows School webpage!
CONTACT: KIMBERLEE RICH 805-990-3460

WE HAVE AN 800 BOOK GOAL FOR THIS FAIR! LET'S SEE IF WE MAKE IT!

FALL CLASSROOM CLIPPING CONTEST



Stop your scissors! The results are in! 9210 Box Tops were collected by the whole school! That's \$921.00! Way to go Mrs. Rossen's 5th grade class for being #1 Box Tops Clippers for the school as well as 4th/5th grade level winners. Other grade level winning classes were Mrs. Raymer's 3rd grade class, Mrs. Hanna's 2nd grade class, Mrs. Tyloch's 1st grade class, and Mrs. Sheller's Kindergarten class. Ok, start clipping again! The next contest runs Jan 12th through Feb 13th!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

NOV	3	FUNDRAISER-POINSETTIA PRESALES	
	5	FAMILY PORTRAIT NIGHT	
	5-14	BOOK FAIR	
	6	REFLECTIONS GALLERY @ MESA VERDE	
	11	NO SCHOOL-VETERANS DAY	
	13	PTA GENERAL ASSEMBLY (NOMINATING COMMITTEE)	
		SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL	
	14	FUNDRAISER-POINSETTIA PRESALES END	
DEC	26-28	NO SCHOOL-THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY	
	2	FUNDRAISER-POINSETTIA PRESALES PICK-UPS AND DELIVERIES	
		3-4	FUNDRAISER-POINSETTIA SALE
	17	HOLIDAY TEACHER LUNCHEON	
	18	MM PTA BOARD MEETING (ALL WELCOME)	
	22	WINTER RECESS STARTS	
	JAN	5	BACK TO SCHOOL
		12	SPRING BOX TOPS CONTEST BEGINS
19		NO SCHOOL-MLK JR. DAY	
22		MM PTA BOARD MEETING (ALL WELCOME)	
26		NO SCHOOL-TEACHER IN-SERVICE DAY	

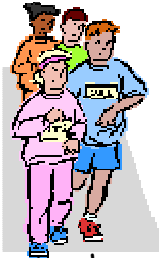
Red Ribbon Week and Jog-a-Thon!

Red Ribbon week started off with the students "Shading out Bad Choices" while sporting cool sunglasses, then wearing hats to show "Hats off to Creative Thinking". Wednesday was "Go Ahead Wear Red" celebrating National Wear Red Day. Next up was "I'm Crazy about Healthy Living" when the students wore mismatched or crazy socks and brought a canned good to donate to the Moorpark Food Bank.

Friday ended the week with "Be an All-Star, team up for a Healthy Body!" as the students wore their favorite team shirt or jersey. The students received ribbons, stickers and pencils as reminders to live healthy and make smart choices! The Jog-a-thon closed out the week and this year's event had our students running for fun and health while the music played!

Thanks to all of you who donated and sponsored students. Remember this event is also a great program for Matching Gift donations that most employers offer. Please check with your employer to see if they have a Matching Gifts program and make a pledge that your employer will match dollar for dollar. Meadows Elementary PTA is a non-profit 501(C)(3) organization. Our Federal Tax ID# is 77-0167975.

If you would like to make an additional donation or have any questions about this event, please call Sarah Jones at 532-2011 sarahejonesie@gmail.com



Smile, Please!



Do you have pictures from a Mountain Meadows event, or classroom activity? The yearbook committee would love any copies for possible use in our school yearbook! We are forming the grade level teams to get this book organized and on its way! We are in need of any 5th, 4th and 2nd grade parents wanting to help create pages. If you want to help out, or if you have pictures to share, please contact Nina Mazur at 530-0075. Yearbooks will go on sale in early 2009. Remember, we can never have too many pictures!

I say Mountain! You say Meadows!

The Moorpark Country Days parade is an annual event that takes place every Fall directly before the High Street fair. The parade course starts at Chaparral Middle school and goes through downtown Moorpark on High Street and consists of many different organizations and schools throughout the



community! This year was an eventful occasion because Moorpark celebrated its 25th anniversary. Mountain Meadows was lead by Mrs. Kelley, our Principal and Mrs. Selzer our PE teacher. A whole passel of Mountain Meadow students and parents proudly marched and represented our school. Go Mustangs!

DID YOU KNOW? The Back to School Night Bake Sale and General Assembly Meeting were a huge success? The next General Assembly meeting is November 13th at 7:00pm in the MPR!

Mountain Meadows PTA Membership Drive a Huge Success

Thanks to you, the teachers, students and supporters of Mountain Meadows our **“Stamp Your Passport for Success”** membership drive surpassed all expectations! In total we have 389 memberships. This is 16% over our enrollment goal, 81% of the total student enrollment this year, and 137 memberships more than last year! The classes and grade levels sure did “Stamp their Passports for Success!”

Overall, 62 award flags for passports were earned and ALL grades earned Time Zone Clocks! Please go see the membership board in the Multipurpose Room! The students love to check it out and the number of flags earned shows the commitment we all have to our children’s education! Thanks again for your overwhelming support!

Please remember, even though our drive is over, we always welcome new members!

Contact Joanna Forbes at 532-1932 forbesmyers@sbcglobal.net for membership information.

Want to see Designer Labels and the latest Fashions?

Check out the Lost and Found! Our new custodian, Mrs. Babcock is rolling out the Lost and Found rack on a regular basis. Please check it out. You may be surprised at what you did not know was lost! Last year, Mountain Meadows donated over 10 large plastic bags of items to charity! Good for charity, but could you have used it a bit longer?

The best way to avoid the trouble: label your children’s clothes, backpacks, and lunch boxes.

From the Principal’s Office

Dear Mountain Meadows Families,

September and October were highlighted with many memorable events. Early in September, we hosted the School Board meeting. It was a proud moment for me when we toured the new building and recognized members of the staff. September brought the introduction of our weekly Spirit Assembly on Fridays. Back to School Night was a great opportunity for parents to meet the teachers and learn about the classroom expectations and activities for the year. The Parent Volunteer Orientation was well-attended and provided important training and information for our wonderful volunteers. The month ended with a much-needed garden clean up day.

October began with a drizzly Country Days Parade. In spite of the dreary weather, Mountain Meadows parents and students enjoyed marching and cheering. MUSD administrators visited Mountain Meadows early in October. They were very impressed by the teaching and learning they observed in the classrooms. Our new classroom building was officially dedicated during October. MUSD school board members, administrators and other distinguished guests helped us celebrate. Ellen Smith, founding principal of Mountain Meadows and current MUSD Superintendent, cut the red ribbon. Parent Conference Week was an excellent opportunity for parents and teachers to meet and discuss individual student progress and goals for the year. We wrapped up the month with Red Ribbon Week and the annual PTA Jog-A-Thon.

As we head into the next three months of school, we are looking forward to more exciting events. November begins with Family Portrait Night and the Book Fair. This will be a tremendous opportunity to add to your family library and/or your child’s classroom library. Our first School Site Council meeting of the year will be on November 13th. Fifth grade students will participate in the MUSD Growth and Development program in December. Teachers will be sending home the first trimester report card at the beginning of December.

There are a few holidays coming up in the next three months. This is a good time to remind everyone of the importance of school attendance. Please schedule your vacation time to coincide with the school vacation days. Students who miss school find themselves in a position of trying to catch up when they return. Every instructional minute is (continued on next page)

important to the success of a student. In addition, unexcused absences may lead to MUSD School Attendance Review Board (SARB) intervention.

I encourage everyone to stay up to date with Mountain Meadows happenings on our school webpage. Go to www.mrpk.org and then select Mountain Meadows from the School list. There will be important announcements, a monthly Principal's Message, an updated calendar of events, school news and PTA information. Teacher webpages are under construction and should be ready in the next few months.

As Thanksgiving approaches, I remember how thankful I am to be principal for such a wonderful school community. On behalf of the entire staff, best wishes to all of our Mountain Meadows families for a lovely holiday season.

Sincerely,
Chris Kelley

PTA President's Message:

Dear MM Parents, Students and Staff,

Is it November already? It's hard to believe! I hope you're all enjoying the brisk, cool mornings as much as I am!

I want to thank everyone who joined PTA during our membership drive. It was a wild success! Be sure to check out our new clocks in the Multipurpose Room. I'd also like to thank everyone who helped us with Red Ribbon Week and Jog-A-Thon. Jog-A-Thon is our big fall fundraiser and we really count on our parents for support to make it all happen, so thank you again!

Our Reflections Gallery and Reception is coming up on Nov. 6th at Mesa Verde Middle School. I am very excited about this event! I can't wait to see the talent behind our students. I hope all parents and students will join me at the gallery to support our Mountain Meadow participants.

We have a new winter fundraiser this year! Mountain Meadows PTA is doing our very first Holiday Plant Sale. It should be a tremendous success and a lot of fun! So, make sure you spread the news to all your friends, family and neighbors that the Mountain Meadows PTA will happily supply you with your holiday plants for a great price and a great cause – our Art, Music, and PE programs!

I look forward to sharing a delightful winter season with all of you!

Sincerely,
Sarah Jones
PTA President
2008-2009

eScrip – “Cost Free” Donations for MM PTA! #6539312



We have increased our membership by 40%. If you have not registered your card, go to www.eScrip.com for additional information. You can also give your card number to the PTA and we will register it for you! If you use your phone number or forgot your card

number, contact VON's Corporate Offices at 1-877-723-3929 to get your number. Our local store has been a great support and there is money waiting to be donated! Sign up and help Mountain Meadows earn more!

NEW THIS YEAR! MOUNTAIN MEADOWS PLANT SALE!

Order your Poinsettia and Cyclamen Plants this Holiday Season from Mountain Meadows Elementary PTA. The beautiful plants come from a local grower who is proud to use higher quality pots, soil, and eco-friendly growing techniques. Your neighbors, family and friends may want to get these beautiful plants as well. Look for the fliers with more information. Presales run Nov 3-15th, with pick-up Dec 1st and 2nd. The price goes up for the December 3rd and 4th sale days, so order early to save money. Contact: Sharon Brown at 523-8640.

DID YOU KNOW? During an annual “10% Back to School” promotion, the Mountain Meadow’s PTA eScrip Team together with the local VON’s management and staff helped raise an additional \$4287.12!! Thanks for the great effort! It “paid” off!

STAFF BIRTHDAY CORNER!

NOVEMBER

10 - MRS. RODRIGUEZ (K)
14 - MRS. WASHBURN (1ST)
20 - MRS. HICKS (RESOURCE SPECIALIST)

DECEMBER

5 - MRS. HENDERSON (1ST)
16 - MRS. SCHERBENSKI (CAFETERIA)
27 - MRS. RAYMER (3RD)
31 - MRS. OELAND (NURSE)



JANUARY

21 - MRS. DAVIDSON (LIB)
27 - MRS. RESNICK (K)
30 - MRS. GARCIA (INSTR. ASST.)
31 - MR. LASKY (PSYCHOLOGIST)
31 - MRS. WORTHINGTON (HOME IND. STUDY)

AAHHHCHOO!

The flu is nothing to sneeze at!

According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention the single best way to prevent seasonal flu is to get vaccinated each year, but good health habits like covering your cough and washing your hands often can help prevent respiratory illnesses like the flu.

Avoid close contact. Avoid close contact with people who are sick. When you are sick, keep your distance from others to protect them from getting sick too.

Stay home when you are sick. If possible, stay home from work, school, and errands when you are sick. You will help prevent others from catching your illness.

Cover your mouth and nose. Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. It may prevent those around you from getting sick.

Clean your hands. Washing your hands often will help protect you from germs.

Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Germs are often spread when a person touches something that is contaminated with germs and then touches his or her eyes, nose, or mouth.

Practice other good health habits. Get plenty of sleep, be physically active, manage your stress, drink plenty of fluids, and eat nutritious food.

MAY WE HAVE YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE?

TRAFFIC REMINDERS

- Please be kind to our neighbors and remember to follow the law when parking or stopping your vehicle on a residential street. Do not block driveways, leave idling cars unattended or double park.
- Please follow the traffic signs as posted, as well as designated reserved parking signs.
- Please do not stop in the traffic lane adjacent to the handicapped parking spaces as this blocks access to these spaces. Be sure to wait until there is enough room to drive across this area.
- If you wish to greet your child at the gate at the end of the day, please park in a designated parking space in the parking lot. There is no parking along the curb.
- If you use the student pick-up lane, please remain in your vehicle. Display the sign your student made earlier this year so that we can get your student(s) to you quickly. This will help move traffic along more smoothly.
- When exiting the parking lot, please do so through the park parking lot. This will reduce congestion at the entrance to the school parking lot.
- For those who walk to the parking lot at the park, please walk on the sidewalk or grass rather than through the middle of the lot. This will enable traffic to exit through the park parking lot.
- Most importantly, please be a model of courtesy for our students when walking and driving around school.

SCHOOL ARRIVAL INFORMATION

For your child's safety, please do not drop off students or have them arrive at school before 7:45 AM. We do not have playground supervision until 7:45 AM. Thank you for your assistance in maintaining a safe environment for our students.

SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL MEETING CHANGE

The date for the first School Site Council meeting of the year has been changed to Thursday, November 13, 2008 at 2:30 PM.

PTA GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING

November 13, 2008 at 7:00PM in the Multipurpose Room. Important business will include electing the nominating committee to serve until March when they recommend a slate of officers for next year.

Winners from the SEP/OCT newsletter drawing are:

Eric Ruiz, Malia Rogers, and Jennifer Gallegly.

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Sign and return (to your teacher or the office) this portion of the **MOUNTAIN MEADOWS PTA MUSTANG MESSENGER** and be entered into a drawing for prizes.

Who knows...it just may pay to be informed!

Name: _____ Phone: _____

**MOUNTAIN MEADOWS
T-SHIRT – SWEATSHIRT – COMFORT KIT**

ORDER FORM

Every Friday is Spirit Day at Mountain Meadows Elementary School. Show your school pride by wearing a Mustang T-shirt or sweatshirt. Return to your child's teacher or the school office addressed to PTA/T-Shirt.

Child T-Shirt/ Playera para niño \$10.00

Adult T-Shirt/ Playera para adulto \$12.00

Tropical Pink/Rosa tropical M___ L___

Tropical Pink/Rosa tropical M___ L___ XL___

Caribbean Blue/Azul Caribe L___

Caribbean Blue/Azul Caribe M___ L___ XL___

Lt. Gray/Gris Claro S___ L___

Lt. Gray/Gris Claro M___ L___ XL___

Dk. Gray/Gris Oscuro S___ M___ L___

Dk. Gray/Gris Oscuro M___ L___ XL___

Child Sweatshirt/Sudadera p/niño

Adult Sweatshirt/Sudadera para Adulto \$25.00

Crew/Normal \$15.00 S___ M___ L___

Zip w/Hood/Cierre con gorro S___ M___ L___ XL___

Hooded/Con gorra \$20.00 S___ M___ L___

Comfort Kit/Estuche para emergencias \$6.00 Qty: _____

Make Checks Payable to/Haga los cheques pagaderos a: MMPTA Total Enclosed/Total Anexo: \$_____

Parent Name/Nombre del padre de familia: _____ Phone Number/Teléfono: _____

Child's Name/Nombre del alumno/a: _____ Teacher/ Maestra: _____ Rm# _____

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