

February 2026

Montecito News



UPCOMING DATES

February 10 – PAC meeting 7:00 PM in library

February 11 – Sportswear Day – students are invited to wear sports jerseys, athletic clothes, running shoes, or clothes you would wear to play a sport!

February 11 – Keeping Kids Safe Online Parent Session 6:30 PM – [Register here](#)

February 14 – Valentine’s Day

February 16 - Family Day – schools are closed

February 17 – Lunar New Year

February 17-March 19 – Ramadan

February 25 – Pink Shirt Day – students are invited to wear pink shirts.

February 27 - Professional Development Day - school is closed

Dear Families,

As we move into February, we are settling into our routines and continuing to build a school community where students feel safe and supported. Thank you for your ongoing partnership and for all the ways you support our school each day.

FEBRUARY AT A GLANCE

February is a short month, but it’s packed with learning, connection, and community moments. You’ll see lots of relationship-building, reflection, and opportunities for students to show kindness and care for one another.

COMMUNITY & BELONGING

February is a great time to notice acts of kindness, inclusion, and empathy throughout the school, and our community.

BEING ON TIME MATTERS!

Arriving at school on time helps students start the day feeling calm, confident, and ready to learn. Morning routines, connections with peers, and key instructions often happen right at the start of the day. Thank you for helping your child arrive on time so they can begin their learning feeling settled and successful.

LITERACY WEEK

With our theme “Reading Takes Us Everywhere,” students fully embraced the joy of reading through a variety of activities. They explored reading passports, created art inspired by books, enjoyed read-alouds, dressed up as their favorite characters, experienced reading in the dark, and shared special family reading moments. It was wonderful to see our students celebrating literacy in so many creative and engaging ways.



We wish all our families and students observing Ramadan a joyful and blessed month. Ramadan Mubarak!

Interested in learning more? [Click here](#)



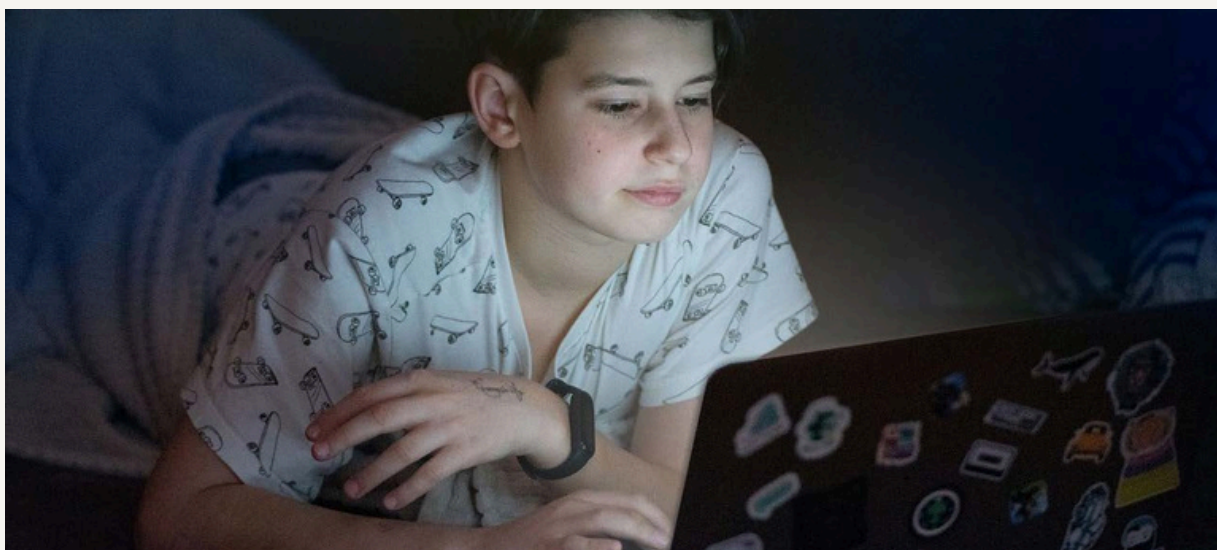
Happy Lunar New Year! Wishing all our families and students celebrating a joyful and prosperous year ahead.

Interested in learning more? [Click here](#)



Montecito Elementary Presents a Virtual Session for Parents and Caregivers

Keeping Kids Safe Online



Keeping Kids Safe Online is a 60-minute interactive workshop designed to help parents, and caregivers better understand how to help children stay safe online. Thank you to Children of the Street for providing this presentation.

Some of the topics covered throughout the workshop include:

- Online sexual exploitation
- Red flags of luring and grooming
- Sextortion
- Child sexual abuse materials (CSAM)
- Peer to peer exploitation
- App literacy, including a review of today's most popular kids' platforms
- How to talk to children about online sexual exploitation Safety tips
- Local resources
- How to seek help

Wednesday February 11, 2026

6:30 PM

[Click here to register](#)



Connect & Learn

Online Event for Parents and Caregivers

Parenting ADHD Children A Neuro-Affirming Approach

Build a deeper understanding of how the ADHD brain works. Explore how some aspects of ADHD can act as a strength in certain situations, and a challenge in others. This event is designed for parents of school-aged children.



Join FamilySmart and Mary Klovance live online for an evening to learn neurodiversity-affirming communication strategies to reduce power struggles and strengthen connection. Parents will leave with tools they can use immediately, greater compassion for their child's nervous system, and a clearer roadmap for supporting their child.

Mary Klovance is an award-winning counsellor, author, and founder of The Neurodiversity Family Centre. She has over 14 years of front-line experience as a school counsellor and working with youth facing complex challenges. She is a Registered Clinical Counsellor and ADHD-Certified Clinical Services Provider.

- **DATE:** Wednesday, February 18, 2026
- **TIME:** 6:30 – 8:00pm (Pacific Time)
- **LOCATION:** On Zoom (online)
- **COST:** Free

With gratitude, FamilySmart would like to acknowledge the generosity of the Ministry of Children and Family Development for sponsoring this event.



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