Welcome to Monte Gardens Back to School Bonanza!

The Back to School Bonanza is an annual tradition at Monte Gardens to welcome all of our new and returning families each year. You will be able to find out about activities and events planned for the school year, purchase book bags, memory books, spirit wear, contribute to Monte Gardens’ Mountain Lion Instruction and Technology (MIT) campaign and get your child’s classroom assignment. It is also a great time to ask questions and to sign up to volunteer. **All student information forms must be completed and turned in to a Monte Gardens staff member prior to receiving your student’s classroom assignment.**

Please join us on **Tuesday, August 19, 2014 between 2:00 PM and 6:30 PM** in the Multi-Use room. To speed you through the process and reduce the crowds, please come according to the following schedule:

Come according to last name:
- 2:00-3:30 PM A-I
- 3:30-5:00 PM J-R
- 5:00-6:30 PM S-Z

We will be offering two options for child care this year. Dianne Adair will provide free child care (tips graciously accepted) for children over age 3 - must be toilet-trained. We will also have child care with Monte Gardens staff in a classroom during the Bonanza.

Parking will be available on the blacktop.

**Please plan to pick up your student information packets in front of the school starting August 14, and complete the required forms prior to getting in line at your assigned time.**

🎉 Please support the Mountain Lions Instruction and Technology (MIT) Fundraising Campaign! 🎉

To meet the many needs of our school, we are continuing our per-student donation fundraising campaign – the **Monte Gardens Mountain Lions Instruction and Technology (MIT) Fundraiser**. If each family is able to contribute $180 per student (or approximately $20 a month) we will be able to raise enough to invest in services for our children and their future. That’s just **A DOLLAR A DAY**!

**New this year: Families that donate $180 or more will receive a complementary MGE oval car sticker!**

Each year, Diablo Basics Parents’ Club (DBPC) raises money to enhance and broaden our children’s educational experiences. Many of the programs, services and activities that enrich our children’s school experience at Monte Gardens receive little or no direct funding from the school district. The ongoing minimal state support has made it essential for schools to reach out to their communities to fund these gaps.

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With the funds raised by this donation campaign and other DBPC fundraising opportunities we will be able to continue to support activities that have been in place for some time, including:

- Classroom supplies
- Grade Level Centers/Projects
- Curriculum instructional materials:
  supplemental programs to teach writing, math
- Library support
- Technology Technician: computer support for staff
- Student Safety/Transportation Coordinator and Playground Supervision
- Academic Intervention for struggling students:
  before or after school assistance by teachers
- Assemblies and special grade level events to support learning
- Instrumental Music
- Playground equipment and supplies
- Landscaping support
- Parent Education Nights
- Family Night activities
- Science Fair
- 5th Grade Outdoor Education
- Celebrations for teachers, students and families
- English Learners Support Staff*: provides support for our EL students – *Teachers top pick.

Many of the programs listed above are those that have been funded for years. The MIT fund would also enable us to expand our programs in other ways including:

- Providing staffing for the computer lab(s)
- Additional classroom technology
- Additional software licenses
- Student performances
- Other enrichment activities: art, instrumental music, science enrichment, assemblies
- Supplemental materials in math, science, writing
- Additional staff for academic intervention
- Replacement of out dated /damaged equipment
- Playground staffing to teach structured sports, safety and social skills
- Staff Development Days for teachers

*All budget expenditures are voted on by all members of the DBPC at our monthly meetings.

The recommended minimum donation for the 2014-2015 school year is $180 per student (a dollar per school day) and your donation is tax-deductible. If you are unable to donate that much at one time, especially if you have more than one child attending Monte Gardens, know that we understand. We offer monthly donation installments via credit card. Our goal is to reach 100% participation of all families at the donation level that works for you and any amount is greatly appreciated!

Many employers will match your donation, so please check with your HR department.

We are a 501(c)(3) organization. Tax ID# 23-7207980

Thank you,

**Jennifer White**

President
DBPC Executive Board

*Special thanks to the DBPC Executive Board for helping to prepare for our Back to School Bonanza!*