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Dr. Nancy Kotowski presenting an award to Kevin Tang, Stevenson School, at the Mathletics Contest

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

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

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Important Upcoming Dates

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

May 2009

Day	Event
	NATIONAL ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH
	NATIONAL PHYSICAL FITNESS AND SPORTS MONTH
3-9	Be Kind to Animals Week
6	County Board of Education meeting
6	National School Nurse Day
11-17	National Children's Book Week
12	MCOE Staff Recognition (Rooms A~B, Refreshments 9:00 a.m., Program 9:15 a.m.)
13	Day of the Teacher (California Education Code Section 37222)
18-22	Classified School Employees Week
20	County Board of Education meeting
25	Memorial Day (California Education Code Section 37220) (MCOE Closed)
27	County Board of Education meeting (Budget Study Session)
31	World No Tobacco Day

June 2009

Day	Event
	FIREWORKS SAFETY MONTH (June 1-July 4)
3	County Board of Education meeting
5	World Environment Day
11	Race Unity Day
17	County Board of Education meeting

July 2009

Day	Event
3	Independence Day (California Education Code Section 37220) (MCOE Closed)
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	Labor Day (California Education Code Section 37220) (MCOE Closed)
8	International Literacy Day
9	Admission Day
16	County Board of Education meeting
16-17	State Board of Education meeting, Sacramento
17	Constitution Day (California Education Code Section 37221)
17-23	Constitution Week
25	Native American Day (California Education Code Section 37220.7)

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.

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 & Strawberry Shortcake ~ mmmm tasty.

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

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



Taqueria Taco Tuesday

Migrant Education is holding a Taco Luncheon on Tuesday, May 12, 2009 in the Staff Lounge from 11:30 a.m. ~ 1:30 p.m. The cost is \$6.00 for 3 tacos, rice, beans & drink. Purchase tickets at the Staff Lounge window or in advance from the following: Juanita Martinez x403, Maricela Garcia x215 and Karla Ornelas x401.

Blackstone Winery

Alternative Education's drawing is for the private, behind-the-scenes, tour, tasting, and demonstration at Blackstone Winery. The drawing date has been extended to Friday, May 15, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. Suggested donation is \$5.00 per ticket.



Salad Bar

Transportation is holding a Salad Bar Luncheon on Friday, May 29, 2009 from 11:30 a.m. ~ 1:00 p.m. in the Staff Lounge. Included in the salad is a drink and cookie. The cost is \$5.00 at the window.

A Garden of Hope

Special Education and SELPA will have a drawing for a wheel-barrel full of gardening tools and supplies. The drawing will take place on Friday, May 29, 2009; the donation is \$5.00 per ticket. Tickets may be purchased from the following: Rosemary Ashcraft x434, Connie Espinoza x345, Claribel Solis x202 from Special Education, and Jonette Wheelus x464 from SELPA.

Instructional Support & Technology will have drawings for several Gift Cards from various locations (convenience stores, gas cards, restaurants etc.). Tickets go on sale May 1, 2009 with the drawing held early June. The donation is \$5.00 per ticket, or \$20.00 for 5 tickets. Available from IS&T staff.

Linda Smith, 2009 Golden Bear Award Winner

The 2009 Golden Bear Awards Ceremony was held at the elegant Embassy Suites Hotel in Seaside, California on Saturday, April 25, 2009. More than 300 CSEA members and guests were on hand to witness 37 outstanding and dedicated members receive awards and job steward jackets. Seventeen members from chapters in Area C completed Job Steward training and received their job steward jackets.

Twenty members received the Golden Bear Award for member service and Job Steward/Site Representative.

Among those receiving the Golden Bear Award was our own Linda Smith. Congratulations Linda!

Linda is a Bus Driver/Instructor in Our Transportation Department. She is also Chapter 35's Hospitality Chairperson. Linda has also represented the Bus Drivers on the Negotiating Team and serves as their site representative.

Linda is currently training to become a job steward. Congratulations again Linda for a job well done!



Linda Smith, 2009 Golden Bear Award winner

Print & Graphics Shop Closure

The Print & Graphics Shop will be closed Monday, May 18, 2009 through Tuesday, May 26, 2009.



Please make your printing arrangements to be completed before or after these closure days. The Print & Graphics Shop door will be locked. For assistance with supplies, service problems and access, please see the Superintendent's Office. If photocopier paper is low, contact the Warehouse at ext. 422.

TB Skin & Hepatitis B Testing

MAY

TB Skin Testing (Mandatory every 4 years)
& Hepatitis B Vaccination (optional), a series of 3 injections

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

TB / Hep B injection

Date: May 26, 2009
Day: Tuesday
Time: 1:00 – 4:30
Where: West Campus 7

TB Reading / Hep B injection

Date: May 28, 2009
Day: Thursday
Time: 1:30 – 4:30
Where: West Campus 7

Young Minds Shine at Mathletics Contest

By DENNIS TAYLOR, Herald Staff Writer,
Updated: 05/05/2009 10:09:32 AM PDT

Caution: If you're predisposed to brain hemorrhages or migraine headaches, stop reading now.

What follows is the brain-squeezing story of the 41st annual Monterey County Mathletics competition, where the youngest of 414 competitors from 53 schools were asked to solve equations like this one:

"Patrick was told to add 3 to his favorite number and multiply the result by 6. Instead, he added 6 to his favorite number and multiplied the result by 3. His answer was 57, but what answer would he have gotten if he had done the problem correctly?"

The answer, of course, is 96. Most of the fifth- and sixth-graders in the room Saturday at CSU-Monterey Bay knew that one. They needed less than five minutes to determine that $1 \div \frac{3}{2}$ minus $\frac{4}{3} \div \frac{3}{2}$ plus $\frac{4}{3}$ equals 17. (See results from the competition.)

Of course, the questions get tougher as the mathletes get older, and the brightest of the bright turned out to be Eric Kim, a senior at Stevenson High, who won the \$1,000 Richard Morgantini Scholarship by registering the highest score among high school seniors on the college-level calculus test.

"To be honest, I didn't do anything to prepare for this competition. It was a last-minute thing, and I entered today because my teacher wanted me to do it," said Kim, who is headed next year to the University of the Pacific to study dentistry. "Actually, I'm a little surprised to win."

Kim edged classmates Eric Wang and Shimm Ou for top honors, and that trio lifted Stevenson High over second-place York for the team championship in that category.

Most difficult problem?

"It was a free-response question, involving a triangle," he said. "You had to find the sum of all the perpendiculars, which required you to think about the question and try to set up an equation, which required some creativity. It wasn't just something you could sit down and do with a calculator."

The Richard Morgantini Scholarship is named for its donor, a Greenfield resident who was a 20-year member of the Monterey County Board of Education.

Winners in each of 10 categories received gift cards (\$100 from Visa for first place, \$75 from Target for second, \$40 from Borders for third), along with gold, silver and bronze medals and certificates. Fifth-, sixth- and seventh-graders took exams geared to their grade levels, while the older kids, all the way up to college level, were tested in algebra 1 and 2, geometry, math analysis, and high school and college calculus.



Annalee Littlefield, left, 12, and Liam Barnard, 12, both from All...
(ORVILLE MYERS/The Herald)



41st annual Monterey County Mathletics competition

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Young Minds (Continued)

"It was fun. Some of the questions were hard, but most of them were pretty easy because we had studied all the material on it," said Annalee Littlefield, a 12-year-old sixth-grader at All Saints Day School in Carmel Valley. "The hardest probably was the open-ended essay question at the end of the test, which required you to explain how you got your answer."

The question: What integer when divided by 5 has a remainder of 1, when divided by 3 has a remainder of 2, and when divided by 7 has a remainder of 6 ... and what's the smallest number that it could be?

"The answer was 41," said Littlefield, an aspiring author. "But we had to write a whole page explaining why that was the answer and how we got it."

"These kids got chosen because they did really well in math throughout the year, especially on their math benchmarks for the district," said Jessica Browne, who brought fifth-graders Alize Lopez, Tyler Fletcher and Alex Rodriguez with her from J.C. Crumpton School in Marina.

"Math is fun for me, but it depends on what it is," said Fletcher, age 10. "If it's fractions, that's kind of fun, but I don't really like percents."

Sometimes, it is both. What number is halfway between 3.4 and $7\frac{3}{5}$... and give your solution as a decimal. Any fifth-grade mathlete can tell you the answer is 5.5.

But there is no need to mix fractions and decimals to fry your mind. The flagpole at your local school has a shadow that measures 9 feet, 8 inches, but the teacher's shadow is only 3 feet, 2 inches. If the teacher stands 6-foot-3, how tall is the flagpole? (Don't you wish you'd paid more attention in class? Aren't you glad these kids do?) The flagpole is 19 feet tall.

Following are prize winners in each category at Saturday's 41st annual Monterey County Athletics competition:

College calculus (college division): 1. David Gregory Monson (Ohlone); 2. Katsu Sugano (Cabrillo); 3. Corey Zaro (Chico State). Teams: 1. Ohlone; 2. Cabrillo; 3. Chico.

College calculus (high school division): 1. Eric Kim (Stevenson)*; 2. Eric Wang (Stevenson); 3. Shim Ou (Stevenson). Teams: 1. Stevenson; 2. York.

Math analysis: 1. Yeahoon Brook Kim (Santa Catalina); 2. Kristina Flathers (Santa Catalina); 3. Ji Young Park (Santa Catalina). Teams: 1. Santa Catalina; 2. Stevenson; 3. York.

Geometry: 1. Jimmy Lin (Stevenson); 2. Kevin Tang (Stevenson); 3. Annika Fling (Santa Catalina). Teams: 1. Stevenson; 2. Monterey; 3. Palma.

Algebra 2: 1. Ryan Batterman (York); 2. Jinny Kim (Santa Catalina); 3. Elizabeth Clark (Santa Catalina). Teams: 1. York; 2. Santa Catalina; 3. Stevenson.

Algebra 1: 1. Hyun Jee Kim (Walter Colton Middle School); 2. Eric Kim (Pacific Grove Middle School); 3. Amy Ng (San Benancio Middle School). Teams: 1. San Benancio Middle School; 2. Walter Colton Middle School; 3. Carmel Middle School.

Please see [Math Winners page 7](#)

Math Winners (Continued)

Seventh Grade: 1. Megan Hand (Santa Catalina); 2. Tivan Sadowsky (Carmel Middle School); 3. Neeli Tummala (International School). Teams: 1. All Saints Day School; 2. Carmel Middle School; 3. Colton Middle School.

Sixth Grade: 1. Monroe Vallejo (San Benancio Middle School); 2. Daniel Urquidez (Laurel Wood);

3. Makena Ehnisz (Santa Catalina Lower School). Teams: All Saints Day; 2. San Benancio Middle School; 3. International School.

Fifth Grade: 1. Ari Freedman (Carmel River); 2. Nicholas Ottone (Mission Park); 3. Emma Finch (Carmel River). Team: 1. Carmel River; 2. Tularcitos; 3. International School.

*Winner of the Richard Morgantini \$1,000 Scholarship for Math



Rachel Herrera, center, 13, from Santa Catalina School, finishes her...
(ORVILLE MYERS/The Herald)



Tyler Fletcher, 10,
from Crumpton
School. (ORVILLE
MYERS/The Herald)



Annalee Littlefield, left, 12, and
Liam Barnard, 12, both from All...
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Employee Recognition: California Day of the Teacher & Classified School Employee Week



Dr. Nancy Kotowski, Monterey County Superintendent of Schools; Becki Hadley, CSEA Chapter 35, President; Linda Smith, MCOE Transportation; and Judy Pennycook, President, Monterey County Board of Education



Dr. Nancy Kotowski, Monterey County Superintendent of Schools; Karen Aguirre, MCOETA Representative; and Judy Pennycook, President, Monterey County Board of Education

The May 6 regular meeting of the County Board of Education was marked by presentations of Resolution of Commendation honoring California Day of the Teacher and Classified Employee Week. California Day of the Teacher will be celebrated on May 13. Classified School Employee Week is May 17 - 23, 2009.

Special Olympics

Kay Atchison, Interim Assistant Superintendent of Special Schools and Classes, presented a slide show on the Monterey County Special Olympics held on Friday, April 17 at the track and field of North Salinas High School.

Over 500 students, ages 6-21, from 30 Monterey County schools participated in various events, including running, baseball throw, turbo jay, shot-put, standing long jump., and wheelchair events - manual, motorized and assisted.

The Special Olympics builds athletes' self-esteem, discipline, motivation, and appropriate social skills that carry over into the school, home, and workplace. It inspires family pride and encourages their active support.

Yahooooooooo! Road-co!!!!

The Monterey County Office of Education (M.C.O.E.) school bus drivers are the best drivers in Northern California.

In competition after competition against their counterparts from throughout Northern California, the M.C.O.E. team takes top honors in the Type B (School Bus Van) category.

The Board also recognized the Transportation Department for its work in transporting student athletes at the Special Olympics at North Salinas High School, and transporting runners at the Big Sur Marathon. See page 9 for a picture of the Transportation Department winners with their trophies.



Lucia Luna, Rosa Lopez, Mary Suniga, Elsa Luna, Brandy Acevedo, Hector Anaya, Eleanor Taylor, Wilmer Ugaz, Linda Smith, and Christine Caldeira

Ordinary People ... Extraordinary Heroes



Laura Kershner, Public Support Director, Red Cross

Tuesday, May 5, 2009 -- It is an honor to present the American Red Cross' signature fundraising event "Ordinary People ... Extraordinary Heroes" that will take place on Wednesday, May 20, 2009 at the Embassy Suites in Seaside. The Heroes Breakfast event is a celebration of the spirit of humanitarianism, where ordinary people with extraordinary efforts are honored. The concept of the Heroes Breakfast event grew out of a desire to recognize those at the local level whose heroic acts mirror the daily accomplishments of the American Red Cross. Funds raised through day-of-the-event dollars and corporate sponsorships at the 5th Annual Heroes Breakfast, provide the Red Cross with the money necessary to support the programs and services like disaster relief. Every five days, the Monterey-San Benito Counties Chapter of the American Red Cross responds to the needs of local families who have lost their homes due to house fires. Individuals wishing to attend the Ordinary People...Extraordinary Heroes Breakfast will be invited to make a \$111 donation per breakfast...one dollar for each year of Red Cross service to the community. Those wishing to learn more

are encouraged to call 424-4824. Please join us for an event that will touch your heart and inspire your day as we honor nine of Monterey and San Benito Counties heroes of 2009.

2009 ORDINARY PEOPLE...EXTRAORDINARY HEROES BREAKFAST WINNERS

Good Samaritan Youth Hero: Mikaela Arista

Mikaela Arista of Prunedale was five years old when she rescued a 16-year-old from drowning at Lake San Antonio on June 29 of last year.

The 16-year-old Phylcia Newstrom, was about 40 feet offshore on a floatable air mattress during a family camping trip with about 80 other people. Phylcia did not know how to swim and was not wearing a life jacket. The mattress suddenly lost air and she began to panic, Mikaela, swimming with her life jacket and a floatable noodle, swam over. She urged the victim not to panic and to grab the noodle. She then brought her to shore, towing her with the noodle.

"I still, to this day, cannot believe she had the instinct, 5 years old at the time, to act on an emergency the way she did," said her father Humberto Arista. "I am very proud that her instincts took over."



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.*

Light the Fire Within

Complete this form and FAX (831.755.6473) to Ron Eastwood, Communications Officer. Hand deliver or interoffice mail to the Superintendent's Office c/o Ron Eastwood.

Deadline for nominations is 5 p.m. on Wednesday, May 20, 2009. Presentation of the Award will be at the "Farewell to Friends" staff reception on June 10, 2009.

Nominee's Name _____

Nominee's Telephone # _____ Dept/School _____

Your Name _____

Your Telephone # _____ Dept/School _____

USE ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY – PLEASE REMEMBER, this award is made for contributions outside of work.

What have the nominee's significant contributions been to others?

List nominee's involvement with charitable, non-profit and social organizations:

Other comments you would like to make:



DEADLINE May 20, 2009



Monterey County Office of Education

“Light the Fire Within”

Unsung Hero Recognition Award

The “**Light the Fire Within**” Award is designed to recognize “**Unsung Heroes**” ~ M.C.O.E. employees who have made significant contributions to others *outside of their employment*. The “**Light the Fire Within**” Award is presented to deserving individuals who have given unselfishly of themselves as “**Unsung Heroes**” to benefit others.

Eligibility

All regular employees in certificated, classified and management positions who are employed by the M.C.O.E. at the time of their nomination are eligible for the award.

Nomination and Selection of Award Recipients

Awards are made only to individuals and not to groups. Anonymous submissions will be accepted. Selection of recipients is done by the Employee Recognition Committee, and is based upon:

1. Demonstrated record of significant humanitarian/social contributions;
2. Relative impact the contributions have made to others overall;
3. Likelihood this recognition will inspire others to action: “*Light the Fire Within*”

The Awards Committee members will verify all information. Additional information and questions may be asked of the nominee and/or nominator.

Award and Presentation of Awards

The “**Light the Fire Within**” Award is a personalized tabletop plaque and recognition at the annual “Farewell to Friends” event.

Awards Committee Composition

The Employee Recognition Committee is comprised of one member of M.C.O.E.T.A. as appointed by the Chapter President; one member of C.S.E.A., Chapter 35 as appointed by the Chapter President; one management representative as appointed by the County Superintendent of Schools, one volunteer retiree, and past recipients who choose to serve on the Committee.

Nomination Form

See the reverse side of this sheet.

