

NEWSLETTER

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Preparing for Parent-Teacher Conference

Parent conference week is right around the corner. Here are some tips to help you have a successful conference with your child's teacher.

- Talk with your child before the conference. Is there anything they would like you to know or discuss with their teacher?
- Create a list of questions you want to ask the teacher about your child's behavior and academic skills.
- Review your child's grades prior to the conference.
- Ask what else you can do at home to help your child succeed.
- Make sure you know the best way to communicate with your child's teacher.
- If your child needs help with a behavioral or an academic issue, you and the teacher should agree on a specific plan that you both will work on to help your child do better.
- Thank your child's teacher for their support.
- When discussing the conference with your child afterward, stress the good things that were covered and be direct about problems that were identified. If an action plan is in place, explain to your child what was arranged.

Care Solace

Calming the Chaos of Mental Health Care

If you or a family member are looking for help with mental health or substance use, Care Solace can help you quickly find treatment options matched to your needs regardless of the circumstance. Care Solace is a complimentary and confidential service provided to students, staff, and their families by Galt Joint Union Elementary School District. Care Solace's team is available 24/7/365 and can support you in any language.

Care Solace can help you find a provider:

- Call 888-515-0595 (available 24/7/365)
- Or access via www.caresolace.com/gjuesd

Red Ribbon Week

October 26-30

The National Red Ribbon Week Theme:
**Make A Difference. Be A Hero.
Stay Drug Free.**



Red Ribbon Week is the oldest and largest drug prevention program in the Nation and a way for people and communities to take a visible stance against drugs. The event is sponsored by The National Family Partnership. Research shows that kids are less likely to use tobacco, alcohol and other drugs with effective prevention efforts. Teaching the importance of health and wellness to our youth will help guide them to make positive choices throughout their life. All of our schools have planned school-wide events to celebrate Red Ribbon Week.



October FUN at Marengo Ranch



By: *Joshua Suldate, Principal*

October gets moving right out of the gate this year with our 6th graders heading to science camp at Sly Park. We are so proud of our Monarchs for their preparation and willingness to try something new. We are also grateful to our parent club (PTKC) and other families for their donations that help us support this 6th grade trip. We could not do it without our wonderful community!

The week of October 12th, we will be welcoming parents, guardians, and families to the school for our annual parent teacher conferences. During this conference week, our BFLC will also be open for Book Fair. Stop by before or after your conferences to see what's new. You never know, you may find the perfect book or item.

On Thursday and Friday, October 22nd and 23rd, Marengo Ranch will host its annual Jog-a-Thon. On the first day kindergartners through 3rd graders will run, and on the second day, we will have the 4th through 6th grade monarchs take the track. This annual event is sponsored by our PTKC and raises funds for things like field trips, grade grants, recess equipment, science camp transportation and other student activities and rewards. If you are looking to volunteer, watch for communication from your student's teacher.

We wrap up our October with a few more important events. Starting on Wednesday, October 28th, we start our Red Ribbon week which will go through Friday. This week will showcase some spirit days sponsored by our student leadership. And, to get started on the right foot, on Wednesday, we will welcome families to the front of the school for a memorable MRE Trunk or Treat event. This event has now become a staple at Marengo Ranch and was very successful last year. We look forward to seeing the creatively designed trunks and the impressive costumes our Monarchs select. Candy donations will be gladly accepted and appreciated as many of our families have to restock multiple times to get through the event.

We can't wait to see how much our Monarchs learn and grow in October with a little fun added in.



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Important Dates

- Oct. 9: No School for Students - Staff Professional Development Day
- Oct. 12 - 16: Parent Conference Week - Full-Day Kinder - 6th grade dismissal at 12:30. McCaffrey Middle School dismissal at 1:15
- Oct. 21: Board of Education meeting at 7:00 p.m. at Galt City Hall Chamber
- Oct. 22: Lights on After School: McCaffrey Middle School at 5:00-7:00 p.m.
- Oct. 26 - 30: Red Ribbon Week
- Oct. 29: CA Dept of Corrections & Galt Chamber Trunk or Treat at 9850 Twin Cities Rd from 5:30-7:30 p.m.