

"Notes From School"

National Volunteer Week: April 10-16

National Volunteer Week was established in 1974 and has grown exponentially each year since then. With the seventh anniversary of the Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act, the creation of the Volunteer Generation Fund, and President Obama's resonant call to serve, this year's celebration promises to be even more inspiring. 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 each 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.
- 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 individuals in our community serve as classroom volunteers. These individuals 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.