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

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).

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.

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

Click here for this month’s short survey!
# MBTA Monthly

February 2021

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## Upcoming Events

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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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Click here to become a MBTA member!

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Want something included in our next newsletter? Email mbtahelp@gmail.com.