

Montair



Connection

A 2006 California Distinguished School



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PTA President and EVP's Message. . .

The PTA deserves a round of applause...

At this time of the year, the executive board is preparing the PTAs budget for the following year. In reviewing the PTAs expenditures for the last few years, one can see the nice work and contributions that the PTA has made to the Montair community. Below are some purchases or expenses over the last several years, outside of the typical, usual expenses, for which you as a PTA member can be proud ...

Special PTA Expenditures 2003 – 2007 (in dollars)

<i>New kiln</i>	3,629
<i>Emergency preparedness food/water</i>	2,465
<i>School marquis (paid 1/2)</i>	2,097
<i>Sound system</i>	640
<i>Distinguished school award ceremony</i>	2,071
<i>Scholarships</i>	2,000
<i>Music CD program/booklets</i>	1,308
<i>Play structure Kindergarten area</i>	7,500
<i>GaGa court – 2nd grade playground</i>	3,550
<i>Library books/stands</i>	1,624

Total expenditures \$ 26,884

Thank you for all that you do for the Montair community. In terms of dollars or volunteer hours, your contributions make a difference.

If you have a chance, please stop by the multipurpose room and see the 'thank you' banner, we received from Wren School in appreciation for contributions our school community made to them. You may remember the drive a few months ago to collect sports equipment, balls etc. and pencils for this school in need. Once again, you made a difference. Thank you.

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Principal's Message

Dear Montair Families:

I want to begin my letter this week by thanking all of you for your tremendous support of our live and silent auctions again this year. Our revenues seem to be in line with last year – over \$140,000! This is a great accomplishment given the fact that our school population has declined. I am very grateful for your ongoing support and delighted that we will be able to continue running so many valuable programs for our students. I hope you will all find an opportunity to thank our auction chairs – Kelly Estes, Terry Gonzalez, Gretchen Grogan, Jen Isola, and Erin McMahon. Chairing the auction is a very demanding job, and all of these women have taken on the challenge with skill, dedication, and grace. Thank you for your service to our school community!



Montair parents Andrée Sehrt and Seanne Krogman have been doing a fantastic job with our school safety committee this year. Last week they hosted an introduction to Community Emergency Response Training (CERT); about fifteen Montair parents took part. You can read more about this important training in the safety committee column in this week's Connection. The San Ramon Fire Department will be providing first aid training for our staff this afternoon from 2:15-4:15. And next fall we plan to host two full days of emergency response training for both Montair staff and members of our wider school community. We will let you know exact dates well in advance; we hope to get many of you involved in this work. On another safety note, I hope you have seen our new "Hang Up Your Cell Phone" signs. We are asking that you not use your cell phone when driving in our pick-up/drop-off areas. Thanks for keeping our kids safe.

Our School Site Council, which oversees our school budget and makes recommendations for ongoing school improvement initiatives, is composed of ten members – five parents and five staff members. Three of our Site Council members – Vicki Fischer, Judy Koart, and Steve Pugh - will be "retiring" this year at the conclusion of their two-year terms. Many thanks to Vicki, Judy, and Steve for their outstanding contributions to our council. By law, we are required to hold an election to select the representatives who will replace them. If you are interested in being an official member of the Montair Site Council, please submit your name and a brief paragraph of no more than 100 words outlining why you are interested in the position. You may want to include the grades of your children and any activities you have already been involved in at Montair. We will run these statements in the next edition of the Connection along with a ballot so we can select our new representatives before we leave for summer vacation. Please submit your statements to the office by Friday,

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May 11th if you are interested in running. This is a terrific opportunity to learn more about Montair School and to help us plan programs that will benefit all of our students. Of course, everyone is invited to attend our site council meetings, and I encourage you to do so whether or not you are an official member.



STAR testing is going well. Our students have a great attitude and they are working hard. The next few weeks will be very busy; please be sure to check the calendar carefully. Some of the highlights include Kindergarten Orientation on May 4th, the Kindergarten class play on May 10th, Camp Montair on May 11th, the 1st Grade Vocal Music concert on May 15th, and Open House on May 24th. And don't forget that our final professional development training day of the year is Friday May 18th. There is no school for students that day.

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2005-2006 Yearbook Opportunity!

The PTA has a few extra copies of **last year's 2005-2006** yearbook available for purchase. We won't be stocking extra copies of yearbooks anymore, so take advantage of this unique opportunity and pick up a copy for half price at \$10.00. They will be sold on a first-come-first-serve basis. Please contact Betty Manske at bettymanske@sbcglobal.net if you are interested.

(Note that the new 2006-2007 yearbook will be coming out in June '07).

Montair Health & Safety

From the safety committee to you ... Over a dozen parents attended a seminar provided by the San Ramon Valley Fire Department at Montair last week. The course is called Personal Emergency Preparedness or P E P and is designed to help the individual or family prepare for any type of emergency. Some tips included ...

- Most important, have a family plan.
- Discuss emergency plans with your children
- Stock up on supplies for 5 -7 days (no longer just three) and don't forget pets
- Have a first aid kit and extra medications
- Arrange for an out-of-state family contact since long distance calls are often easier
- Have an established meeting spot for your family just outside your home
- Have emergency drills with your children to practice and refine your plan


Start here, and you are on the path to preparedness!

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Oive les Chicks Party
has 15 spaces available!
Saturday, September 15th.



Spend your evening being pampered.
A perfect girls night out!
Stop by the office and reserve
your place today! \$85.00 per person

May						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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