



James Monroe Elementary School

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Queta Beltran, Principal



Eagle Eye News Letter

DATES TO REMEMBER

January 6	Wednesday	Sled's Eat out for Education!	
		PTO/Dad's Club 5 pm @ MPR	
January 9	Saturday	FREE H1N1 flu vaccinations	9 a.m.-1 p.m.
January 13	Wednesday	Chuck E. Cheese's Night	3-9 pm
		DELAC Meeting	6:30 - 8:00 pm
January 18	Monday	Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday	(No School)
January 22	Friday	Teacher Planning Day	(No School)
January 29	Friday	Crab Feed	6-9 pm

Just a reminder that every Wednesday is an Early Dismissal - Minimum Day Schedule

Happy 2010 from Monroe Elementary!

Principal's Message,

Where did the first part of our school year go? That was the question that even students were asking. There was such a hustle and bustle getting school started with all the new changes that the budget deficit put in place. While our scores from last year improved by 31 API points and everyone of our subgroups achieved their academic targets, there was not much time to savor our students academic achievements and our teaching staff's successful efforts with their students. There were new challenges to face this year—namely, the fiscal budget. We were impacted by the city's cutbacks, the state cutbacks, and district cutbacks that happened as a result of the latter.

First, the city's decision to cut out the crossing guards on Monterey and Floresta meant a lot of changes for us at Monroe. Student safety while crossing streets was greatly compromised. However, thanks to the efforts of Chris Lim and her cabinet that reached an agreement with the city, we were given a crossing guard for at least one of the crosswalks on Monterey Boulevard. This was a big relief for our students, parents, and staff. Last year the city asked me to write up Monroe's student needs for street improvements. I submitted a proposal for the city to put a 4-way stop at the intersections of Floresta and Monterey, since this is a well-used corridor crossing for cars and students. The city told the district that one would be installed there with the Obama stimulus funds. We still don't know when this is to happen, but we hope that it happens very soon!

On a more upbeat note, Monroe is looking forward to its afterschool intervention classes that start the second week of January and our new parent classes called High Expectations. This last program is a series of nine, consecutive Wednesday evenings for parents who want to learn more about how to become involved with our school system and their child's education. It was piloted at Roosevelt School last year, and was so successful that our Superintendent Lim wanted every district elementary school to have that experience. A grant was written at the district and was approved with funding for it. As a result, every elementary in San Leandro will have this program experience. We are so excited for it to start this February. If you are interested, please call the office @510-618-4340.

In closing, I would like to continue to invite our parents/guardians to visit/volunteer at our school, come to our night dinners or other family activities. We have our Monroe's Crab Feed coming up on January 29th. This is our biggest fundraiser, so please think about joining us. It is all you can eat crab and spaghetti, plus drink. Feel free to call our office for date, costs and other specifics at 510-618-4340, or click on to our website at www.gojamesmonroe.org.

Be well this New Year,
Mrs. Beltran, Principal

JAMES MONROE'S FUNDRAISING NIGHT

Chuck E. Cheese's Let's turn fun into FUNDS!

Date: Wednesday, January 13th, Time: 3:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Location: Chuck E. Cheese's, 24039 Hesperian Blvd., Hayward, CA 94545

Chuck E. Cheese's donates 15% of sales back to your child's school from all sales generated by this event. Friends & family members are encouraged to help support this event.

Sales include all food, merchandise and token deals purchased at the register. Just notify the cashier that you are participating in James Monroe's Fundraising Night.

Your child will get a sticker at school on January 13th. Receive an extra 10 FREE TOKENS by redeeming this sticker at the event.

TO DOWNLOAD COUPONS: <http://gojamesmonroe.org/022609.pdf>

Sled Eat out for Education!

Support the San Leandro Education Foundation by going out to eat. This is a great program for our local restaurants and our schools. This program is founded by parents, community members, volunteers, Restaurants and San Leandro Employees. *Don't forget it's today Wednesday, January 6* New restaurants have been added this month! We are still waiting for all our restaurants to report to us for November and December, but we believe we had over **100 diners** and over **\$500** for each month! WOW! For more information you could visit the website www.sledfund.org or call 510-618-GIVE (4483) and a flyer has been attached with coupons.

TO DOWNLOAD COUPONS: http://www.sledfund.org/eatout_coupon.pdf

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Tax ID # 26-3044668 *Please contact us if you know of a restaurant that would like to participate.*

Crab Feed

James Monroe School's Parent Teacher Organization/dad's Club Invite would like to invite and families to The Annual Crab Feed on Friday, January 29, 2010 6-9pm

Come enjoy All You Can Eat Crab, spaghetti, salad and garlic bread! (Anyone under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a Parent)

Adults: ages 13 and up \$35 each ticket. Children: ages 6-12 \$15 each ticket.

Payment is due when you order your ticket. Please make checks payable to James Monroe PTO. For more information call (510) 618-4340 x3195 Maricel Balanon

Perfect Attendance First Trimester:

Congratulations to the following students who are listed by grade:

Grade K: Sanchia Le, Gavin Li, Kassandra Manasan, Jeselle Ramirez, Ever Lopez, James Sakai, Ella Shanks, Claire Tsuchiya, Haley Watkins, Cassey Cabrera, Steven Carcomo, Ulane Eng, Edwin Lin, Sebastián Lopez, Mazin Ibrahim, Elaine Nguyen

Grade 1: Sahar Afshar ARjun Gill, Megan Nguyen, Bianca Rivero, Michelle Tat, Nicholas Corrie, Tori Cortez, Jailyng Eng, Laeloni Hernandez, Skyler Kendrick, Juan Padilla, Anthony Young

Grade 2: Irene Arrizon, Kaelyn Famor, Trevor Hammond, Angelina Luo, Cynthia Pham, Aaron Solis, Wesley Tat, Kenny Zheng, Christian Alcantar, Jesus Hernandez, Sabrina Hernandez, Hua Liu, Melissa Ramos, Edwin Rivas, Carson Cavalli, Lewis Hernandez, Ibrahim Leena, Anthony Liu, JoBeth Mallari, Klaire Manasan

Grade 3: Shapnam Afshar, Gabriel Alcantar, Su Choe, Noel Hernandez, Jessalyn LaRose, Vanessa Bendana, Monserrat Padilla, Jayson Rodriguez, Wen Wu, Jeselyn Gatmaitan, Cesar Gonzalez, Nayeli Pena, Braulio Rodriguez, Victoria Sakai, Kevin Truong, Ricardo Cornejo, Brandon Nguyen

Grade 4: Britni Bolden, Jeremiah Famor, Hongchuan Li, Karen Young, Kelli Bruce, Brian Lin, Kobe Nguyen, Robert Ramos, Vienna Tran, Tina Wang

Grade 5: Lesly Acosta, Qian Feng Chen, Charlie Perez, Yolanda Borrero, James Turrentine, Jennifer Santos, Brandon Duncan, Anton Eng, Mallory Mallari, Jumana Oweis, Jimmy Perez, Jennifer Ramos, Edenilson Rivas, Viviana Rodriguez, Eric Solis, Valerie Vuong, Scout Anderson, Catalina Arrizon, Cory Cai, Wesley Giang, Jomar Rodriguez, Luis Roman, Nicholas Brown Jr, Fiona Yang

Cold Weather Wear

Our winter weather is upon us. Please make sure your child has a coat or jacket to wear outside during recess or P.E. Please remember to write your child's name on ALL items brought from home (lunch boxes, jackets, backpacks, etc.) In the event the item is misplaced we can find the owner much faster!

FLU Symptoms

The **ACPHD**(Alameda County Public Health Dept) is asking us to monitor suspected cases of students and staff with symptoms of flu-like symptoms.

- When parents make the initial call excusing their child from school, the office staff should question them regarding the nature of the symptoms and when they first became ill. This information should be recorded on the **Flu - Daily Tracking Log** which should be faxed daily to Health Services for further monitoring.
- The office should convey to the parents we are following the school district protocol put forth by the Health Department. We are very interested in the health of their child and would they please report back to the school in 2 days to let us know how the child is doing.

Main Symptoms of the Flu Are: Fever over 100 – (some cases are 104), Cough, Sore throat; Other symptoms to record are: runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, chills, fatigue, vomiting, diarrhea

All staff have been encouraged to do their part in preventing the spread of illness by disinfecting any surfaces in their classroom/area that students are in contact with (phones, desks, doorknobs, computer keyboards, toys etc.)

CDC(Center for Disease Control) recommends 4 main ways to keep from getting sick with the flu at school and at home:

- **Practice good hand hygiene** by washing your hands often with soap and water, especially after coughing or sneezing. Alcohol-based hand cleaners are also effective.
- **Cover your mouth and nose** with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your elbow or shoulder: not into your hands.
- **Stay home if you or your child is sick** for at least 24 hours after there is no longer a fever or signs of a fever(without the use of fever-reducing medicine). Keeping sick students home means that they keep their viruses to themselves rather than sharing them with others.
- **Get your family vaccinated** for seasonal flu and 2009 H1N1 flu when vaccines are available.

On Saturday, Jan. 9, 2010,

Children's Hospital Oakland is offering FREE H1N1 flu vaccinations to all children and adults who come to our H1N1 vaccination clinic in the Outpatient Center (OPC). Staff families are welcome, as well. Children's has about 2,500 doses of the vaccine available to help the community weather the pandemic. The clinic will be open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. (unless supplies are depleted earlier) in the OPC, 744 52nd St. Oakland, Calif. 94609.

Feel free to notify friends, relatives or groups in your community.

Attendance:

If your child is absent please send a note to his/her teacher explaining the absence or call the attendance line at **(510) 618-4341** Attendance **MUST** be cleared within 24 hours of the absence. Message should include: Student's full name, reason absent, teacher's name. Please remember to pick your students on time.

Visitors & Volunteers:

All Visitors & Volunteers must sign IN and OUT and wear a Visitor's Badge. (Including parents that spend lunch with there students).

Student Allergies

We ask parents bringing snacks from home, to check first with your child's teacher before planning your treats to bring to class. Ask your child's teacher what kind of snacks is best and what time to bring them in that works best with the class schedule. As a general rule, it is always good to stay away from any snacks with nuts or made with any nut by-products, since just the smell and/or oil of the nuts can set off an immediate allergic reaction for a child allergic to nuts. I have asked all of the teachers to check every snack that comes in first before distributing them to their class. If you have any questions about this, please call the office or speak with your teacher about bringing in treats to share. Most important, if your child has any allergies, please let your teacher and the office know. Thanks!

For more hot news and information as it comes, please check out our school website <http://www.gojamesmonroe.org>