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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- 6th Grade & Kindergarten graduation, May 18th @ 7:00 PM
- Senior Graduation, May 19th @ 2:00 PM
- Last Day of School, May 21st EARLY OUT

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE*Mrs. Joan Twidwell*

I know we're all saying it, but it is truly hard to believe it is already the last month of the school year! We have many events scheduled between now and then, so check the weekly bulletins for the most updated information.

Senior commencement is Saturday, May 19 at 2:00 in the new gym. The last day of school is Monday, May 21st. We will have a 1:00 dismissal that day. Summer school begins Tuesday, May 29 and will run through June 15 this year from 8:00-12:30. Information should be arriving home shortly from the elementary building and grades 7-12 can contact Mrs. Ming's office.

The first day of classes for the 2012-13 school year will be Thursday, August 23rd. We are having three teacher workdays at the start of school with an open house for students and parents scheduled from 5-7 p.m. on Tuesday, August 21st.

Parents, thank you once again for your support during this school year. Happy summer and we look forward to welcoming everyone back for 2013!!

BOARD OF EDUCATION

The La Monte R-IV Board of Education met for their regular monthly meeting April 18. Sabrina Everett presented her winning science fair entry from the UCM science fair contest earlier this spring to the board.

Items approved under consent agenda included a school trip policy waiver for FCCCLA students to attend the Youth Traffic

Safety Leadership Training program in Columbia in July, and approval for 2012 summer school.

In other action, the board heard proposals from Septagon and Rob Rollings Architects to conduct surveys of existing roofs and buildings.

A new policy dealing with providing reference requests was approved, along with a therapy dog for the elementary counseling program. Mrs. Stratton, elementary counselor, presented information from staff and parent surveys providing overwhelming support for the addition of a therapy dog. She will begin the process to secure grant money and conduct fundraising to cover the cost of the training for the dog and herself as the handler, which will take 12-18 months.

The board approved Randy Arnold Insurance as the agent of record for health insurance next year. Summer mowing bids were tabled to the May meeting along with bus bids to obtain further information. The date of the May board meeting was moved to Tuesday, May 8.

Revenues as of the end of March 2012 totaled \$2,834,483 and expenditures to date totaled \$2,467,042. District fund balances as of the end of March were \$1,576,215.

The next regular meeting was rescheduled for Tuesday, May 8 at 7:30 p.m. in the high school board room.

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH FEDERAL PROGRAMS

Mrs. Terri Porter

SURVEY RESULTS

Thank you to all the parents that took the time to complete the parent surveys in April. The Federal Programs Advisory Committee will be meeting in May and will use this information in planning for next year. Your input is important! There were a total of 50 surveys returned, which is a great number since just one is needed from each family that has a student involved in a special program. The top choices for topics/activities for parent meetings were:

Reading Carnival (22)
Math Activities (16)
Family Game Night (17)
Health Fair (18)
Science Activities (16)
Safe use of phones/
internet/technology (13)
Hispanic Culture Event (12)

The best times for parent meetings/activities were:

Afternoon (7)
Wednesday (10)
Evening (34)
Friday (12)
Monday (8)

We also received lots of helpful comments and suggestions.

UPCOMING PARENT INVOLVEMENT ACTIVITY

PTO Carnival/Back-to-School Bash – Next year the PTO Carnival and Back-to-School Bash will again be combined for one great day of fun with the theme of “Wild West”. Mark September 15, 2012, on your calendar now because you won't want to miss this opportunity. Families of La Monte R-IV (K-12) will join together to enjoy an afternoon and evening of food and fun. Carnival games and other events will take place, and food will be

available. Proceeds will go to the local PTO. Meet teachers and other families in the district, learn about the various programs available, and celebrate the start of another great school year.

ELEMENTARY PE . . . IT'S NOT WHAT IT USED TO BE

Mr. Drew Burris

The countdown to summer is on!! It has been a busy one for all grades in the gym. In P.E., PreK-1st has been working on throwing a football, they had an egg-cercise game for Easter, striking with a small handle implement (paddles), and learning about satellites, incorporated with a game. For their final weeks students will be learning about dinosaurs, and also playing a game learning about them, going through scooter city, using fine motor control in their feet, and finally racing through an obstacle course. For 2nd-6th P.E., students were introduced to the game

Pickleball. Students went through an inaugural 3 week season learning about the game, working as a team, and also learning how to be line judges. Here are the top teams out of their divisions:

2nd grade division: DeMotte: Best of the Best 11-4, Breshears: Cobras 8-2, 3rd grade division: Caldwell: Vikings Armour 13-5, Dillon: Pop-Stars 12-5, 4th grade division: Vikings 6-3, 5th grade division: Caruthers: Flamin' Skullz 8-2, Carpenter: Hot! Pink 13-0 (received certificates for their perfect season), and finally 6th grade division: Team Lightning 6-2. The students had a blast

participating in the season. For their final weeks, students are already participating in The President's Challenge, and will finish up their P.E. for the year playing beach volleyball. For K-6th Health, students have been learning about warning labels, about their teeth, dangers of texting and driving/driving safely, and also water safety. They will finish up with learning about the human eye, decision making, how the body changes and grows, and finally TAOD (dangers of tobacco, alcohol, and other drugs). On May 18th, students PreK-6th will be participating in Field Day: Fun In The Sun.

Five stations testing accuracy and speed. PreK-1st will be in the Devil Rays Division, and 2nd-6th will be in the Piranhas Division. Stations include: Gone Fishin', Ocean Waves, Jamaican Javelin Throw, Waterball, and Shark Attack! We will have a Tiki Hut for students to relax in after they have participated in all stations. Ribbons will be given out to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners in their division. Make sure to have your child wear clothes they don't care to get wet in.

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Mrs. Audrey Ming

It is hard to believe that May has arrived and the school year is coming to a close. I know the students are eager for summer to begin and are ready to have fun in the sun. I encourage all students to take advantage of their summer vacation.

Summer is a great time for students to gain experience in the world of work. Students can job shadow or volunteer at various job sites, in order to educate themselves on perspective careers. Students can also research future career opportunities by using

the online *Occupational Outlook Handbook*. Visit <http://www.bls.gov/oco/> for information on training and education, earnings, expected job prospects, what workers do on the job and expected working conditions.

Summer is also a great time to plan college visits. Consider making a stop for a college or career visit during your family vacation. Carpooling with other students and their parents who share the same interests is another great way to learn first hand of the opportunities

at different job sites or college campuses. Having some time to really consider your options is another thing summer provides. Instead of waiting until the fall, avoid unnecessary stress and get serious about visiting and ultimately planning for your senior year.....and beyond!!!! During the month of May, all parents of junior students will receive a letter outlining some key things about their student's senior year. Take advantage of the summer to explore your options!

For summer school, we will

be having personal finance, government, and driver's education. Students can also do their A+ tutoring in the elementary. Students have signed up for these classes and will be receiving a letter in the mail shortly about summer school details. It will begin on May 29th and will go for three weeks (driver's education will go a little bit longer). Please contact me if you have questions about summer school.

Future ACT Test Dates

Test Date	Registration Deadline	(Late Fee Required)
June 9, 2012	May 4, 2012	May 5-12, 2012
Sept. 8, 2012	August 17, 2012	August 18-24, 2012
Oct. 27, 2012	Sept. 21, 2012	Sept. 22- Oct. 5, 2012

MUSIC CONTEST NEWS

Mrs. Tabitha Lazenby



If you see the following students, please congratulate them on a SUPER AWESOME job at contest Saturday, March 31st.

- Kyleigh Sullivan - Flute Solo - 2 rating

- Reish Burnett - Alto Saxophone Solo - 2 rating
- Logan Rieckhoff - Trombone Solo - 2 rating
- Felicity Richey - Vocal Solo - 2 rating
- Blaire Lazenby - 1 rating
Blaire will continue onto state contest April 26th, in Columbia. I am so proud of these kids! They took the

initiative to make it happen! They have been putting in lots of extra practice time!

HAPPY TRAILS

Mrs. Linda Breshears

The end of the road...or the beginning? After 22 years of teaching at La Monte, I am retiring.

Being able to teach in my hometown has been perfect for me. I couldn't have asked for a better place to work. My school family has always been there for me, to celebrate the

good times and to help get me through the bad. I will miss the kids too, but plan to substitute teach, just to stay in touch.

I plan to see a lot more of my own kids and grandkids. I haven't had time to be a part of their lives like I would like. I also plan to spend more time

at the gym, gardening, working on home improvement projects, visiting long-lost friends, and I plan to learn to play the guitar. I know that is random but it is something I have always wanted to do. Ask me how that's going in a few months!!



KINDERGARTENERS WRITE POEMS ABOUT COLOR

Blue is the color of the sky.
Blue is the color of the ocean.
Blue is the color of my chair.

-Cesar

Pink is the color of a sunset.
Pink is the color of some flowers.
Pink is the color of sidewalk chalk.

-Haylie

Green is the color of a frog.
Green is the color of my pencil.
Green is the color of grass.

-Emanuel

Red is the color of Santa's shirt.
Red is the color of a fast car.
Red is the color of an apple.

-Maverick

Pink is the color of my jacket.
Pink is the color of my shirt.
Pink is the color of a flower.

-Jenifer

Red is the color of fire.
Red is the color of book bags.
Red is the color of book covers.

-Gabe

Blue is the color of the sky.
Blue is the color of a basket.
Blue is the color of Earth.

-Tati

Red is the color of apples.
Red is the color of a box.
Red is the color of coats.

-Junior

Yellow is the color of sunflowers.
Yellow is the color the sun.
Yellow is the color corn.

-Breanna

Blue is the color of water.
Blue is the color of tables.
Blue is the color of a pencil.

-Ariel

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Green is the color of grass.
Green is the color of eggs and ham.
Green is the color of a marker.

-Javier

Black is the color of a computer keyboard.
Black is the color of the pencil basket.
Black is the color of the cover of a book.

-Brandon

Red is the color of fire.
Red is the color of stickers.
Red is the color of plastic.

-Aaron

Pink is the color of shirts.
Pink is the color of a hair tie.
Pink is the color of shoes.

-Jaque

Pink is the color of a shirt.
Pink is the color of baskets.
Pink is the color of paper.

-Julisa

Blue is the color of a house.
Blue is the color of crayons.
Blue is the color of paint brushes.

-Odin

Purple is the color of balloons.
Purple is the color of boxes.
Purple is the color paint.

-Ciara

Green is the color of a leprechaun.
Green is the color of a shirt.
Green is the color of a star.

-Seth

Blue is the color of blueberry.
Blue is the color of a jacket.
Blue is the color of the cover of a book.

-Tyler

Green is the color of an art box.
Green is the color of apples.
Green is the color of a table.

-Daniel

Congratulations
Class of 2012

Viking Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 EOC Testing Kaysinger JH Track BB/SB vs .Smithton; 5:00 Federal Programs Advisory; 6:00	2 EOC Testing Preschool Screening BB/SB @ Leeton; 4:30	3 EOC Testing Kindergarten Screening BB/SB vs. Sacred Heart	4 EOC Testing Early Out/teacher workday Prom	5 Kaysinger JH Music Contest Spring Sports Banquet
6	7 EOC Testing SB vs. St. Paul's; 4:30 FCCLA Awards night; 7:00	8 EOC Testing BB vs. Wentworth; 5:00 Cheerleader parent meeting; 6:00	9 EOC Testing District Baseball TBA	10 EOC Testing District Baseball; TBA Preschool Luau; 5:30	11 EOC Testing District Baseball TBA	12 District Baseball; 11:30 Boys & Girls Club Dinner; 4:30 School Play; 6:00
13	14 District Baseball FFA Banquet; 6:30	15 District Baseball JROTC to Knob Noster; 7:05 AM 6:30 HS Academic Awards	16 Baccalaureate; 7:00 Last Day @ CTC	17 High School Spring Concert; 7:00	18 Elementary Fun in the Sun K & 6th grade graduation pictures; 5:45 K & 6th grade graduation; 7:00	19 Graduation Pictures; 1:00 Graduation; 2:00
20	21 Last Day of School Early Out	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 Memorial Day	29 Summer School	30 Summer School	31 Summer School		

Menus

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 French toast sticks, trail mix Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, peaches	2 Scrambled eggs, toast, oranges Crispitos, Spanish rice, pineapple chunks	3 Honey Nut Cheerios, toast, banana Riblets, baked beans, applesauce	4 Sausage & pancake bites, banana Corn dogs, French fries, fruit salad	5
6	7 Breakfast pizza, apple juice Ham & cheese, BBQ potato chips, brownies	8 Frosted Flakes, toast, peaches Chicken rings, mashed potatoes w/gravy, carrots, peaches	9 Biscuit & gravy; Mandarin oranges Taco salad, peaches, peanut butter cookies	10 Apple Jacks, toast Sausage pizza, lettuce salad; pineapple chunks	11 Link sausage; toast; grape juice Burrito, broccoli & cauliflower w/ cheese; chocolate chip cookie	12
13	14 Cook's Choice	15 Cook's Choice	16 Cook's Choice	17 Cook's Choice	18 Cook's Choice	19
20	21 Glazed Doughnuts Sack Lunch	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		