

Marguerite Montgomery

Pony Express

Week of November 7th, 2011

CALENDAR of EVENTS

Wednesday, November 9th-17th

Book Fair, MME Library

Thursday, November 10th

Street Smarts Poster Entry Deadline

Friday, November 11th

No School (Veteran's Day)

Monday, November 14th, 7 p.m.

PTA Meeting, MME Library

Saturday, February 4th, 2012

Auction at Veteran's Memorial: "How Sweet it is to be MME"

LUNCH MENU and SPECIALS

Monday – Nacho Beef & Beans

Chili

Cheese Sauce

Potato Wedges

Tortilla Triangles

French Toast w/Sausage

Tuesday –Chicken or Beef Teriyaki w/Broccoli

Steamed Organic Rice

Chicken or Fish Nuggets

Wednesday – Pizza

Chicken Patty or Burger on a Bun

Thursday – Ginger Beef w/Shredded Carrots & Onions or

Chicken Adobo over Organic Rice

Stick Day: Mozzarella Cheese or Beef Taco

Friday – No School

Available Every Day: Salad Bar and Deli Sandwiches

MME: Beautiful on the Inside

Lots of students, parents, and friends of MME worked on the campus this weekend. On Saturday, **Girl Scout Troop 2051** picked up garbage and pulled weeds in the garden area.

Sunday's work party was a success thanks to the hard work of many individuals. The playgrounds for both the kindergarten and main campus received a lot of attention. If you see any of the following people who signed-in at the work party, tell them you noticed, and the campus looks great (it will be our little secret that I told you who they were): **Nate Coleman; Dylan & Lynn Bramwell; Aedyn Gravely; Jarrod & Kyril Logvy; Tim, Merissa, Sophia, & Nicholas Leamy; Darryl & Hayden MacArthur; Catherine, Gloria, & Sebastien Renaudin; Duane & Kai Leonard; Jeff, Stacy, Adam, & Ian Lovitt; Peggy & Joey Traverso; Den 9, Pack 75 Cub Scouts; Steve Bonnel; Peter, Rachel, Ray, & Grace Hartsough; Jeff Stark; and Kris & Erik Fredricksen.** Also a very large thanks to UC Davis students Kimberly Nelson, Kelvin Shing, Kevin Luu, Alan Chu, and Wendy Chen of the Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity for all of their help. There are likely a few others who helped out but did not sign the sheet. Regardless, thanks to everyone for their great work.

Santa's Workshop Outlet Store

Mark your calendars and cross two things off your list: MME Gift Mart is Saturday, December 10th from 10 am to 3 pm. There are 18 elf companies confirmed for sales at the big event. Please come with your shopping list and make this event a success.

Santa and Mrs. Claus will be there starting at 10:30 am. So shop early before only the coal lumps are left and, if you want to avoid the mall scene, have your children visit with Santa. Because at MME, Santa gives you milk and cookies!

It's Fun to Stay at the P-T-A Meeting

At next Monday's PTA meeting, agenda items include the Playworks program presentation, Communications Policy approval, and the Craft Night announcement. Dress up like your favorite member of the Village People and win a prize. Light snacks are bound to be provided.

Family Craft Night

Bring your students and their siblings to this hands-on, craft-making evening, and they'll return home with a bag full of wrapped, homemade gifts others love to receive. Don't miss this annual, popular, FREE event – provided by the MME PTA! All children must be accompanied by an adult. Dress to do art! Wednesday, December 7th, 6-8 p.m. in the MPR.

Contact Erika at ejensenhere@hotmail.com with questions or to volunteer a few hours helping kids make crafts at the event.

Library News

It's hard to believe we are already through the first quarter of our school year. Many exciting things have been happening in our library! Our themes for this fall's read-alouds have been: apples, pumpkins, scarecrows, monsters, scary stories and space (to help promote our upcoming Book Fair!)

Primary students have been learning about fiction and non-fiction, "good fit" books and making a good choice of books using the "I PICK" method. "I PICK" stands for: I-I choose, P-Purpose: Why do I want to read it?, I-Interest: Does it interest me?, C-Comprehend: Am I understanding what I am reading?, and K-Know: I know most of the words. This process allows students the opportunity to freely choose the best book for them. It has been

exciting to watch students develop in this process. They are becoming strong, independent library users!

Intermediate students, too, are encouraged to use "I PICK". Fourth grade has been working on good catalog searching strategies, library maps and are moving into parts of a book. Fifth grade has been working on copyright, intellectual freedom and writing of a bibliography and have now become Library Detectives. Ask your fifth grader about this exciting project! Sixth graders have wrapped up their Banned Books project. Their posters will be on display in the library. They have now begun a genre unit.

Something new I have started this year is "Book of the Week". This is an opportunity for intermediate students to be the first to check out the week's featured book. These titles are new books, award winners or nominees, or just "good reads". I "book talk" the book, students enter the drawing to check it out, and one name is drawn on Tuesday afternoon. If you are interested in our titles so far, please drop by the library to see our display.

Holidays Can Be a Mixed Bag

Marguerite Montgomery Elementary School is happy to announce the Mixed Bag Designs Online Fundraiser for the Holidays! Simply go to Mixed Bag Designs (www.mixedbagdesigns.com/Fall-2011) and enter your order. Upon checkout, type 53481 in the "School/Fundraiser ID#" field. You can also enter the name of the participant that referred you to this fundraiser in the "Referred By" field for them to receive credit. All orders will be sent directly to the customer!

Thank you for your support!

Last Chance

Your collected coins for the "One for Books" program are due November 8th. The classroom that collects the most coins will win a pizza party! There will be 2 winning classrooms—one for grades K-3, and one for grades 4-6. In addition, Scholastic will match the amount we collect with a donation of up to one million books to national non-profit organizations dedicated to helping families in need. Last year we raised over \$600! Easy.

From the Recycling Worm

Place your pre-orders and payment by Nov. 16 (before the Thanksgiving break) for holiday wreaths. Large wreaths will be only \$12.00 and you can request mixed evergreens or all rosemary. Order forms will be available in the office and can be handed in to Monica or Marilyn or one of the office staff (with a check to Montgomery PTA). Wreaths will be ready by mid-December to be picked up before the holidays! Earnings will support gardening and recycling activities.

To get more info, contact Judy at: jleatherwoman@gmail.com or (530) 204-8102.

Pony Express and Round-Up Contact

If you have items to submit for either the weekly (Pony Express) or monthly (Round-Up) newsletter, please email them to mmnewsletter@gmail.com

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