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**Welcome Back Majestic Way Families,**

I am so happy to have you all back at Majestic Way. I hope you all had an amazing summer! I had some quality time with family, friends and of course my cutie patootie dog Smokey. I am excited to be back at school and have loved seeing all of your children's smiling faces and hearing about their summer adventures. We have a long year ahead of us filled with new and exciting activities, lessons to be learned and friendships to be made. I am happy to report that Majestic Way was recognized for making two years of growth in the SBAC assessments (our national standardized tests). We made a 5% gain in each of the areas of English Language Arts and Mathematics. Great job Monarchs!

One of the new and exciting programs we are undertaking is the furthering of our Positive Behavior program. We want to continue to reward kids for exhibiting the three overarching rules of our school: to Be Safe, Be Responsible, Be Respectful. Please read more about this program in our monthly PBIS article that will be featured in our bi monthly newsletter. We want the students to choose kindness and we will be working tirelessly as a staff to ensure that this happens.

I wish you all the best and look forward to another amazing school year. Please do not hesitate to contact myself or the office staff if you have questions. My staff and I hope to see you on campus, volunteering, attending assemblies and being involved with the PTA. As you know, it takes a village... we are glad that you are part of ours.

Sincerely,  
LaKeisha Blackshire

## **VOLUNTEERS**

If you volunteered at Majestic Way last year and we have your TB test on file and it is less than 4 years old please come into the office to complete a new volunteer form.

If you are new to Majestic Way and would like to volunteer please come into the office to pick up a volunteer form. A TB test is required to volunteer. If you have a TB test that is less than 4 years old please bring it in with your completed volunteer form. If you need a TB please complete one and bring it in with your Volunteer form.

Please note you cannot volunteer in the class or on field trips until you have been cleared. All forms with TB tests must be submitted to the district office for approval. This process could take up to a week.



## **UP COMING EVENTS**

- Walk and Roll Wednesdays & Fridays
- Aug. 28<sup>th</sup> PTA Morning Coffee Break (8:10—9:00) MPR
- Aug. 29<sup>th</sup> Order your Spirit Shirt today!!!!
- Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup> No School Labor Day
- Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> Back to school night
- Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> APEX Pep Rally
- Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> PTA General Meeting (2:45 – 3:45) FIS
- Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> APEX Event
- Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> Coffee with the Principal (8:10 – 9:00) FIS
- Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> International Walk to School Day
- Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> Picture Day
- Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> Spirit Day-Wear your spirit shirt!!
- Oct. 15 – 18 Fall Box Top Collection
- Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> PTA General Meeting (2:45 – 3:45) FIS
- Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> Monarch Movie Night (6:00 – 8:00) MPR
- Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> Harvest Day Parade



## **SICK STUDENTS!!!**

**Hello Parents,**

**If your child is running a fever of 99% or higher, have vomiting or diarrhea please do not send them to school. Students should be 24 hours free from all symptoms without the use of medication. Please make sure to contact the office not the teacher each day your student is out. If we do not answer when you call please leave a message with student's name, your relation to the student and the reason they are out. A doctor note would be appreciated if your child is out for more than three days.**



**Truancy,**

**Please make sure your child comes to school every day and on time. When your child arrives after the bell rings they interrupt the class. Each time a student walks in late a teacher has to stop what they are doing to make sure your student gets all of the important information they missed. This takes important instructional time away from the students who are in class and your child as well. California State is very strict about students being absent. Make sure to call in everyday unless you are instructed by the office. Keep in mind not all reasons are excused. When calling in we will let you know if your child will be marked excused. Unexcused absences like being tardy 31 minutes or more these lead to truancy marks. Once 3 unexcused absences or being late 31 minutes late 31 minutes or more will receive a truancy letter. Let all of us work hard this year to get the students to class on time and in school every day!!!**

## **PBIS**

**Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year! We are excited to announce our schoolwide implementation of PBIS, which stands for Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports. This is a program designed to build community within our school and empower kids to make safe, respectful, and responsible choices. As a part of our PBIS program, we will emphasize teaching general PBIS classroom and school wide expectations while developing our classroom communities. Reteaching and practice will occur as needed. There will be weekly and monthly prizes for our students who display appropriate behaviors aligning with the schoolwide expectations and goals. Our ultimate goal is to build a comfortable and safe learning environment with clear expectations to promote social, emotional and academic growth for all students. This year, as a school, we have chosen to focus on relationship building and our students' relationships with their peers and the adults in our building. Our PBIS Goal is that 100% of Majestic Way students will have a positive connection with at least one adult and one peer. When students feel connected, they become more invested in the school community and in their learning and are less likely to struggle behaviorally. We will be updating you about PBIS in each newsletter. Our PBIS team members are teachers: Jessica Middleton, Helena Curtis and Ruther Cardema. Social Worker: Chireen Hammad. Resource/Special Education Specialist: Lily Cooke and Principal: LaKeisha Blackshire**



## District Board Meetings

- August 13, 2019
- September 10, 2019
- October 8, 2019
- November 12, 2019
- December 10, 2019
- January 14, 2020
- February 11, 2020
- March 10, 2020
- April 7, 2020
- May 12, 2020
- June 2, 2020



## Majestic Way Minimum Day Schedule

- All Thursdays are minimum day
- Kinder: 8:10 – 12:40
- 1st – 5th 8:10 – 1:00
- Kinder Only: First month of school  
08/23/19 thru 09/13/2019
- All Student:
- 11/15/19 – 11/22/19 Fall Conference Week
- 11/1/19 Day after Halloween
- 12/20/19 Day before Winter Break
- 02/14/20 Day before Presidents Week
- 03/06/20 - 03/13/20 Spring Conference Week
- 06/05/20 Last Day of School



## 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE PARENTS:

If you would like to order the 5<sup>th</sup> grade year book only please submit payment to the office. 5<sup>th</sup> grade yearbooks are \$15.00each. If you are paying by check please make check out to Majestic Way. If paying by cash please try to send exact amount. We do not always have change available in the office. Make sure to place payment in an envelope with your students name and teacher on the outside.



## NO PARKING

Attention parents!!!! The Majestic Way Parking lot is off limits for parents dropping off or picking up students. Only Staff, buses and vehicles with handicap placards or Majestic Way parking permit will be allowed. This is for the safety of our students. When parking on the street make sure you walk your students across the street. Do not block the driveways of our neighbors. The neighbors have been informed to call a tow truck if you block their driveway. If you live close enough it is much faster to walk as the traffic is very bad in this area.