

Looking AHEAD to keep MCOE informed
March 12, 2010

"Leadership, Support and Service to Prepare All Students for Success."

RECOGNITION

Head Start Program and Staff Ace Federal Review

Congratulations to the **Head Start Program and staff** for their **outstanding Federal review**. Federal reviews are conducted every three years. Over the course of a week, a team of reviewers conducted interviews and monitor all aspects of the program. The program achieved "full compliance" in the categories of Health Services, Nutritional Services, Mental Health Services, Disabilities Services, Family and Community Partnerships, Transportation, Education and Early Childhood Development Services, Fiscal Management and Program Design and Management.

New Director Takes Helm of General Services

Welcome to **Joshua Jorn**, the new Director of General Services. Josh's appointment was effective March 8, 2010. Josh will oversee MCOE's maintenance, operations and transportation services. Originally from Pacific Grove, Joshua is familiar with our area and returns after many years in the Central Valley.

Josh graduated from California State University, Fresno with a degree in Construction Management – Architecture. Josh comes to us from the Kerman Unified School District where he served as Director of Maintenance, Operation and Transportation since 2006. Josh lives in Pacific Grove with his wife Kristin.

Blind & Visually Impaired Students Champions at Regional Competition

Congratulations to the **students of the Blind and Visually Impaired Program** who participated in the annual **Regional Braille Challenge in Sacramento on February 27, 2010**.

All six students placed in The Braille Challenge, and **Alex Aguilar**, a second grader at Cesar Chavez in Greenfield, took First Place.

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The students who represented MCOE in the competition are:

- **Alex Aguilar, 2nd grade, Cesar Chavez in Greenfield**
- **Luis Castillo, 10th grade, Soledad H.S**
- **Manuel Castillo, 8th grade, Main St Middle**
- **Rocco Romeo, 1st grade, Toro Park**
- **Mia Carius, 12th grade, Seaside High**
- **Jane Brunson, 9th grade, Carmel HS**

The Braille Challenge is an opportunity for students from Northern California to come together and compete in various Braille categories, including: spelling, speed reading and comprehension, proof-reading and interpretation of charts and graphs. All of the MCOE students placed first, second or third!

Teachers and families attended the event that included a Braille circus with fun activities, balloons and prizes for contestants and siblings.

Three Central Coast Schools Receive Governor's "Front Runner Award." King City's Del Rey Goes on to Grand Prize Competition

Congratulations to three Central Coast schools being selected to receive the **Governor's "Front Runner Award"** in physical fitness and health.

The **Learning for Life Charter, Del Rey Elementary in King City and the King City Arts Charter** were selected by the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness to **receive \$1,000 awards**. This is the second time **The Learning for Life Charter School** has won this important honor.

In a second round of the competition, **Del Rey School** was honored with the **Regional Award. Del Rey will receive \$6,000** in prizes: a \$5,000 check for physical activity equipment and a \$1,000 gift card to a CVS/pharmacy. **Del Rey School** now moves on to the **final, Grand Prize Competition** to be announced in September. If selected, Del Rey School will win one of the competition's three grand prizes: **new fitness centers valued at \$100,000**.

The Governor's Challenge Competition is a contest that promotes increased physical activity and better health among California's youth. Complete physical activity records of participating schools and information on the 2010 Governor's Challenge are available at www.CalGovCouncil.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 14 (Sunday) **Daylight Savings begins**

March 14 (Sunday) **Countywide Spelling Bee.** Begins at 1:30 P.M. at Hartnell College's Western Stage Theatre located at 156 Homestead Avenue in Salinas. The public is invited and admission is free. There are no campus parking restrictions on weekends.

March 17, 24 & 31 **Opening Doors Program** for migrant parents of children between the ages of birth and 5 years. Parents will learn how to prepare their children for school, to support children so that they grow healthy, about resources and services available to migrant parents, and have

an opportunity to build relationships with other parents. All sessions are held at the King City Academy of the Arts Charter School, located at 415 Pearl Street in King City. For information, contact Magaly Morales at (831) 755-6414 or mgmorale@monterey.k12.ca.us.

March 18 **Demonstration of mailing equipment** by Chris Gallagher of Pitney Bowes. All Administrative Assistants and Secretaries are invited to help evaluate this system. The demonstration will begin at 9:00 a.m.

March 19, 20 & 21 The **Annual Monterey County History Day**. Student set-up and judging are on Friday and Saturday, March 19 & 20. The event opens to the public at Noon on Sunday, March 21. The awards ceremony is at 2:00 p.m. The event is held at the Gym at the Pacific Grove Middle School located at 835 Forest Avenue in Pacific Grove. For information, contact Kyle at the Lyceum of Monterey County at (831) 372-6098.

March 27 The **17th Annual Bull Dog Run/Walk** to benefit Bradley School and the Marjorie Vincente Memorial Scholarship Fund will be held. The run/walk begins at Bradley School. For registration information, contact Deena Dill at (805) 472-2310, extension 140.

March 29 **Cesar Chavez Holiday** (floating holiday) observed. MCOE will be closed. Voice mail and email should be set to "Out of Office" messages.

March 31 Application deadline for the **Chicano Latino Youth Leadership Project (CLYLP)** Since 1982, the CLYLP has offered a summer opportunity for 120 California high school students to participate in a week-long, intensive leadership camp. Over 3,000 students have gone through this training program and more than 90 percent have gone on to attend college. Conference participants are housed on a university campus. They attend workshops and seminars to enhance leadership skills, academic preparedness, self-esteem, cultural awareness, and provide an understanding of state and local government. **Housing, meals, program materials and transportation to and from the conference are provided at NO COST to the participants or their families.** Forms and information at www.clylp.org.

April 1 Deadline for **Head Start Alumni Scholarships** applications. The Monterey County Head Start Program makes available of **two (2) scholarships** for former Head Start Students. One scholarship is in the amount of \$500.00, and the second is in the amount of \$250.00. In order to be eligible an applicant must be a prior Head Start student and must submit proof of Head Start participation. The Head Start Program also has available **one (1) parent scholarship award in the amount of \$250.00.** This is for parents of Head Start children currently enrolled in Head Start and who wish to begin or continue their own educational career. For information and forms, contact Lucie Alonso, Administrative Assistant, Head Start & Early Head Start Program, Monterey County Office of Education at (831) 755-0348.

March 31

OMS Workshop. Martin Cisneros will be conducting a training on the **powerful and time saving** Office Management System (OMS) on March 31. Go to <www.montereycoe.org> and click the "OMS" button to see the opportunities for calendaring, listing, advertising, and registering for meetings and workshops afforded by this program. While there, **register** for the March 31 sessions and become a user! These sessions are **for MCOE's Administrative Assistants, Secretaries and anyone who schedules and calendars their own activities, meetings, or workshops.**

**Important Upcoming Dates
March & April, 2010**

MARCH 2010

ARTS EDUCATION MONTH IN CALIFORNIA
MUSIC IN OUR SCHOOLS MONTH
NATIONAL MIDDLE LEVEL EDUCATION MONTH
NATIONAL NUTRITION MONTH
NATIONAL SOCIAL WORK MONTH
NATIONAL WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH
RED CROSS MONTH

- 2 Read Across America Day
- 3 County Board of Education meeting
- 5-7 Monterey County Science & Engineering Fair
- 8-12 National School Breakfast Week
- 1-5 Newspapers in Education Week
- 7-13 Week of the School Administrator
- 5 Black American Day
- 7 California Conservation, Bird, and Arbor Day
- 8 International Women's Day
- 11 South County Farm Day
- 14 Monterey County Spelling Bee
- 14-20 National Agriculture Week
- 14-20 National Poison Prevention Week
- 15-19 California Adult Education Week
- 17 County Board of Education meeting
- 21 International Day for Elimination of Racial Discrimination
- 21 Race Unity Day
- 29 Cesar Chavez Day observed (MCOE closed for floating holiday)
- 30 Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day
- 31 Cesar Chavez Day

APRIL 2010

MATHEMATICS AWARENESS MONTH
MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD
EARTHQUAKE PREPAREDNESS MONTH

- 4-10 Labor History Week
- 2 International Children's Book Day
- 6 California Poppy Day

- 7 County Board of Education meeting
- 7 World Health Day
- 11 Holocaust Remembrance Day
- 11–17 National Environmental Education Week
- 11–17 National Library Week
- 18–24 Public School Volunteer Week
- 11–17 Week of the Young Child
- 19–25 National TV-Turnoff Week
- 21 County Board of Education meeting
- 21 John Muir Day
- 22 Earth Day

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