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Holding the banner: Kristina Harris; Linda Sweet, Crystal Beget, Judy Nejasnich and Greg Ludwa.

In the Background: Doris Blevins, Stella Flores, Barbara Harris and Dale Bartoletti.

Important Information on the Web:

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***Notice on the Environmental Determination
by the County Committee on School District
Organization on the Alisal USD/Santa Rita
USD territory transfer.***

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Important Upcoming Dates

For a complete listing of MCOE and school districts' calendars, visit
<http://www.monterey.k12.ca.us>

July 2009

Day	Event
3	Independence Day (California Education Code Section 37220) (MCOE Closed)
4	July 4 (California Education Code Section 37220)
16-19	California Rodeo Salinas
22	County Board of Education meeting

August 2009

Day	Event
5	County Board of Education meeting
7-8	California International Airshow Salinas
19	County Board of Education meeting
26	Women's Equality Day

September 2009

Day	Event
	LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH
	NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH (September 15–October 15)
	NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH
2	County Board of Education meeting
7	Labor Day (California Education Code Section 37220) (MCOE Closed)
8	International Literacy Day
9	Admission Day
16	County Board of Education meeting
17	Constitution Day (California Education Code Section 37221)
17-23	Constitution Week
25	Native American Day (California Education Code Section 37220.7)

October 2009

Day	Event
	CALIFORNIA SCHOOL BUS SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH
	CHARACTER EDUCATION MONTH
	CRIME PREVENTION MONTH
	FILIPINO AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH
	NATIONAL ENERGY AWARENESS MONTH
1	National Child Health Day (36 United States Code Section 105)
4-10	National 4-H Week
4-10	National Fire Prevention Week
7	County Board of Education meeting
16	World Food Day
18-24	America's Safe Schools Week
19-23	National School Bus Safety Week
21	County Board of Education meeting
23-31	National Red Ribbon Week
24	Make a Difference Day
24	United Nations Day

Relay for Life Fundraisers & Event

One-third of us will be diagnosed with cancer at some time in their life. In honor of students, staff and family members who have been affected by this terrible disease, MCOE is an annual participant in the Salinas-area American Cancer Society's Relay For Life event. Relay For Life unites communities across the country each year to celebrate the lives of those who have battled cancer, to remember loved ones lost, and to fight back against a disease that takes too much. All of the funds raised from the event will go to MCOE's Relay For Life Fund.

Every MCOE department committed to at least one fundraising event, and the response was fantastic. MCOE raised nearly \$6,400.

Alternative Education staff raised **\$275.00** and drew the winning ticket for the behind-the-scenes, tour, tasting, and demonstration at Blackstone Winery. Winner of the drawing was Ginny Brown, Superintendent's Office.

Business Office staff raised **\$404.50** selling Baked Potatoes with condiments.

General Service's staff cooked up Teriyaki on a Stick to help raise **\$678.00**.

Head Start and Early Head Start staff raised **\$522.13** by selling Hot Fudge Cake, Chocolate covered Strawberries and Strawberry Shortcake.

Human Resources staff raised **\$375.55** selling Nachos with the fixings.

Instructional Support & Technology staff raised **\$570.00** for several gift cards from various locations (convenience stores, gas cards, restaurants etc). Congratulations to the winners: Cath Tandler-Vencia & Erika Budde, Special Education; Maricela Santana, Resource Center; Adrienne Meckel & Gwenn Frindt, Instructional Support & Technology.

Monterey County Home Charter School raised **\$320.00** for a Pat Vini Designer Bag, gift cards from various locations ~ congratulations winner, Laura Amezcua, Alternative Education.

Migrant Education staff raised **\$614.25** by selling Tacos with the fixings.

Special Education and SELPA staff raised **\$1,240.00** for a wheelbarrow full of gardening tools and supplies to the winner, Stan McDonald of the General Services Department.

Superintendent's Office staff cooked up soup and raised **\$483.14**.

Transportation staff raised **\$615.00** by holding a Salad Bar Luncheon with all of the fixings.

Sales of Luminaries raised **\$250.00**.

At the opening get together at the MCOE tent, an additional **\$45.67** was donated. **Total to date: \$ 6,393.24**

More than 800 cancer survivors walked proudly around the Hartnell College track on Friday evening June 19, 2009 to celebrate life and fight for a cure.

The first walk around the track officially started the 12th annual Relay for Life in Salinas, the second largest in the state and the seventh largest in the country.

The overnight walk-a-thon benefits cancer research and education.

As of Friday evening, this year's Relay for Life had raised close to \$300,000, said event Chairwoman Kathy Pimentel. But Pimentel expects that number to be as high as \$1 million by the end of August.



Cancer survivors: Dale Bartoletti and Greg Ludwa, Alternative Education

During the past 11 years, the event has raised more than \$9 million for cancer research, advocacy efforts, and education and patient services.

Please see [Relay Event page 7](#)

TB Skin & Hepatitis B Testing ~ July

TB Skin Testing is *mandatory for school employees every 4 years* & the Hepatitis B Vaccination is *optional*, a series of 3 injections.

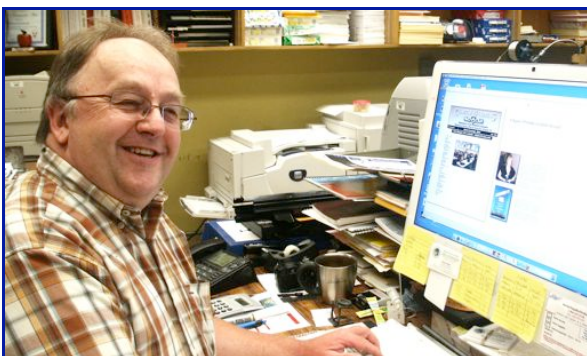
The Monthly Clinic is for **MCOE EMPLOYEES ONLY** of Monterey County Office of Education at 901 Blanco Circle, Salinas.

TB / Hepatitis B Injection will be held on Tuesday, July 28, 2009 from 1:00 – 4:30pm at West Campus 7.

TB Reading and Hepatitis B injections will be held on Thursday, July 30, 2009 from 1:30 – 4:30pm at West Campus 7.

California School Employees Association Award of Distinction for Photography Print & Web to be presented to Mike Cavanaugh

Congratulations! Mike Cavanaugh



Printing & Graphics Department

Congratulations to Mike Cavanaugh, Printing & Graphics at MCOE. Mike's CSEA Chapter 35 newsletter has been selected for the *Award of Distinction ~ Best Use of Photography (Print)* in CSEA's 2009 Communications Awards. The Chapter's web site was also selected for the *Award of Distinction ~ Best Use of Photography (Web Site)*.

Mike is the Chapter 35 Reporter and prepares both of these projects.

A presentation of awards will be made at a CSEA's 83rd Annual Conference in San Jose, August 3-7, 2009. Mike's award-winning entries will be on display at the Public Relations Committee booth.

The winning entries will be printed in the Communications Awards book. The book will be available at Conference and through Public Relations department at headquarters in San Jose.

Master Calendar of the Public School Districts of Monterey County

For the School Year 2009 – 2010

While every effort has been made to insure the accuracy of this Calendar, always contact specific Districts before planning critical dates.

This calendar is only a DRAFT.

District Name (Grades)	Students First Day	Labor Day	Veterans' Day	Thanksgiving	Winter Break
<i>Gonzales Unified & Feeder Districts:</i>					
Gonzales USD (K-12) [5]	8/17/09	9/07/09	11/11/09	11/23 – 27/09	12/21/09 – 1/08/10
Chualar Union (K-8) [4]	8/12/09	9/07/09	11/11/09	11/26 – 27/09	12/14/09 – 1/15/10
Mission Union (K-8) [11]	9/02/09	9/07/09	11/11/09	11/25 – 27/09	12/21/09 – 1/01/10
<i>King City High S. D. & Feeder Districts:</i>					
Bradley Union (K-8) [2]	8/24/09	9/07/09	11/11/09	11/25 – 27/09	12/21/09 – 1/01/10
Greenfield Union (K-8) [7]	8/19/09	9/07/09	11/11/09	11/23 – 27/09	12/21/09 – 1/08/10
King City Joint Union High (9-12) [10]	8/31/09	9/07/09	11/11/09	11/26 – 27/09	12/21/09 – 1/08/10
King City Union (K-8) [9]	8/18/09	9/07/09	11/11/09	11/25 – 27/09	12/21/09 – 1/08/10
San Antonio (K-8) [20]	8/25/09	9/07/09	11/11/09	11/26 – 27/09	12/18/09 – 1/01/10
San Ardo (K-8) [21]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
San Lucas (K-8)	8/20/09	9/07/09	11/11/09	11/25 – 27/09	12/21/09 – 1/08/10
<i>Salinas Union High S. D. & Feeder Districts:</i>					
Alisal Union (K-6) [1]	8/19/09	9/07/09	11/11/09	11/26 – 27/09	12/21/09 – 1/08/10
Graves Elementary (K-8) [6]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Lagunita Elementary (K-8)	8/31/09	9/07/09	11/11/09	11/25 – 27/09	12/21/09 – 1/01/10
Salinas City Elementary (K-6) [18]	8/19/09	9/07/09	11/11/09	11/25 – 27/09	12/21/09 – 1/08/10
Salinas Union High S.D. (7-12) [19]	8/19/09	9/07/09	11/11/09	11/25 – 27/09	12/14/09 – 1/04/10
Santa Rita Union (K-8) [22]	8/19/09	9/07/09	11/11/09	11/25 – 27/09	12/14/09 – 1/01/10
Spreckels Union (K-8) [24]	8/19/09	9/07/09	11/11/09	11/25 – 27/09	12/21/09 – 1/08/10
Washington Union (K-8) [25]	8/26/09	9/07/09	11/11/09	11/25 – 27/09	12/21/09 – 1/04/10
<i>Unified School Districts:</i>					
Carmel Unified (K-12) [3]	8/12/09	9/07/09	11/11/09	11/25 – 27/09	12/21/09 – 1/01/10
Monterey Peninsula Unified (K-12) [14]	8/10/09	9/07/09	11/11/09	11/25 – 27/09	12/21/09 – 1/01/10
No. Monterey County Unified (K-12) [15]	8/11/09	9/07/09	11/11/09	11/25 – 27/09	12/21/09 – 1/08/10
Pacific Unified (K-12) [17]	9/08/09	9/07/09	11/11/09	11/26 – 27/09	12/21/09 – 1/01/10
Pacific Grove Unified (K-12) [16]	8/12/09	9/07/09	11/11/09	11/26 – 27/09	12/21/09 – 1/01/10
Soledad Unified (K-12) [23]	8/17/09	9/07/09	11/11/09	11/25 – 27/09	12/21/09 – 1/08/10
<i>Community College Districts:</i>					
Hartnell College [8]	8/17/09	9/07/09	11/13/09	11/26 – 27/09	12/19/09 – 1/24/10
Monterey Peninsula College [13]	8/24/09	9/07/09	11/13/09	11/26 – 28/09	12/18/09 – 1/01/10
<i>County Office of Education:</i>					
Mont. Co. Home Charter School (K-12)	9/08/09	9/07/09	11/11/09	11/25 – 27/09	12/21/09 – 1/01/10
Monterey Bay Charter School (K-8) [12]	8/25/09	9/07/09	11/11/09	11/25 – 27/09	12/21/09 – 1/01/10

- [1] Alisal USD – No School 9/08/09
 [2] Bradley USD – Local Holiday 10/12/09, 5/14/10
 [3] Carmel USD – Staff Development Day 9/04/09, October Break 10/12 – 16/09
 [4] Chualar USD – Staff Work Day 11/06/09, Board Approved Holiday 4/12/10
 [5] Gonzales USD – Staff Development Days 1/11/10, 3/19/10
 [6] Graves SD – N/A
 [7] Greenfield USD – Staff Development Days 8/17/09, 8/18/09, 1/11/10
 [8] Hartnell College – Flex Days 10/16/09, 1/21 – 22/10
 [9] King City Union – Columbus Day 10/13/08
 [10] King City Joint UHSD – Fair Day 5/14/10
 [11] Mission SD – Fair Days 5/123 – 14/10
 [12] Monterey Bay Charter School – Local Holiday 10/12/09
 [13] Monterey Peninsula College – Flex Days 12/18/09, 1/27 – 29/10
 [14] Monterey Peninsula USD – Fall Break 10/12 – 16/09, No School 1/04/10

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*M. L. King, Jr. Day	President Lincoln	President Washington	Cesar Chavez	Spring Break	Memorial Day	Students Last Day	District Name (Grades)
<i>Gonzales Unified & Feeder Districts:</i>							
1/18/10	2/15/10	2/22/10	4/01/10	4/02 – 09/10	5/31/10	6/11/10	Gonzales USD (K-12) [5]
1/18/10	2/12 – 15/10	2/16/10	N/A	4/05 – 09/10	5/31/10	6/18/10	Chualar Union (K-8) [4]
1/18/10	2/12/10	2/15/10	N/A	4/02 – 09/10	5/31/10	6/17/10	Mission Union (K-8) [11]
<i>King City High S. D. & Feeder Districts:</i>							
1/18/10	N/A	2/15/10	N/A	3/29 – 4/09/10	5/31/10	6/11/10	Bradley Union (K-8) [2]
1/18/10	2/08/10	2/15/10	4/02/10	4/02 – 09/10	5/31/10	6/11/10	Greenfield Union (K-8) [7]
1/18/10	N/A	2/15/10	N/A	4/02 – 09/10	5/31/10	6/17/10	King City Joint Union High (9-12) [10]
1/18/10	N/A	2/15/10	N/A	4/02 – 09/10	5/31/10	6/04/10	King City Union (K-8) [9]
1/18/10	2/08/10	2/15/10	N/A	3/29 – 4/05/10	5/31/10	6/09/10	San Antonio (K-8) [20]
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	San Ardo (K-8) [21]
1/18/10	2/08/10	2/15/10	4/01/10	4/02 – 12/10	5/31/10	6/11/10	San Lucas (K-8)
<i>Salinas Union High S. D. & Feeder Districts:</i>							
1/18/10	2/08/10	2/15/10	N/A	3/29 – 4/02/10	5/31/10	6/11/10	Alisal Union (K-6) [1]
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Graves Elementary (K-8) [6]
1/18/10	2/12/10	2/15/10	N/A	3/29 – 4/02/10	5/31/10	6/11/10	Lagunita Elementary (K-8) [26]
1/18/10	2/08/10	2/15/10	N/A	3/29 – 4/05/10	5/31/10	6/09/10	Salinas City Elementary (K-6) [18]
1/18/10	2/08/10	2/15/10	N/A	3/29 – 4/05/10	5/31/10	6/10/10	Salinas Union High S.D. (7-12) [19]
1/18/10	2/08/10	2/15/10	N/A	3/29 – 4/05/10	5/31/10	6/10/10	Santa Rita Union (K-8) [22]
1/18/10	2/08/10	2/15/10	N/A	3/29 – 4/05/10	5/31/10	6/10/10	Spreckels Union (K-8) [24]
1/18/10	N/A	2/15/10	N/A	3/29 – 4/05/10	5/31/10	6/10/10	Washington Union (K-8) [25]
<i>Unified School Districts:</i>							
1/18/10	N/A	2/15 – 19/10	N/A	4/05 – 09/10	5/31/10	6/04/10	Carmel Unified (K-12) [3]
1/18/10	2/08/10	2/15/10	N/A	3/22 – 4/02/10	5/31/10	6/04/10	Monterey Peninsula Unified (K-12) [14]
1/18/10	N/A	2/15/10	N/A	4/02 – 09/10	5/31/10	6/04/10	No. Monterey County Unified (K-12) [15]
1/18/10	N/A	2/15/10	N/A	4/05 – 09/10	5/31/10	6/16/10	Pacific Unified (K-12) [17]
1/18/10	N/A	2/12 – 15/10	N/A	4/05 – 08/10	N/A	5/28/10	Pacific Grove Unified (K-12) [16]
1/18/10	2/12/10	2/15/10	3/31/10	4/02 – 09/10	5/31/10	6/11/10	Soledad Unified (K-12) [23]
<i>Community College Districts:</i>							
1/18/10	2/05/10	2/15/10	3/31/10	4/01 – 04/10	5/31/10	6/21/10	Hartnell College [8]
1/18/10	2/12/10	2/15/10	N/A	3/29 – 4/04/10	5/31/10	6/03/10	Monterey Peninsula College [13]
<i>County Office of Education:</i>							
1/18/10	2/15/10	2/22/10	N/A	3/29 – 4/02/10	5/31/10	6/18/10	Mont. Co. Home Charter School (K-12)
1/18/10	N/A	2/15 – 19/10	N/A	4/05 – 09/10	5/31/10	6/11/10	Monterey Bay Charter School (K-8) [12]

[15] North Monterey County USD – Staff Development Days 10/12/09, 10/19/09, 2/01/10, Floating Holiday 3/19/10, Non Student Day 5/03/10

[16] Pacific Grove USD – Fall Break 10/12 – 16/09, Staff Development Day 2/11/10

[17] Pacific Unified – Columbus Day 10/12/09, Staff Development Days 1/08/10, 6/04/10

[18] Salinas City Elementary SD – Staff Development Day 10/23/09

[19] Salinas UHSD – No School 10/23/09, Teacher Work Day 01/22/10

[20] San Antonio USD – No School 5/13 – 14/10

[21] San Ardo USD – N/A

[22] Santa Rita USD – No School 9/18/09, 10/23/09

[23] Soledad USD – Staff Development Days 9/14/09, 10/30/09, 4/12/10

[24] Spreckels USD – Staff Development Days 1/11/10

[25] Washington USD – No School 9/30/09, 11/04/09

[26] Lagunita USD – No School 04/05/10

* State Legislature is currently setting the observance date

YMCA Summer Camp 2009



The YMCA of the Monterey Peninsula will be offering the traditional Summer Day Camp in Pacific Grove at Chautauqua Hall and in Marina at DiMaggio Park. Their diverse group of well trained staff implements safe, age-appropriate, values-based activities. In addition the YMCA takes major field trips, swimming, and much more.

Children and teenagers make friends, have fun and learn the values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility.

The registration has already begun so don't miss out. Stop by at 600 Camino El Estero Monterey, CA 93940 or call 373-4167 for a detailed brochure.

Salinas After School Activities at the Y

The Central Coast YMCA has many after school programs that prepare young people for success in life. These programs range from state licensed after school child care to homework assistance. After school programs provide a safe and enjoyable place to play, learn and grow.

At the Salinas Community YMCA the programs are: *Afterschool Kool (Grades K-8)*, *After School Recreation (Grades K-8)* and *Family Nights*. For more information call the YMCA in Salinas at 831-758-3811.

Relay Event (Continued)

Salinas Californian ~ These days, Harold Kahn's luck may be changing for the better. "The only thing I've ever won was a case of Pepsi when I was 17," said Kahn, 67. He won the sodas at a high school dance.

But on Tuesday, Kahn, Superintendent of Spreckels Union School District, was given the keys to a new 2009 Honda Fit as the winner of this year's car raffle put on by Relay for Life in Salinas.

The presentation was made at the Sam Linder Honda dealership in Salinas, which also donated the vehicle. "I'm speechless," Kahn said as he accepted the keys with his wife, Kathleen. "Only in America."

The winning ticket was one of \$100 worth of tickets Kahn bought from Audrey Duenas, a member of the Spreckels' Relay For Life team.



Harold Kahn won a new 2009 Honda Fit from Sam Linder Honda in Salinas in a raffle for Relay for Life. Kahn, the superintendent of the Spreckels School District, already owns a 2008 Fit. It's the seventh year that Sam Linder Honda has donated a car to benefit the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. (Scott MacDonald)



For Your Safety

- *Wash your hands often with soap and water and use hand sanitizer.*
- *Cough and sneeze into a tissue or into your elbow.*
- *Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.*
- *Avoid close contact with sick people.*

Relay Event (Continued)

According to the Relay's car raffle chairwoman Lupe Morales, teams sold more than 20,000 tickets, raising about \$63,000 for the American Cancer Society. This was the seventh year of the car raffle, Morales said.

The tickets were \$5 each, but since Kahn bought in bulk, he received five extra tickets for a total of 25. Kahn said the main reason for buying the tickets was to support the ACS.

"I have aunts and uncles who've been touched by cancer," he said. "I think [the Relay] is a great cause that I really believe in."

The Relay for Life is a national effort, and in Salinas, about 160 teams along with 800 cancer survivors walked around the Hartnell College track for 19 hours June 20-21, raising more than \$600,000.

Kahn was announced the winner of the car raffle during the Relay's conclusion on June 21.

He wasn't present when his name was drawn, but Sam Linder, who brought the Relay for Life to Salinas 12 years ago, reached him by cell phone.

As Linder held a microphone to the phone, Kahn revealed that his current car is the 2008 version of the new Honda Fit he had just won.

He said he's not sure what he'll do with the extra car just yet, but he'll figure something out.

Kahn, also the principal at Spreckels Elementary School, said the car came at a good time he plans to retire next year. "I'm sure [the car] will come in handy," he said.



Steve Nejasmich, Educational Services; Judy Nejasmich, Nancy Lloyd & Crystal Beget, Alternative Education



Stella Flores, Instructional Support & Technology and her Granddaughter Mia