

Monroe Eagle News

MONROE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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From the Principal

Greetings, Monroe families.

It is hard to believe we're already a third of the way through the school year! We've made some great memories and have so many more experiences to come. I hope many of you made it to the Auction/Bingo/Art Walk last month. Thank you to the PTA for the amazing job they did organizing the event and to all of you who helped with donations or with raising funds for our students. Next, the PTA is planning Movie Night on December 7, and the students voted between *Incredibles 2*, *Peter Rabbit*, and *Hotel Transylvania 3*. Stay tuned to find out the winning movie.

Another exciting evening coming up is our Multicultural Night on December 13. There will be authentic food samples, music, dancing, games and much more! If you would like to participate or share something from your culture, please contact our Natural Leaders liaison, Julie Johnson (JJJohnson3@everettsd.org). We're looking forward to learning more about our Monroe families!

Finally, I would like to share a few reminders with you. The cold weather is quickly moving in. Please remind your children to bundle up. Recess will continue to be outside, and we want to make sure the kids enjoy their breaks without catching cold. In addition, this time of year often leads to an overflowing Lost and Found from those jackets they're trying to get used to wearing. If your student forgets any items at school, please check our Lost and Found located in the hallway near the cafeteria and gym. Any items not claimed by Thursday, **December 15**, will be donated to a local charity. We will close out December with our Winter Sing-along on Friday, December 21, at 9:00 am. Please feel free to join us if you are able. Then, students will be released at 1:35 pm that day as they start Winter Break.

I hope you have a wonderful holiday season and a very happy start to 2019!

Kind regards,

Heather Paddock, principal

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December 7

PJ & Stuffed Animal Spirit Day

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PTA Movie Night
6:30 pm – Cafeteria

December 13

Monroe Multi-Cultural Night
6:00 pm – Cafeteria

December 17

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

December 17

Lifelong Learner Assembly – Gr. K-2
2:15 pm – Cafeteria

December 21

Winter Sing-along Performance
9:00 am – Cafeteria

Dec. 24–Jan. 4

Winter Break
NO SCHOOL

Next Month's Events

January 10

PTA Meeting
6:30 pm – Cafeteria

January 11

Historical Figure Spirit Day

✓ **Attendance Procedure:** If your child is absent, please email the school at 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.



Monroe Messages

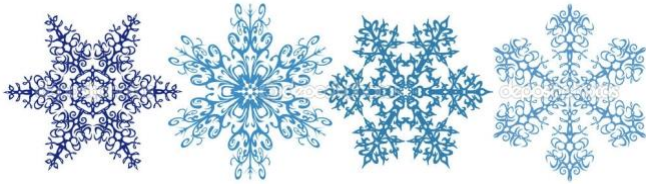
Lifelong Learner Assemblies

While we tried to get the word out last month that our Lifelong Learner assemblies are being split into two separate assemblies, it seems not everyone received that message. We would like to apologize to anyone who did not make it to our previous assemblies at the new scheduled times, and we would like to reiterate how our assemblies will be held.

Grades 3, 4, and 5 will be honored at 1:45 pm

Grades K, 1, and 2 will be honored at 2:15 pm

Please remember to sign in at the office, and we will try to get you promptly to our cafeteria. Thank you!



Winter Sing-along

You're invited to our Winter Sing-along on Friday, December 21, at 9:00 am in our cafeteria. Each grade level will be participating, and there will be special performances by our choir. We hope you can join us!

Monroe Mindbender



Monroe Memos

Dear Families,

Unfortunately, I am needed elsewhere in the building to support students in learning. Therefore, I will no longer be teaching Social Emotional Skills to 3rd grade or Mrs. Nelson's 2/3 split class. I very much enjoyed working with those students and will miss our time together. Miss Debi, our school counselor, will be taking over teaching those critical skills for me.

In grades K-2, we will be focusing on empathy this month. Empathy is a key ingredient in the development of pro-social behaviors and interpersonal problem-solving skills. It is necessary for social-emotional competence and contributes to academic success. Being able to identify, understand, and respond in a caring way to how someone is feeling provides the foundation for helpful and socially responsible behaviors, friendships, cooperation, coping, and conflict resolution, all of which help students succeed in school.

Students with higher levels of empathy and its related skills and behaviors are more likely to be:

- Academically successful
- Accepted by peers
- Socially skilled
- Less aggressive
- Emotionally supportive to others

Students with lower Levels of empathy and its related skills and behaviors are at greater risk for:

- Lower academic achievement
- Peer rejection
- Classroom discipline problems

To read about the research for this unit, go online to SecondStep.org.

Ms. Harshman

P.S. Make sure to join www.secondstep.org with the activation key **SSP3FAMILY73** to watch videos about the *Second Step* program and get information about what your student is learning.





ATTENDANCE POLICY

We look forward to seeing your child at school every day! Regular school attendance is important; however, if your child does need to miss school, Monroe Elementary has an email address for you to report your student’s absence.

MOEAttendance@everettsd.org

Please include the following in the email:

- Student first and last name
- Student ID #
- Date(s) absent
- Reason for the absence

Remember to send this information from the email that is on record with the school.

You may leave a recorded message on the Attendance Line, but you need to follow up with an email or written note.

Type of Schedule	On Time	Tardy Missing 30 minutes	Partial Absence Missing more than 30 minutes and less than 50% of the school day	Full Day Absence Missing 50% or more of the school day
Regular School Schedule	8:35 AM Bell	8:35 AM - 9:05 AM 2:20 PM - 2:50 PM	9:06 AM - 11:44 PM 11:45 PM - 2:20 PM	11:45 AM
LIF	8:35 AM Bell	8:35 AM - 9:05 AM 1:05 PM - 1:35 PM	9:06 AM - 11:09 AM 11:10 AM - 1:05 PM	11:10 AM
Early release	8:35 AM Bell	8:35 AM - 9:05 AM 11:50 AM - 12:20 PM	9:06 AM - 10:14 AM 10:15 AM - 11:50 AM	10:15 AM

Please check out [District Attendance Policy 3122P](#) for more information.



The gift of attendance

Absences spike in the weeks before and after the winter holiday as families squeeze in a few more vacation days. Just a few missed days here and there, even excused absences, can add up to too much lost learning time and put your child behind in school. This is as true in kindergarten as it is in high school. Put simply, too many absences at any age can affect a student's chances for academic success and eventually for graduation. This holiday season, give your children the gift of an education and the habit of attendance.

Graduation rates jump to 95.7%

Our graduation rate jumped even higher for the 11th year in a row. Now 95.7 percent of our students graduate on time! Learn how strategic staff actions helped bring the graduation rate from 53 percent just 15 years ago to this year's all-time high.

<http://bit.ly/2018gradrates>

Parent safety tip

Before you take your child to a friend's sleepover or party, make sure you know a few important things first.

- Find out about the friend's "house rules" and who else will be at home, like parents, another adult, brothers, or sisters.
- Ask about what they plan to do during the visit.
- Talk with your child about things that are important to you: no guns, violent TV and video games, alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs. Take this time to review behaviors that are healthy and those that are dangerous.
- If your child does not have his or her own cell phone, be sure to have the telephone number of where he or she can be reached.
- If there is a change of plans, you need to be told.

Get to know other parents

- Talk with them on the phone.
- Meet them at neighborhood or school events.
- Greet them when dropping your child off at their home.

Communication is key

School-aged children need and want more independence. Good communication, with clear expectations, helps parents and children trust that what is going on is safe.

Source: *HealthyChildren.org*

Snow routes are online

School drop off and pick up locations may change in an emergency situation.

If your child rides a bus to school, please become familiar with the [snow route information](#) on the district transportation department's webpage.





Family resources

Could you or a family you know use some help? Find information and links to helpful resources on the district's [Parent Tools webpage](#):

- Washington State Library – local and regional information about services and agencies offering help to families in a variety of ways including food, shelter, clothing, childcare, legal services, employment opportunities, and counseling
- Everett Public Schools Kids In Transition (KIT) program – supports homeless children and youth to continue their education
- Help for military families
- Snohomish Health District for Snohomish County community dental resources for children and adults
- United Way of Snohomish County – 2-1-1 is a free telephone number that is your best "first call" to quickly find the right source of help. The information line is staffed by trained operators from Volunteers of America Western Washington who can connect you to a wide range of community services.

Delayed start or closed schools

If we have to cancel school or delay the start of school, we will use our parent communication system to call in the morning, typically around 5:45 a.m., with a brief message about the reason for closure or delay. We will also use local media and post the message on our website. **If there is no announcement about Everett Public Schools, school is on the regular schedule.** More information and resources for school closures or delays is on the district website under the *Parents* tab.

In cases of inclement weather or other emergencies, please:

- check your email or phone for district messages
- listen for media announcements
- view the district's website at www.everettsd.org
- watch district [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) or [Instagram](#) accounts



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Everett Public Schools does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, honorably discharged veteran or military status, sexual orientation including gender expression or identity, the presence of any sensory, mental, or physical disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal by a person with a disability in its programs and activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups.

Designated to handle inquiries about nondiscrimination policies are:

- Affirmative Action Officer – Randi Seaberg, rseaberg@everettsd.org, 425-385-4104
- Title IX Officer – Mary O'Brien, MO'Brien@everettsd.org, 425-385-4106
- 504 Coordinator – Becky Ballbach, rballbach@everettsd.org, 425-385-4063
- ADA Coordinator – Becky Clifford, rclifford@everettsd.org, 425-385-5250