



# Mesa Grande Academy

Here's What's Happening...

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## Welcome to our New 7<sup>th</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and Kindergarten Teachers

**W**e want to welcome new additions to our staff. As you know, our 7<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, Sarah Weaver, has made other plans that don't involve classroom teaching for right now. Our 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, Missy McKinstry has also had to make other plans, though we will still see her around campus.

**Important Notice:** We are also very sad to report that **Judy Keresoma** will not be with us this year. Bill Keresoma has taken the position of Superintendent of Education for the Northern California Conference. Though we tried everything to find a way around it, **Judy Keresoma** will need to move with her husband. We will miss the wonderful teaching and caring she has provided for our Kindergarten students. Best wishes Judy!

We want to publicly acknowledge the wonderful teaching provided by all of these teachers this past year. Each has made a big impact on the students in their classes and the school.

Our new 7<sup>th</sup> grade teacher is actually not completely new to us. Gretchen Bethurum has taught our 1<sup>st</sup> graders BC (before children). She has been substitute teaching in all grades for the last two years and is a systematic and organized teacher. Welcome Gretchen!

Jacob Love is our new 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher. He has been substituting at Loma Linda Academy this last year, working at Kids University, and working as a Teacher's Aide in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade under master teacher Diane Jarrard. Jacob has a passion for working with students and helping each of them to learn in the ways they learn best. Welcome to MGA Jacob!

Our new Kindergarten teacher is Mindy Jarrard. She is loving and energetic, and dedicated to helping our kindergarten students have a school experience that makes them excited about school both now and in the future.

## Registration August 14, 2011

**Y**ou are welcome to come and visit your student's teachers and classrooms on registration day, August 14. However, you can save yourself time by completing your paperwork and financial arrangements prior to that date and dropping it off at the office during regular office hours (7:30 am - 4:00 pm).

## K-6 Family Beach Day, Sept 9, 2011

**P**lease reserve September 9, 2011 on your calendar now for the upcoming MGA Family Beach Day for grades K-6. We will meet at the beach (Corona Del Mar) from 12:00 noon to 7:00 pm. **There will be no regular school for grades K-6 on that day.** We are going to have a great time as a school family. Games and activities will take place throughout the afternoon and evening, with plenty of free time to enjoy the sand and water.

Everyone is welcomed to come, including siblings and family. Bring your own hot dogs and buns for the evening meal. The school will provide condiments (Mayonnaise, ketchup, mustard, relish), water / drinks, roasting sticks, and watermelon. Home and School will provide the fixings for Smores.

## Calendar of Events Aug-Sept

**B**elow is a list of important dates. Make sure these dates are on your calendar:

Aug 14	1:00-5:00 Registration
Aug 18	<b>First day of school - Minimum Day</b>
Aug 24	6:30 pm - K-8 Back-to-School night 5:30 pm - Corn Dog Supper
Aug 25	6:00 pm - 9-12 Back-to-School
Aug 26	9-12 SA Beach Day
Sept 4-8	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade History Tour
Sept 9	K-6 Family Beach day (12 - 7 pm)
Sept 10	MGA Alumni
Sept 15-16, 19-21	3-8 ITBS Testing
<b>Sept 20-21</b>	<b>Minimum Days - ITED / ITBS</b> Testing
Sept 22-25	PUC Student Leadership Conference - Leoni Meadows
Sept 26-28	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Catalina Trip

## Buying Books for Classes

The time has come to purchase/order your books so that your students have them at the start of classes next year. Students from grades 7-12 are required to purchase or rent their books. There are several ways to do this.

1. Used Books at MGA - We have some used books that are on consignment from students who have previously taken the class. Purchase at the office or during registration
2. Searching by ISBN Number - If you obtain the book list from the office, from our website, or find the ISBN number by clicking on the link for Follett Bookstores at our website ([www.mgak-12.org](http://www.mgak-12.org) or at <http://www.efollett.com/>) you may be able to purchase used or new books at some savings.
3. Sales and Rentals - Use our online bookstore (link at [www.mgak-12.org](http://www.mgak-12.org) or <http://www.efollett.com/>) or look for the link on our website. There are sales and rental options available.

## Tid-Bits of Information

Below are several important bits of information that will be useful for you to know:

1. If you have older (or newer) computers that you are not using, please donate these to Mesa Grande Academy. We are able to put many of these computers into service, or upgrade and repair these machines. \*\*\*For your security, we physically wipe all data from all hard drives before reinstalling our own operating system and software \*\*\*.
2. Thank you for using SCRIP. Your purchases have made a big difference for our school through the years. Besides the school projects, your student account benefits also. We need more of you to participate... You can drop off your order at the school office anytime or call it in (ext 251) and it will be filled when the SCRIP volunteer arrives. Filled orders are available for pickup at the school office.
3. Make sure that you set your home page of your Internet browser to [www.goodsearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com) and use [www.goodshop.com](http://www.goodshop.com). The school and you will benefit greatly.

## Volunteers Needed

Sometimes it is not easy to know how you can help at Mesa Grande Academy. To remedy that, you will find some ways you can help in the list below:

1. Home and School Volunteer
2. SCRIP Volunteers (4 Needed)
3. Hot Lunch Program (8 Needed - Once every two weeks)
4. Classroom teacher support (we can fit your schedule)
5. Tutoring (we will train)
6. Yardwork (we supply the tools)

## Back to School Nights

Make sure that you have the dates of August 24 (K-8) and August 25 (9-12) on your calendar. We will have our back-to-school nights on these dates. The purpose of this night is to meet with fellow parents and families, and to make sure that you are aware of the things that are happening in your student's classes and in the school as a whole.

## MGA Helped Tornado Victims

Thank you for helping our students raise money to help kids affected by the spring tornados. We were able to send 30 Activity Bags to be distributed to students by the ADRA organization. You are making a difference.

### The kits included the following items:

10 Pencils with Erasers	Stickers
Pencil sharpener	Three folders with inside pockets
Large Eraser	Zippered pencil bag
Coloring Book	Toy
2 spiral notebooks	Storybook 12 inch plastic ruler
1 box of 12 colored pencils	10 Pencils with erasers
50 sheet pkg notebook paper	Blunt nose scissors