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News & Notes



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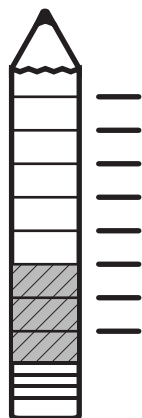
Thursday Oct. 13, mention Montera when you order dine-in, take-out or delivery from Flavors of India Bistro in Montclair Village and they will donate 15% of your purchase price to Montera! Offer good from 11:30am-3pm and 4-9:30pm. Please note: No online ordering for this event.

FLAVORS OF INDIA
6112 La Salle Ave, Oakland | 510-338-0553



Learn about earthquake preparedness & Measure G1 at the PTO meeting Oct. 19

Are you prepared for the next earthquake? Join us October 19 from 7-8pm in the MUR when Sarah Jones, our PTO VP of Facilities and an earthquake safety professional, will talk about earthquake preparedness at Montera and give practical tips for making your home and family safer. Also, hear from both sides about Measure G1, the OUSD parcel tax on the November ballot.



Donate to the Annual Giving Drive

PTO fundraising supports Montera programs like music and art, sports and field improvements, classroom supplies, computers, student planners, field trips and more. In order to reach our budget goals for the year, we need to raise \$300 per student -- but we welcome your contribution at absolutely any level. Donate online (click the "Annual Giving" button on the school home page) or pick up an Annual Giving form in the office. Thank you!



Do you get the eBulletin?

Don't miss out on school news! Sign up for our weekly email newsletter at tinyurl.com/toronews



Celebrate Fall Fest Saturday, Oct. 29, 11am-3pm

Try to beat the 70-foot obstacle course, explore the Halloween maze, listen to live music, snack from the taco truck, enter the costume contest, win raffle prizes, shop the bake sale and have FUN at Fall Fest! \$5 wristbands for unlimited all-day fun.

Montera Sports Updates

Cross country, flag football and girls' volleyball are all under way this fall.

Soccer Team Tryouts

Girls' tryouts are Nov. 2 from 1:30-4pm; boys' tryouts are Nov. 9 from 1:30-4pm. For more details, see the school website.

New Girls' Basketball Coach

We're excited to welcome new girls' basketball coach Kimberly Rucker! Look for basketball tryout info soon.



Tell your Toro Story!

We need parent volunteers to lead tours for prospective families and help with middle school information nights. To see how you can help, email outreach@monterapto.com.

Montera Grad Returns to Teach Woodshop

By Rosa Gutierrez-McCauley (8th grade)

Montera's new woodshop teacher, Mr. Runge, was born in Oakland and attended Montera as a student. "I had a great experience, made lots of friends, and loved the woodshop," he said. Mr. Runge participated in various extracurricular activities as a student, including Boy Scouts, ultimate frisbee, and playing cello for orchestra.

Mr. Runge never actually wanted to teach, unless it was in woodshop. "Montera has a tradition of a fine woodshop; I wanted to keep that going," he said. His teaching role models are Mr. Rice and Mr. Pittman, previous Montera woodshop teachers. "I teach to keep the tradition of the woodshop strong, and because not all kids can be good at academics, but can be great at a skill."

Mr. Runge's hobbies include woodworking, Boy Scouts with his son, soccer, softball, baseball, and football with his kids.

WE'RE TAKING THE AUCTION ONLINE!

The Montera 2016 Online Auction opens for bidding on Nov. 4 and ends Nov. 14.

Most items will be open to the public, so please share our auction website with your friends, family and colleagues:

www.biddingforgood.com/montera

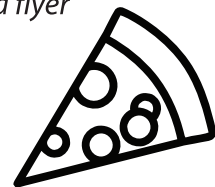
Our goal this year is to raise \$10,000 to support Montera's enrichment programs, including the highly successful music program, sports teams and after-school classes like TechBridge, the engineering program for girls.

This is an exciting and fun way to help our Montera community, and at the same time have a chance to win cool items like Disneyland tickets, wine tasting at Duckhorn and Concannon, a Family Membership to the Oakland Museum, holiday gifts and more.

If you want to donate an item or host a Montera community event, please contact auction@monterapto.com.

Dine Out/Take Out for Montera

Nov. 8-10, *bring the attached flyer* to Red Boy Pizza at 1500 Leimert Blvd and they'll donate 15% of your purchase to Montera.



Save the Date:

HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR

Dec. 3 in the MUR