



Issue 2  
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# Mariposa Matters

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## Mark Your Calendar

- Sat. Oct. 2- National Custodial Day
- Wed. Oct. 6- Boo Pops for Sale until October 30
- Fri. Oct. 8- End of first 9 weeks
- Mon. Oct. 11- No School
- Thur. Oct. 14- SAC meeting 4:30p.m. On TEAMS
- Thur. Oct. 14 - PTO Meeting is on TEAMS at 5:00p.m.
- Wed. Oct. 20- Unity Day (Wear Orange)
- Fri. Oct. 22-29- Book Fair
- Wed. Oct. 27- Early Release
- Wed. Oct. 27- Storybook Character Day
- Wed. Oct. 27- Nov. 15- PTO Texas Roadhouse Fundraiser
- Fri. Oct. 29- Picture Retakes
- Fri. Oct. 29- Trunk & Treat (Boo-thru)



## Barnes and Noble Night

Barnes and Noble night was a huge success. Thank you to all who came, supported, and participated that evening. Mrs. Whitaker read two stories and the children were very involved and excited to experience their first read aloud with their new principal. She was amazing reading Gustavo the Shy Ghost by Flavia Drago and You Matter by Christian Robinson.

Our parents and students were very generous supporting two programs during the book fair that evening. Thank you for the gift card donations. The gift cards directly support the SSYRA Jr. K-2 program and the SSYRA 3-5 program. The teacher wish-list baskets were also a success. The teachers really appreciated the book donations our parents made to support the classroom libraries. Finally, our drum parade was so much

fun watching the students as they paraded around Barnes and Noble.

Directed by their music teacher Mr. Evans leading the way! Mateo Paez is seen here playing the drum in the parade. It was a fun night for all.



## SEL Theme for October

Our social emotional theme for October is Empathy. Empathy is at the heart of what it means to be human. It's a foundation for acting ethically, for good relationships of many kinds, for loving well, and for professional success. And it is the key to preventing bullying and many other forms of cruelty. Below are some ways you can help your child learn more about empathy and how it can benefit everyone.

### 5 WAYS TO TEACH YOUR CHILD EMPATHY

- 1 REMIND HER THAT EVERYONE HAS A STORY.**  
WHEN YOUR KIDS COMPLAIN ABOUT A FRIEND'S RUDE OR HURTFUL BEHAVIOR, HELP STEER THEM TOWARD LOOKING PAST THE SURFACE INTO WHY THE PERSON MAY HAVE ACTED THAT WAY. IT CAN BE EASY TO TAKE SOMEONE'S BEHAVIOR TOWARD YOU AT FACE VALUE, BUT SO MANY TIMES, OTHER UNSEEN FACTORS ARE INFLUENTIAL.
- 2 MEET YOUR CHILD'S EMOTIONAL NEEDS.**  
IF YOUR CHILDREN ARE SECURE IN GETTING THEIR EMOTIONAL NEEDS MET, THEY WILL BE MORE ABLE TO DEVELOP EMPATHY FOR OTHERS. TALK WITH YOUR KIDS ABOUT THEIR EMOTIONS, THEIR PERSPECTIVES, AND THEIR NEEDS.
- 3 ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILD TO FIND THINGS IN COMMON WITH THOSE AROUND HIM.**  
WHEN YOUR CHILDREN SEE THINGS IN COMMON WITH OTHERS, THEY ARE MORE ABLE TO UNDERSTAND AND SYMPATHIZE WITH THEM AND THEIR SITUATIONS. THIS PROCESS MAKES A CHILD SEE OTHERS AS HUMAN BEINGS RATHER THAN ONE-DIMENSIONAL OBJECTS.
- 4 CALL YOUR CHILD ON HER BAD BEHAVIOR.**  
IF YOUR CHILDREN DO SOMETHING RUDE OR MEAN TO YOU, CALL THEM ON IT. SETTING LIMITS IN THIS WAY HELPS YOUR CHILDREN UNDERSTAND THE EFFECTS OF THEIR BEHAVIOR ON OTHERS.
- 5 REMIND HIM THAT THERE ARE MANY DIFFERENT POINTS OF VIEW.**  
TALK ABOUT HOW EVERYONE'S OPINION DESERVES RESPECT. THEY WILL LEARN TO THINK OUTSIDE THEIR OWN VIEWS AND COMFORT ZONE, WHICH WILL MAKE THEM MORE ABLE TO EMPATHIZE WITH OTHER PEOPLE.

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## PBS- Monarch of the Month- September

Mariposa's 100 Mile Club® is up and running! The 100 Mile Club motivates students to run 100 miles (or more) by the end of the school year. So far Mariposa students have logged in more than 810 miles during school hours! WOW! Last year, our runners reached a cumulative 11,104 miles. Please check out the website below to learn more about this national organization and watch a video how it has transformed many schools across the nation! [Set Your Goal for GOLD! – 100 Mile Club®](https://100mileclub.com/welcome/)  
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**Pre-K**

Paisley Sidlauskas

**Kindergarten**

Aubree Ramos  
Mia Singson  
Claire Philus  
Liam Eklund

**1st Grade**

Connor Gomez  
Jesilda Ailon Velasquez  
Richard Lopez  
Hannah Williamson  
Naylani Cobo  
Brinleigh Crocker

**3rd Grade**

Mia Romero  
Jamir Pagan  
Rycklay Roberts  
Madeline Torres  
Olivia Ekimoglou  
Nevaeh Purter  
Izabella Power

**4th Grade**

Kaylin Kennedy  
Lena Truong  
Brian Vivieca  
Gianni Filippini  
Aleah Weinman

**5th Grade**

Mateo Paez  
Danica Jonas  
Alexx Lazowski  
Briana Carrera  
Kammi Milici  
Blake McCoy  
Ariana Albuquerque  
Melanie George  
Nathaniel Scott  
John Ekimoglou

**I CAN**

- Act Responsibly
- Be Respectful
- Create Safety
- Do My Best

**2nd Grade**

Nyah Williamson  
Penelope Couto  
Maricela Gutierrez  
Leah Aquino  
Mason De La Haye Hendrix



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CONGRATULATIONS  
TO OUR  
STUDENTS OF THE MONTH!

## VPK celebrates Friendship



VPK learned about friendship and how to make a friend. They also learned how to be a friend. Mrs. Bonilla's lesson included how friends care for one another, how they are kind, and how they are loyal. Loyal was the word of the week and tied nicely into the friendship theme. The students then created friendship bracelets which included the first letter of their name. They were able to learn the letters of their friend's names as well by look at all of the friendship bracelets. The students really enjoyed learning what it means to be a friend.