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Opening Day Festivities

March 4th, 2006



Come join us at the Hit A Thon & Home Run Derby from 8:00 – 9:00 am. The Hit A Thon will take place at Bronco 1. Bring your forms filled out and be ready to hit that Grand Slam. The Snack Shack will be open to provide Donuts and Coffee starting at 8:00 am.

Opening Day Ceremonies will begin at 9:30. Please have your team in full uniform ready to parade onto the Pony Field. We will start lining up the players at 9:00 AM. It is a huge undertaking, so please don't be late. We will be lining up on the Basketball court this year and enter the parade on the third base side of the Pony Field. There will be a volunteer from each Division to assist in line placement.

Lunch will be served at the Snack Shack starting at 11:00 and continuing through 4:00 pm. Come join us for Hot Dogs and Hamburgers!

We will have a few booths set up this year. The **Booster Booth** will be selling Jackets & Caps. Sponsors can pick up their caps at the **Sponsor Booth** and enjoy a free Coffee and donut. **Positive Coaching Alliance (PCA)** will also be represented.

Board Members will be wearing green caps with a yellow brim on Opening Day and throughout the Season. Please feel free to approach them for any questions or concerns.

See you there!
Charlene Brum
Booster Chairperson

Dates to Remember

This should be a handy reference as the season progresses. Look for more info along the way.

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| February 25, 2006 | Coaches Clinic – Skills & Drills #2 |
| February 27, 2006 | Scorekeepers Clinic #2** |
| March 1, 2006 | Coaches Scorekeeping Class** |
| March 4, 2006 | Opening Day 2006 |
| March 31, 2006 | Deadline for See's Candy Orders |
| April 3, 2006 | Weekday Evening games begin |
| April 8, 2006 | Deadline for the Wedge Awards |
| | Please Return to Snack Shack |
| April 14 – 21, 2006 | No Games – Spring Break |
| May 20, 2006 | Last Day of Regular Season |
| May 21 – 24, 2006 | Reserved for make up games |
| May 26-29, 2006 | Memorial Day Weekend |
| May 30, 2006 | League Playoffs Begin |
| June 4, 2006 | Coaches Game Day |
| June 17, 2006 | City Championship Day (all Div.) |
| | MHPB Board Election Day |

NEW DATES / ITEMS / CHANGES NOTED IN BOLD PRINT

**** All Scorekeeping Sessions start 7:30 PM**
Feb. 27 at Mountain Mikes – Mustang Coaches welcome.
March 1 at Anritsu Corp. Training Center – all coaches.
Contact Joe Grove for Additional information.

Housekeeping Notices:

There will be NO PARKING inside the gates at the entrance to the Britton School Fields on game days or practice days. The only exceptions...Snack Shack crew and Fields & Groundskeepers. Managers, Coaches, Parents – please respect this request! Illegally parked cars will be cited by MHPD.

Dogs are not allowed on School Grounds – Please do not force board members to ask you to leave the premises with your pooch.

Alcoholic beverages and ALL tobacco products are strictly prohibited on school property and by MHPB Rule. Please Comply!

Please be a good neighbor and pick up trash and recyclable items after yourself. Thanks!

Quotable Quotes:

"You look forward to it like a birthday party when you're a kid. You think something wonderful is going to happen." – Joe DiMaggio, NY Yankees – Center Field, on Opening Day.



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Remember...Where a little Bounce is a Whole Lotta Fun

Honor The Game!

Honor the Game!...You're going to see and hear those words a lot around MHPB this year. Honoring the game is one of the basic themes of the Positive Coaching Alliance and MHPB has subscribed to the program this year. We think we are fortunate here at MHPB as our league has a very positive history. We are looking to improve it.

The long term goal is to develop a culture where kids love to play the game. We want them to look forward to practices and

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- Group Lessons (minimum of 4 players)
- Team Lessons
- Camps (Holiday camp, summer camp etc.)

- Hitting Clinics
- Pitching Clinics
- Coaches Clinics
- Lectures/chalk talk

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games as times when they will have fun. We want them to learn the game, learn how to play hard, strive to win, and learn life lessons from the experience.

Over the life of the program we will strive to enhance the positive culture of MHPB through positive leadership, through development of the "double goal" coach, through greater involvement by the parents, and by getting to the ROOTS of Positive play. Lets start with the ROOTS of Positive play.

Each letter in ROOTS stands for an important part of baseball that we want ALL league members to respect. By all we mean the board, the managers & coaches, the players and the parents. All need to have a shared vision of our goal and all have to respect our ROOTS. We need to have RESPECT for:

Rules

- Refuse to bend the rules to win
- Honor the letter and the spirit of the rules

Opponent

- A worthy opponent is a gift that brings out our best
- "Fierce & Friendly" competition (no demonizing)

Officials

- Show respect even when we disagree
- Never add fuel to the fire

Teammates

- Never do anything to embarrass our team

Self

- Live up to our own standards even when others don't!
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MHPB Opening Day

8 - 9:00 Hit a Thon & Home Run Derby
 9:00 Start Lining up at basket ball courts.
9:30 Opening Day Ceremonies Begin
 11:00 Team and Individual Photos begin

| <u>Time</u> | <u>Division</u> | <u>Team Name</u> | <u>Manager</u> |
|-------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|
| 11:00 | Pony | Cardinals | Louie Andrade |
| 11:00 | Pony | A's | Andy Peabody |
| 11:00 | Bronco | Mets | Ed Struzick |
| 11:00 | Bronco | Braves | Mike Tomasello |
| 11:15 | Mustang | Cardinals | Dave Affourtit |
| 11:15 | Mustang | Giants | Todd Brannon |
| 11:15 | Pinto | White Sox | Lawrence Harris |
| 11:15 | Pinto | A's | Chris Ajlouni |
| 11:30 | Bronco | Angels | Cody Pyle |
| 11:30 | Bronco | White Sox | Dominic Bejarano |
| 11:30 | Shetland | Rivercats | David Keneller |
| 11:30 | Shetland | Tim Harris | Aquasox |
| 11:45 | Shetland | Scrappers | Mac Jones |
| 11:45 | Shetland | Mudcats | Christian Zorio |
| 11:45 | Mustang | Angels | Robers Acosta |
| 11:45 | Mustang | Yankees | Mike Zannotto |
| 12:00 | Pony | Braves | Jon Porras |
| 12:00 | Pony | Giants | Ken Bradley |
| 12:00 | Pony | Rangers | Craig Martin |
| 12:00 | Pony | Cubs | Raul Bueno |
| 12:15 | Pinto | Angels | Scott Masters |
| 12:15 | Pinto | Indians | Rick Spohn |
| 12:15 | Mustang | Mets | Ed Cox |
| 12:15 | Mustang | Marlins | Mike Paresa |
| 12:30 | Bronco | Yankees | Rob Conlan |
| 12:30 | Bronco | A's | Tim Mason |
| 12:30 | Shetland | Riverdogs | Randy Romriell |
| 12:30 | Shetland | Sandnats | Tom Spriggs |
| 12:45 | Pinto | Mets | Brian Murphy |
| 12:45 | Pinto | Braves | Patrick Silva |
| 12:45 | Bronco | Rangers | Art Jarvis |
| 12:45 | Bronco | Astros | Carlos Naranjo |
| 1:00 | Pony | White Sox | Mike Christman |
| 1:00 | Pony | Yankees | Rene Ramirez |
| 1:00 | Mustang | White Sox | Susan Avilla |
| 1:00 | Mustang | Rangers | Tom Moorehead |
| 1:30 | Pony | Angels | Bill Singleton |
| 1:30 | Shetland | Ironbirds | Darren Itow |
| 1:30 | Shetland | Raptors | Stephen Byrne |
| 1:30 | Shetland | Muckdogs | PJ Rochon |
| 1:45 | Mustang | Indians | John Bennett |
| 1:45 | Mustang | Astros | Mark Dean |
| 1:45 | Pinto | Yankees | Mike Miller |
| 1:45 | Pinto | Rangers | Ron Habina |
| 2:00 | Bronco | Indians | Ray Wylie |
| 2:00 | Bronco | Cubs | Stan Styczynski |
| 2:00 | Pinto | Cubs | Jeff McMillan |
| 2:00 | Pinto | Cardinals | Dan Jennings |

Saturday March,4 2006



| <u>Time</u> | <u>Division</u> | <u>Team Name</u> | <u>Manager</u> |
|-------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------------|
| 2:15 | Shetland | Rockhounds | Mike Hernandez |
| 2:15 | Shetland | Lugnuts | Ken Palmer |
| 2:15 | Shetland | Rattlers | Bernadette Andrade |
| 2:30 | Bronco | Giants | David Villar |
| 2:30 | Bronco | Cardinals | Tom Tuttle |
| 2:30 | Pinto | Marlins | Mike Dunne |
| 2:30 | Pinto | Red Sox | Frank Carrubba |
| 2:45 | Mustang | Braves | Geno Hagiperos |
| 2:45 | Mustang | Cubs | CW McGowen |
| 2:45 | Pinto | Giants | Mike Duarte |
| 2:45 | Pinto | Astros | Joey Mitchell |
| 3:00 | Mustang | Red Sox | Mike Porras |
| 3:00 | Mustang | A's | Rick Bottomley |

Notes:

1. Meet your team near the Tennis Courts at Britton.
2. Be there **15 minutos** before your scheduled picture time.
3. You get **1 individual, 1 team and 1 wallet.** All players must submit a completed order form, regardless if you are getting additional items or not. Payment must accompany each envelope.
4. Your team manager has been given order forms for ordering **Extra Items**. Please fill out the form and bring it with you to the picture area at your assigned time if you want those extra items.
5. We strive it keep on schedule!!! Please be ready to go **on your scheduled time**. No Exceptions! (Note: Some kids missed getting their picture taken. Don't let this happen to you!)
6. **Please** observe **Roped Off Areas** near the photography area on Opening Day.
7. Due to the complexity of this shoot, the schedule is **Final**. Sorry, No Exceptions.
8. Team Parents/Managers please **hand out envelopes** to players **NO LATER** than **Saturday, February 25th**.
9. Use **buddy forms** for Buddy shots (Forms available at the event).
10. Picture orders will be **returned before the end of the season**.
11. For **questions** please call **Charlene Brum 408-685-8630**

Thanks and have a great Season