



MBTA Monthly

February 2021

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President's Note

As I write this, Newsom has just lifted the lockdown once again, but you know as well as I do that Monterey County is still in the purple tier. As we inch closer to our scheduled time to receive the vaccine, I've listened to your concerns and want to honor your thoughts about returning to in-person instruction, getting vaccinated, and current struggles in our profession. Please make sure your voice is heard at the bargaining table by filling out our survey. We are truly stronger together!

If you are interested in getting notified when vaccine appointments are available, you can register at myturn.ca.gov

Lauren Mauck

Scholarships & Service Recognition Awards

Click on the scholarships & awards below for more information

[2020-2021 MBTA Friend of Education Award](#)

Due Date: Friday February 12th

[CTA Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Scholarship \(for students\)](#)

Due Date: Friday February 12th

[2020- 2021 MBTA Mary C. Owens Human Rights Award](#)

Due Date: Tuesday February 16th

Member of the Month



Name: Jen Alexander

School: Ord Terrace Elementary

Grade: 5th

Member since: 2000

Something you like: I love spending time with my family, enjoying my happy places/discovering new ones, food, sports, lazy days, reading a good book or watching TV/movies, laughter, and being blessed to be surrounded by so many heartwarming people in all aspects of my life.

Something you don't like: I don't like when others are mean, especially when used to disempower others and/or to excuse or justify their own actions.

Why you value the union: I value MBTA for how they are always working to represent teachers and value our roles. Our representatives make sure teachers' voices are not only heard, but considered in district decision making.

If you'd like to nominate a MBTA member please send your nominations to MBTAhelp@gmail.com
MBTA Member of the Month will be awarded a Trader Joe's gift card.

[Click here for the nomination form](#)

Retirement

Here is an [update](#) on retirement. If you have any questions, please contact John Colombo at jcolombo@mpusd.k12.ca.us

CTA Testing Waiver

Our students should not be tested this year - we know they are struggling.

Our teachers should not be put in danger to provide these tests! If you would like to join CTA in advocating to cancel state tests this year, click the link [here](#) and sign the petition!

\$10 Member SURVEY!!

Answer our monthly question to be included in our raffle to win a \$10 gift card (open to current MBTA members only).

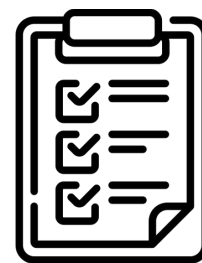
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Negotiations are starting!

Here is another chance to let your voice be heard! We are continuing the same survey as last month. We hope we can hear from as many members as possible in order to gather data to present at Negotiations for the 2021-2022 school year.



Click [here](#) for this month's short survey!



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Upcoming Events

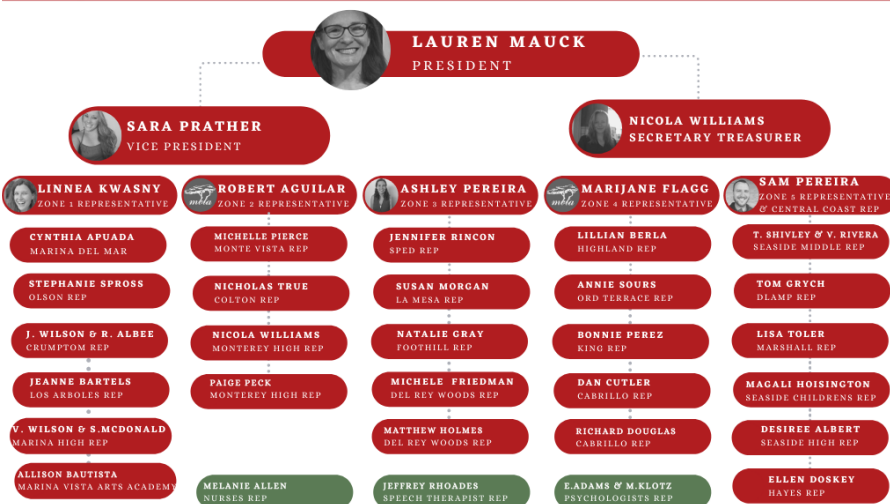
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Black History Month!	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 No School	9	10	11	12 MBTA Friend of Education Award nominations and MLK Jr scholarship due	13
14	15 No School	16 MBTA Mary C Owens Human Rights Award nominations due	17	18	19	20
21	22	23 MBTA Rep Council @ 4:30	24	25	26	27
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MBTA DIRECTORY

We Educate. We Advocate. We are MBTA.

Click
[here](#) to
become
a
MBTA
member!



Have you ever considered running for office? Our 2021-2022 election process started in January!!

Get your nominations in before
February 23rd!

Positions available:

- President (1 year term)
- Vice president (1 year term)
- Secretary/Treasurer (1 year term)
- Zone 1 Rep (2 year term)
- Zone 3 Rep (2 year term)
- Zone 5 Rep (2 year term)

Contact Barbara Thomas for more
election information at
bthomas@mpusd.k12.ca.us

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