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International Heritage Day

By Olivia Cowgill

Hey toros, International Heritage day is coming up! Heritage day is a day of celebrating the diversity of Montera through food, dance, and other activities.

When it is your grade's turn to participate (2nd period for 6th grade and half of 7th grade, 4th period for 8th graders and the other half of 7th grade) you will receive a "passport", which allows you to go to the tables and eat food or do an activity from that country.

Administrator, Dr. Williams, has teamed up with Salesforce and Ed Fund, both organizations will be there to help every student and staff member feel represented. SYL is in the middle of contacting local restaurants to support the event as well as planning more activities. There are a number of volunteers already, but if you want to bring food or plan an activity to represent your culture, you can contact Ms. Berger at stephanie.berger@ousd.org, or SYL at montera.syl@gmail.com. Heritage day will be May 16th, an A day Wednesday, so sign up while you can!

What Happened this Year?

By Hannah Penson

2017-2018 was one amazing year here at Montera! We had so many great events, from new teachers to new clubs great things were done this year!

During this trip around the sun, we got free school lunches and more cafeteria volunteers!

We also had new sports teams join the school! The Montera Toro girls softball team is taking over! They are doing so well! We also had so many new clubs, like the movie club, join us this year.

We started our year with some of the former Raiders coming to talk about bullying; to further the conversation, as well as branch off, later on in the year we had a Muslim Student Panel and QSA panel.

We also had our very own Montera Feminism Club lead Oakland in The Women's March!

Then finally for what I think was the most important rally of the whole year, we had a the gun control rally. This event really impacted our school, and almost

every school participated in this. We took matters of what we believe into our own hands and did something amazing, we made our voices heard.

We also installed the requirement that every student at Montera has to take a language. And of course we wouldn't forget the most obvious change this year, which was the A and B block schedule. The latter two changes were due to the fact that we, Montera, became an IB (International Baccalaureate) school!

So as you can tell this year at Montera was pretty jammed packed with excitement, and I can already tell that is just going to keep getting more



Letter From the Editors

Hey Toros! This is our last issue of the school year. We know what you are thinking, "Where will I learn about my school", well we are proud to announce that the new co-Editor in Chiefs are Kylie Jackson and Olivia Cowgill. As you can tell, this issue is completely dedicated to Montera Middle School News. No annoying Trump news, or random charities (not that the later isn't important); from the new Softball team, to highlights, we couldn't think of a better send off. And as always we are by the students for the students. May the 4th be with you and also with you.

Good things happen in class!

Credits

- Grace Gulli - Editor in Chief
- Olivia Cowgill - Writer
- Kylie Jackson - Writer
- Hannah Penson - Writer
- Leah Tannenbaum - Writer
- Lucas Wohl Sanchez - Writer

2017-18 Year Book

By Leah Tannenbaum

This yearbook might be the best yet, with a total goal of selling 200 year books, this book was made to perfection. In the book you can see amazing pictures of you and your friends from events like Spirit Week. Also, in case you hadn't heard on the announcements lately, the eighth grade bests are:

- Maddie Chao for most athletic
- Grace Gulli for most likely to lead a protest
- Samantha Soohoo for best hair
- Vivienne Mount for best eyes
- Marjani Tu-Ford for most outgoing
- Chardai K. for most likely to become famous
- Tomo Takeuchi for most scholarly
- Marcella for most artistic
- Silvia Kambouridis for most likely to save the planet

Even though not everyone got to win, its still cool that these toros showed off the Toro Way!

End of the Year Dance

By Kylie Jackson

This year's End of the Year Dance will be on Thursday, May 24th. With the Friday afterwards being the first day of Memorial Day weekend, so to kick off the four day weekend, SYL will be putting on a dance from 5-7 pm!

The dance is a semi-formal which means it is somewhere between formal and casual. The theme is "beach in the summer", and there will be music, a photo booth, and food. To make this more of a community building event, admission is completely free. SYL will be selling food and beverages.

There will also be dance royalty. Running for royalty is \$1. Two eighth grade gold royals will be selected, two seventh grade silver royals will be selected, and two sixth grade bronze royals will be selected as the winners.

Come and celebrate the end of the year with SYL's Summer dance. If you liked the last dance and/or want to attend another, be sure to come! We hope to see you there!



Batter Up Ladies!

By Lucas Wohl Sanchez

A few weeks ago, the Montera Middle School's Girls Softball team had its first victory. They won by a grand margin against our rival, Edna Brewer Middle School. This isn't just the first win of the season, it's the first win ever for Montera's Girls Softball team.

The program was recently created by Ms. Berger and Ms. Schooley, making the first win for the history of Montera softball a great start as well as a nod to girl power!

The team consist of Saniya, Victoria A., Abby, Briana, Juliana, Aleah, Kiana, Makenna, Kennedy, Maddie, McKenzie, Victoria, Olivia, Emma, Noemi, and Megan.

It will be exciting to see where the softball team goes in the coming year.

There is no doubt in any toros mind that this is only the tip of the ice berg for young girls showing the school that they can do anything boys can do.

