

# "Notes From School"

## **National Volunteer Week: April 15-21**

National Volunteer Week was established in 1974 and has grown exponentially each year since then. This signature week is about honoring the impact of change makers in our communities, and inspiring others to serve. Conversations that take place during this week demonstrate that service unites – bringing people together to tackle tough challenges, create change, and build stronger, more vibrant communities. Within the School District of Mondovi, it provides a special opportunity to recognize the many individuals who volunteer their time and talents to help our students and staff. The dedication and efforts of each of our volunteers is very much appreciated. To those of you who volunteer: Thank you, very much, for all you do!

A description of some of the various volunteer programs currently being provided in our schools is listed below:

- Reality Check: Over 40 members of our community volunteered time to participate in an all-day budgeting and finances simulation with high school juniors.
- Mondovi High School Career Day: Volunteers assist our students in their academic development by exposing them to different career specialties through an understanding of the breadth of pathways within certain industries and fields of study.
- Junior Achievement: Through Junior Achievement, business people and classroom teachers partner together to provide hands-on experiences and learning activities so students better understand personal and business economics.
- Mentoring Program: The mentoring program pairs a volunteer adult with a young student. A mentor meets once a week with his/her student to play a game, work on homework, or just to visit. Being a mentor is a great way to form a valuable, lifelong friendship with a child.
- Parent-Teacher Association (PTA): The Mondovi Elementary PTA is a very active organization. Many special student activities are supported by members of this group. The PTA also donates funds for classroom supplies and school equipment.

- Classroom Volunteers: Several businesses, civic groups, and individuals in our community serve as classroom volunteers. These people help in a variety of ways from reading books with children to chaperoning class field trips and assisting students with homework, classroom projects, or make-up work.
- Extra/Co-Curriculars: Within our wide variety of Extra/Co-Curricular opportunities for students, we have a number of volunteer coaches and advisors leading the group alongside our paid employees.

If you would like more information about any of the programs listed above or are interested in becoming a volunteer, please contact the School District of Mondovi directly at 926-3684.