

AHEAD E-Newsletter

June 5, 2009

Monterey County
Office of Education

E-Mail:

eastwood@monterey.k12.ca.us
lsweet@monterey.k12.ca.us

Footnote On This E-newsletter.

This newsletter is to reach all MCOE staff. A link to access the AHEAD Newsletter will be sent to all MCOE staff by email. The newsletter will continue to evolve with your help.

Your help is appreciated. Please print copies and give to those who do not have MCOE email or web access. Please post copies in offices and staff rooms.

Newsletter Editor:
Ron Eastwood
Assistant Editor:
Linda Sweet

Published by the Communications
& Community Affairs Office
Ron Eastwood,
Communications Officer

Please send your items for
publication, comments, and
suggestions to Linda Sweet at
lsweet@monterey.k12.ca.us

We're on the Web:!
See us at:
www.monterey.k12.ca.us

Important Information on the Web:

www.monterey.k12.ca.us

**Student Safety and Health:
Information on Influenza
Influenza County Update**



Dr. Nancy Kotowski, Monterey County Superintendent of Schools and Cheryl Provost, Principal, Gladys Stone School

~ Congratulations ~
Stan McDonald



**The E-Newsletter for the Staff of the
Monterey County Office of Education**

*“Leadership, Support & Service to Prepare
All Students for Success”*

In This Issue:

Important Upcoming Dates	2
Welcome to SpEd, Martina Sholiton	3
Welcome to IT, Scott Sexsmith	3
Gladys Stone & “Papa” Kier	4
Yahooooooooooo Road-eo Results	5
Dress Rehearsal of BANDIDO	5
Red Cross Honors 6-Year-Old	6
TB Skin & Hepatitis B Testing	6
Alt Ed Awarded Six-Year Accreditation	6
Relay for Life Fundraisers	7
Continued Stories	8

**Monterey County
Superintendent of Schools**
Nancy Kotowski, Ph.D.

**Monterey County
Board of Education**

Judy Pennycook,
President,
Trustee Area 3

Ruth Andresen,
Vice President,
Trustee Area 4

Harvey Kuffner,
Board Member,
Trustee Area 1

Barbara Cornett,
Board Member,
Trustee Area 2

Ronald Panziera,
Board Member,
Trustee Area 5

Byrl Anderson-Smith,
Board Member,
Trustee Area 6

Richard H. Tuttle,
Board Member,
Trustee Area 7



Important Upcoming Dates

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

June 2009

Day	Event
	FIREWORKS SAFETY MONTH (June 1-July 4)
3	County Board of Education meeting
5	World Environment Day
10	County Board of Education meeting (Budget Study Session)
11	Race Unity Day
17	County Board of Education meeting
19-20	Relay for Life

July 2009

Day	Event
3	<i>Independence Day (California Education Code Section 37220) (MCOE Closed)</i>
4	July 4 (California Education Code Section 37220)
22	County Board of Education meeting

August 2009

Day	Event
5	County Board of Education meeting
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	<i>Labor Day (California Education Code Section 37220) (MCOE Closed)</i>
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

Welcome Martina Sholiton, Special Education Assistant Superintendent



Martina Sholiton

Martina Sholiton has been appointed to the position of Assistant Superintendent of the Special Education Division. Martina will join our team on June 8.

Martina is currently serving as the Director of the Kings County Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA). Her previous positions have included Coordinator of Special Education for the Santa Monica Unified School District and Program Specialist in the Torrance Unified School District, both located in Los Angeles County. Martina has also served as a Special Education Teacher and Site Coordinator for the Isaac School District in Phoenix, Arizona.

Martina earned her Masters in Science Degree at the State University of New York, Oswego and her undergraduate degree at the State University of New York, Potsdam.

Let's welcome Martina to the Special Education Department at Monterey County Office of Education.

Welcome Scott Sexsmith, Information Technology Interim Director

Welcome Scott Sexsmith to the position of Interim Director of Information Technology, Administration and Business Services Division at MCOE. Scott is an Information Technology professional with more than 25 years of experience that will assist both MCOE and your School District.

Most recently, he served as the Chief Management Information Officer for the Capistrano Unified School District, a 50,000-student educational system in Southern California's Orange County. He oversaw more than 60 employees and a \$3 million annual budget in providing cutting-edge technology services to some 4,400 teachers and support employees at 60 locations covering seven cities and numerous communities.

Prior to his appointment in Capistrano, Scott managed information and technology services for 10 years for the Merced County Office of Education. In Merced, he had responsibility for the fiscal management and information systems covering 20 school districts, which used the services of the county office. Scott earlier worked as a senior programmer and systems analyst for the Stanislaus County Office of Education. He earned his bachelor's of science degree from California State University, Stanislaus, concentrating in business administration with an emphasis on computer information systems.

Scott is a past president of the California Educational Technology Professionals Association (CETPA), a non-profit organization that helps to support the needs of the state's K-12 technology. He serves on the advisory board of TechSETS and he is a regular contributor to the CETPA DataBus (a technical journal for the K-12 community in California). He is a founding member of the Steering Committee, which developed the CTO Mentor program for certifying Chief Technology Officers. He has worked as a FCMAT consultant in numerous California districts and county offices of education in helping them succeed in their technology improvements by reviewing their planning, implementation, organization, and staffing.

Please join me in welcoming Scott as he undertakes the responsibilities of this role.

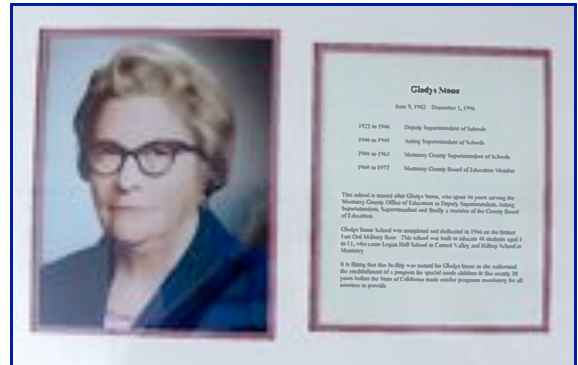
Gladys Stone & “Papa” Kier

On Wednesday, May 13, 2009, a *Special Ceremony to Acknowledge Gladys Stone and Papa Kier* was held at the Gladys Stone School. Welcome, introductions and presentation of plaques was done by Dr. Nancy Kotowski, Monterey County Superintendent of Schools, Sam Kier spoke on his father’s association with the school, Tom O’Connor formally Director of MCOE’s Audio-Visual Department gave the history of Gladys Stone. Tom was a long time friend of Gladys.

Gladys Stone

This school is named after Gladys Stone (pictured), who spent 46 years serving the Monterey County Office of Education as Deputy Superintendent, Acting Superintendent, Superintendent and finally a member of the County Board of Education.

Gladys Stone School was completed and dedicated in 1966 on the former Fort Ord Military Base. This school was built to educate 48 students aged 8 to 18, who came Logan Hall School in Carmel Valley and Hilltop School in Monterey.



It is fitting that this facility was named for Gladys Stone as she authorized the establishment of a program for special needs children in the County 10 years before the State of California made similar programs mandatory for all counties to provide.

“Papa” Kier

Prior to the construction of Gladys Stone School, Monterey area developmentally disabled children attended Logan Hall School. During its lifetime, Logan Hall was housed in several rented quarters: principally older, surplus buildings around the Monterey Peninsula.

In 1957, when Logan Hall was located in Holiday House, an old Victorian home at Forest and Sinex Avenues in Pacific Grove, retired steel products salesman Clarence Kier volunteered to assist the two credentialed teachers. It soon became apparent to Mr. Kier and his wife Mary, one of the teachers at the school, that the old house and its neglected garden offered a very practical and interesting curriculum for the older boys in the program.

With Mr. Kier’s guidance, the boys learned to handle tools, repair screens and furniture, vacuum rugs, maintain floors and woodwork, and make toys. Kier and his young pupils built a lath greenhouse and the boys learned to



Pictured: Harvey Kuffner, Monterey County Board of Education; Cheryl Provost, Principal, Gladys Stone School; Sam Kier, son of Papa Kier; Michele Saleh, Director II, Special Education; Lou Godfree, daughter of Papa Kier; Tom O’Connor, long time friend and co-worker of Gladys Stone; Doug Brown; Dr. Nancy Kotowski, Monterey County Superintendent of Schools; Mike Collier; Kay Atchison, Interim Director, Special Education.

Yahooooooooo Road-eo Results May 2 & 24, 2009

In the continuing Road-eo competition, MCOE Transportation Department *almost* made a clean sweep of all the awards in our category, type B buses, at the Northern Road-eo held in Galt, California on May 2, 2009.

The Individual winners: First Place, Brandy Acevedo; Second Place, Christine Caldeira; Third Place, Mary Suniga; Fifth Place, Laura Taylor; Sixth Place, Eleanor Taylor. These winners were invited to the State Championship competition on May 24, 2009 in Galt.

The Team winners: Third Place Team, Brandy Acevedo, Christine Caldeira, & Eleanor Taylor.

The MCOE Transportation Department continued to the State Championship Road-eo held in Galt, California on May 24, 2009.

The Conventional Bus Category: Second Place, Laura Taylor.

The Small Bus Category winner: Second Place, Brandy Acevedo and Brandy will be going to Greensboro, North Carolina to represent California in the International School Bus Safety Competition! Well done Brandy! The Monterey County Office of Education is very proud of you.

Dress Rehearsal of Luis Valdez' BANDIDO

(SALINAS, CA) The Golden Age of television was alive once more when students of the Mission Trails Regional Occupational Program and the performing arts programs of high schools throughout Monterey County brought their talents together produced and presented the live television production of BANDIDO!

The Media attended the final dress rehearsal that was held Friday, May 29, 2009. The rehearsal began at 5:15 pm in the studios of the Monterey County Office of Education's Media Center for the Arts, Education, and Technology located at 901 Blanco Circle in Salinas.



Tan D'Raya Ekert Berry & Karolina Harper

The live television broadcast of BANDIDO: An American Melodrama of the Life of Tiburcio Vasquez, The Notorious Bandit! aired on Saturday, May 30, 2009 at 6:30 pm. The broadcast featured an interview with world-famed playwright Luis Valdez. He also narrated and co-hosted this special presentation of his play.

Students from high schools throughout Monterey County served as cast and crew for the production. The students were brought together for this production through the efforts of the Monterey County Office of Education and its Media Center for the Arts, Education, and Technology, playwright Luis Valdez and the *El Teatro Campesino*, the Mission Trails Regional Occupational Program, and the visual and performing arts programs of Soledad High School, Salinas High School, Alisal High School, York School, King City High School, and North Monterey County High School.

Please see **Bandido** page 8

Red Cross Honors 6-Year-Old

Mikaela Arista, 6, was given the "Good Samaritan-Youth Hero" award at the 5th annual American Red Cross Ordinary People ... Extraordinary Heroes event held Wednesday, May 20, 2009 at the Embassy Suites in Seaside, CA.

Just 5 years old last summer, Arista of Prunedale, rescued a 16-year-old girl from drowning, swimming 40 feet from the shore to her with a foam-swimming noodle at Lake San Antonio.

To read the complete article, please copy the following link and paste it into your web browser:



Mikaela Arista, 6, (Salinas Californian, Richard Green)

<http://www.thecalifornian.com/article/20090521/NEWS01/905210302/-1/NEWSFRONT2/Red+Cross+honors+residents+of+Monterey+and+San+Benito+counties+at+heroes+breakfast>

TB Skin & Hepatitis B Testing ~ June

TB Skin Testing (Mandatory every 4 years) & Hepatitis B Vaccination (optional), a series of 3 injections. The Monthly Clinic for **MCOE EMPLOYEES ONLY** of Monterey County Office of Education at 901 Blanco Circle, Salinas.

TB / Hep B Injection will be held on Tuesday, June 23, 2009 from 1:00 – 4:30pm at West Campus 6.

TB Reading / Hep B Injection will be held on Thursday, June 25, 2009 from 1:30 – 4:30pm at West Campus 6.

Alternative Education Programs Awarded Six-Year Accreditation

Thomas C. Beecher, chair of the Accrediting Commission for Schools of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges has announced that the Accrediting Commission for Schools is granting the Monterey County Office of Education's Alternative Education Program a six-year term of accreditation.

This action was taken after a careful study of the Visiting Committee Report, which noted many laudable aspects of the school.

Relay for Life Fundraisers

MCOE is an annual participant in the Salinas area Relay For Life event. One in three people will be diagnosed with cancer during their lifetime. The American Cancer Society, 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 department in MCOE commits to conducting one fundraiser each for Relay For Life.

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 ~ *way to go Ginny.*

Business Office staff raised **\$404.50** selling Baked Potatoes with condiments ~ *what a spud.*

General Services staff cooked up Teriyaki on a Stick to help raise **\$678.00** ~ *excellent.*

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

Human Resources staff raised **\$374.55** selling Nachos with the fixings~ *way to go.*

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

Special Education and SELPA staff raised **\$1,140.00** for a wheel barrel full of gardening tools and supplies to the winner, *Stan McDonald* ~ *start your gardening.*

Superintendent's Office staff cooked up Soup to warm the bodies to help raise **\$440.00** ~ *outstanding.*

Transportation staff raised **\$615.00** by holding a Salad Bar Luncheon with all of the fixings ~ *what a spring of salad mixes.*

Total to date: \$ 5,063.43



Transportation Department Salad Bar Luncheon raised \$615.00

Congratulations ~ Stan McDonald



Stan McDonald of General Services was the proud winner of the Special Education's Relay for Life prize "Garden For Life." Stan won a wheel barrel filled with gardening tools, supplies, antiques, and plants. Congratulations, Stan. Special Education raised \$1,140 in this raffle.

Final Relay for Life Fundraiser ~ Get your tickets on sale now

Instructional Support & Technology will have drawings for several gift cards from various locations (convenience stores, gas cards, restaurants etc.). Tickets on sale now with the drawing held early June. The donation is \$5.00 per ticket, or \$20.00 for 5 tickets. Available from IS&T staff.

Monterey County Home Charter School will have drawings for a Pat Vini Designer Bag, gift cards from various locations. Tickets are on sale now with the drawing held in early June. The donation is \$5.00 per ticket, or \$20.00 for 5 tickets. Available from Home Charter School staff.



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.*

“Papa” Kier continued

grow fuchsias and other plants from cuttings. James Stefan, Monterey County Superintendent for Special Services, soon offered Kier a job providing transportation and custodial services for Logan Hall. Mr. Kier accepted the position and continued his pre-vocational training with the boys. When the program moved from Holiday House to an historic two-room schoolhouse in Carmel Valley, he and his boys had another old building to challenge them.

Quiet, competent Clarence Kier was much loved by his pupils and their parents. The children, who called Mary Kier, “Kier”, dubbed Clarence, “Papa Kier.” The Logan Hall students and their families were deeply saddened when he died of cancer in 1965. The Papa Kier Memorial Garden at Gladys Stone School was financed by contributions from the families of developmentally disabled children whose lives had been enriched by Mr. Kier.

This history was written by Sam Kier, Ph.D. (son of Mary and Clarence Kier). He also worked in special education. He was a special education professional for the Monterey Peninsula Unified School District from 1962 to 1988, when he retired as Director of Special Services.

BANDIDO continued

Bandido! depicts the history of the Old West and the bandits who became legendary. Specifically, the play deals with the aftermath of the U.S.-Mexico War that led to the rise of bandits such as Joaquin Murrieta and Tiburcio Vasquez. In his trademark style of irony, drama, and humor, Valdez presents the contrast between the photographic portraits that documented Vasquez’ life and death with the melodramatic stereotype that survives in U.S. History books.

The Media Center for the Arts, Education, and Technology (MCAET) is a service of the Monterey County Office of Education. It offers instructional, community and government programming covering subjects of value to students of all ages. Pre-schoolers, kindergarteners through twelfth graders, post-secondary students, home-schooled children and parents benefit from a variety of learning opportunities. MCAET broadcasts all day, every day.

MCAET programming, a service of the Monterey County Office of Education, can also be seen and downloaded via the iTunes Music Store.



Wendy Tyler speaking with President of the Media Center Board, Mark Seitman