

# Monroe Eagle News

MONROE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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## From the Principal

Greetings, Monroe families.

Spring Break is here! I hope your children are enjoying their well-deserved time off from school, whether they're taking part in new experiences or catching up with friends and family. We are fortunate to live in the beautiful Pacific Northwest where there is so much to do. I hope you find some time to get out and enjoy our spring weather.

Thank you for visiting our PTA Book Fair during conference week. The funds raised help stock our library with exciting, new books for all of our students to enjoy. Their next big event is the Eagle Color Fun Run on Saturday, April 13, at Eisenhower Middle School. This fundraiser will enrich our school with field trips, assemblies, and much more. To register to participate, click [here](#) or visit the PTA's [facebook](#) page. We continue to be humbled by the support you give to our school community!

We're also grateful for those of you who made it to our grades 1-5 concert at Everett Civic Center last month. It was wonderful to see the pride on our students' faces as they performed in this special event. Stay tuned for our kindergarten concert, which will take place toward the end of the school year.

Speaking of kindergarten, registration for the 2019-20 school year is underway! If you or a neighbor have a child who will be 5 years old by August 31, 2019, please visit our district [website](#) or our school office for a registration packet. Also, we are hosting a kindergarten orientation the evening of May 23. At the orientation, new families will meet our kindergarten teachers and learn more about what to expect from Monroe Elementary. We'd love our incoming kindergarteners to join us.

Finally, with the end of the school year quickly approaching, it is almost time for our SBA testing for grades 3-5. Testing will occur on May 14, 16, 21, 23, and May 30 (5<sup>th</sup> grade only). As we get closer to testing, we will send home more information to help you and your student prepare for these dates.

We look forward to seeing our Monroe Eagles and hearing all about break when we return on April 8!

Kind regards,

Heather Paddock, principal

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*April 1-5*

Spring Break – NO SCHOOL

*April 11*

PTA Meeting  
6:30 pm - Library

*April 12*

Spirit Day – Era Day

*April 12*

Weather Make-up Day  
2:50 pm Dismissal

*April 15*

Lifelong Learner Assembly – Gr. 3-5  
1:45 pm – Cafeteria  
Lifelong Learner Assembly – Gr. K-2  
2:15 pm – Cafeteria

*April 19*

Weather Make-up Day  
2:50 pm Dismissal

*April 26*

Weather Make-up Day  
2:50 pm Dismissal

### Upcoming Dates

*May 3*

Spirit Day – Color Day

*May 3*

Weather Make-up Day  
2:50 pm Dismissal



## Monroe Messages



### Home Access Center

Did you know you can sign up for **HAC** to access our student's attendance, bus route information, and more? **For the 2019-20 school year, we will use HAC to notify you of your student's teacher assignment as well.** See our flyer for more information, and sign up before the summer rush!

### 2019 Summer School

Enrollment forms for students invited to Summer School are due **by April 26**. Monroe students will attend at Jefferson Elementary, and transportation is provided. For more information, please see the district website or click [here](#).

### Updated 2018-19 Calendar

To make up for the snow and late start days, the district has revised the calendar so several LIF days are now full days. Also, the last day of school has been moved to **June 21**. Please refer to the district [calendar](#) for specifics.

## Monroe Mindbender

### spring crossword flowers



**Across**

- 2. This flower is also the symbol of France.
- 3. A yellow, nodding flower with a cup shaped petal in the center.
- 5. Young, growing plants.

**Down**

- 1. To transfer pollen from one flower to another.
- 4. A species of plant that grows from a bulb, with brightly colored petals.
- 6. Plants that are flowering.

**Word Bank**

Tulip Sprouts Lily Daffodil Blooms Pollinate

## Monroe Memos

Dear Families,

In April, I will be wrapping up the Second Step lessons in grades K-2. Students have worked very hard to explore and learn this sometimes-difficult subject area. I am proud of each one of these students, but more importantly, each student should be proud of themselves for their hard work. Below is an overview of what they have learned:

1. **Skills for Learning** – Students learned the following skills to help themselves learn:
  - Focus attention – eyes watching, ears listening, body still, voice quiet.
  - Listen carefully – use eyes, ears and brain.
  - Use self-talk to stay on task – Say, “I can do this.”
  - Be assertive when asking for what you want or need.
2. **Empathy** – Students first learned to identify and understand their own feelings. Empathy is feeling or understanding what someone else is feeling. They learned compassion is empathy in action. When your student sees someone having a strong feeling, he/she may think some of the following things:
  - Look at her face and body for clues.
  - What is her point of view?
  - How does he feel?
  - What is a kind thing to say?
  - How can I help?
3. **Emotion Management** – Students learned specific skills for calming down when experiencing strong feelings, such as anxiety or anger.
  - Say, “Stop.”
  - Name your feeling – “I feel \_\_\_\_\_.”
  - Take a belly breath, count, use positive self-talk, or use a breathing ball.
  - Now, they are ready to problem-solve.
4. **Problem Solving** – Students learned a process called **S.T.E.P.** to solve positively problems with others.
  - Say the Problem, without blame.
  - Think of Solutions that are safe and respectful.
  - Explore the Consequences; what could happen if?
  - Pick the best Solution; make a plan.

There are several problem-solving stations set up around the school. Students are able to use these stations to refer to the problem-solving poster and work to solve their problems independently, with peers, and with adult support when needed. Please encourage your children to utilize these stations when they have problems. Doing so will help your child practice and build confidence to be able to solve problems on their own!

I will continue to teach K-2 students in May and June; however, the focus will be a bit different. Thank you for sharing your wonderful students with me.

Warmly,  
Ms. Harshman

✓ **Attendance Procedure:** If your child is absent, please email the school at [MOEAttendance@everettsd.org](mailto:MOEAttendance@everettsd.org). If email is not possible, please leave a message on our attendance line at (425) 385-7305 and submit an excuse note to the school office within 30 days of your student returning to school. Thank you for your cooperation in helping us maintain accurate attendance records.



## Kindergarten registration happening now

Do you have a child who will be 5 years old by Aug. 31, 2019? Registration began March 4 at all 17 district elementary schools. Which school will your kindergartner attend? To find out, click on *Transportation* under the *Parents* tab, or call the transportation department at 425-385-4144. If you are in the Tambark Creek Elementary School area, register at any southend elementary school.

## Easy access with district app

Download and log into the district app to quickly and easily access your student's info. Pay lunch balances, see books checked out from the library, and find the staff directory, school websites, calendars and more.



The free mobile app is available in the online iTunes® and Google Play® app stores.

Once you've downloaded the app, log in to "student info" with your LMS password to see student-specific information for each of your children. Choose to read content in one of many languages in the settings.

## Thank you, volunteers!

April 22-26 is Public Schools Volunteer Appreciation Week. We are grateful for the many volunteers who support students and staff, many of them each and every school day. With activities ranging from reading with students, to playground supervision support, Watch D.O.G.S., and chaperoning field trips, your help matters. Our volunteers contribute to making school the best part of a student's day. Thank you!

## ECEAP preschool accepting applications for 2019-20

Everett Public Schools Early Childhood Education & Assistance Program (ECEAP) is a FREE preschool program for three- and four-year-old children from families with limited income.

ECEAP prepares children for kindergarten and provides family support and health and nutrition services. It is funded by the Washington State Department of Early Learning.

The five ECEAP sites within our school district are Garfield, Hawthorne, Lowell, Madison and Silver Lake elementary schools.

Space is limited – apply early! For an application or more information, please call 425-385-4628 or visit the [district ECEAP website](#).







## Innovation Expo June 5

Students and families will enjoy seeing and interacting at booths from schools from across the district at this year's [Innovation Expo](#) June 5, 5-8 p.m., at Angel of the Winds (formerly Xfinity) Arena. Each school's booth is different and showcases something the students at that school are learning.

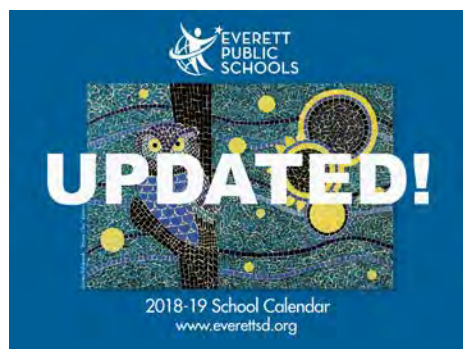
The STEM competition is a favorite part of the event for many students and families. See the best student projects from around the district and hear what the students learned by completing them. Learn more and download forms at [www.everettsd.org/expo](http://www.everettsd.org/expo).



## Superintendent search update

The school board hired Ray and Associates as the search firm to guide the work of finding the right candidates for Everett's new superintendent. We were able to supply Ray and Associates with some very helpful information from the Thoughtexchange process many of you participated in. Thank you for taking the time to do that.

In March, Ray and Associates asked students, parents, staff and other key stakeholders to prioritize the top 10 characteristics they should look for in a candidate. Ray and Associates are now developing and sharing the superintendent profile you helped create. The board will select the next superintendent by the end of May. Follow the search process online at [www.everettsd.org/supersearch](http://www.everettsd.org/supersearch).



## Calendar update

June 21 is now the last day of school and a full day. Several Learning Improvement Fridays are also now full days. Be sure to download the updated calendars from the district website to make sure you have the revised dates.



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Designated to handle inquiries about nondiscrimination policies are:

- Title IX Officer/Civil Rights Compliance Officer – Mary O'Brien, [MO'Brien@everettsd.org](mailto:MO'Brien@everettsd.org), 425-385-4106, PO Box 2098, Everett, WA 98213
- 504 Coordinator – Becky Ballbach, [rballbach@everettsd.org](mailto:rballbach@everettsd.org), 425-385-4063, PO Box 2098, Everett, WA 98213
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