

Monroe Eagle News

MONROE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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From the Principal

Greetings, Monroe families.

Welcome to 2020! We hope you had a wonderful holiday season with your family and friends and found some well-deserved time to rest and recharge. The start of a new year brings excitement, hope, and change. January gives us the opportunity to reinforce good habits and resolve to improve in other areas. If your student has struggled during the first half of the year, remind them that this is a great time to finish out the semester strong and enthusiastically jump into the second semester.

This month, we have a few notable dates in our schedule. Our Lifelong Learners assembly will be held on Tuesday, January 14, in the morning. That same week on Friday, we have our Martin Luther King, Jr. assembly, which will have a different format than in the past. Our students also have two long weekends since there is no school on January 20 to observe MLK, Jr. Day or on January 27, which is when our teachers will be preparing progress reports. Progress reports will be sent home with your students in February, and then **we'll officially be in the second half of the school year!**

Speaking of the second half of the school year, **we're very excited to begin a friendly competition between our classes with iReady.** The goal is for every student to complete one reading lesson per week for the months of January through April. The class with the most students completing this lesson each week will receive a trophy and blue ribbon banner to display in the classroom window. Then, the class with the most wins each month will get to take a picture using photo booth props provided by iReady. Our Eagles are ready for this challenge after meeting the iReady mascot, Plory, just before Winter Break.

Finally, I'd like to thank you for the support you give to your students who work hard every day to learn and grow. Like you, we are very proud of them. We look forward to seeing what this new decade will bring – the possibilities are endless!

Kind regards,

Heather Paddock, principal

Parking Lot Reminders

As winter moves in with rainy and icy weather, the roads can become treacherous. Please follow the reminders below regarding safe habits in our parking lot:

- Drive slowly while looking out for pedestrians
- Pull all the way forward when dropping off or picking up your student
- Have your student exit or enter your vehicle from the curbside only
- Stay in your vehicle when waiting for your student to reach you
- Use a designated parking spot if you want to get out of your vehicle to meet your student
- Walk with your student through the parking lot and use the crosswalks

Thank you to our volunteers who help keep our kids safe each day!

Heather Paddock
Principal

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January 6

Welcome Back! ~ School Resumes

January 8

Natural Leaders Meeting
1:30 pm – Conference Room

January 9

PTA Meeting
6:30 pm – Monroe Elementary Library

January 10

Spirit Day – Tie Dye Day

January 14

Lifelong Learners Assemblies
Gr. K-2 @ 9:00 am – Cafeteria
Gr. 3-5 @ 9:30 am – Cafeteria

January 17

MLK, Jr. Assembly
9:00 am – Cafeteria

January 20

NO SCHOOL – MLK, Jr. Day

January 27

NO SCHOOL – Teacher Work Day

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 7

Spirit Day – Heart Day (wear pink & red)



Monroe Messages



Learning Improvement Fridays

Unless otherwise noted, every Friday is Learning Improvement Friday where students are dismissed 75 minutes early. At Monroe Elementary, students will be released at 1:35 pm.

Volunteers

Field trip season will be here before we know it, and we always appreciate having volunteers to chaperone our students. Please remember that you must be a district-approved volunteer to help in the classroom or accompany a field trip. If you **haven't applied** and been approved since September 2018, click [here](#) to access the online volunteer application or visit the district website at: <https://www.everettsd.org/domain/1452>.

Visitors and School Safety

Last year, the district upgraded our main doors with a video intercom system to increase our school security. In the interest of continually improving the safety of our Monroe families, we are constantly examining our processes. While we welcome your presence when dropping off and picking up your students, please remember to check in with the office and pick up a visitor sticker if you will be in the building during school hours. In the event of an emergency, it is crucial we know who is in the building so we can ensure the safety of all.

Change in Way Home

If your student will be going home a different way than usual, please remember to call the office at (425) 385-7300 or send an email to MOEAttendance@everettsd.org at least one hour before the end of the school day. Doing so should give us ample time to notify your student and the teacher of the changed plans. Thank you!

Student Pick Up During School Day

We understand students sometimes will need to miss school for an appointment that could not be scheduled before or after the school day. If your student will need to be picked up by someone other than a listed guardian, please remember to send a note to the office or send an email to MOEAttendance@everettsd.org giving permission for another adult to pick up your student.

Home Access Center

If you haven't already done so, remember to sign up for Home Access Center (HAC). HAC allows you to update your contact information, check bus route information for your student, and view attendance and grades. Also, we will use HAC to notify families of teacher assignments in August. Click [here](#) for more information or refer to the Learning Management Services [webpage](#).



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.

@EPS_Monroe

Check us out on Twitter [@EPS_Monroe](#)! You will see regular posts regarding what is happening at Monroe Elementary and throughout the district.

Monroe Elementary Website

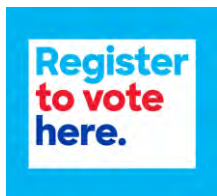
Please remember to visit our website at www.everettsd.org/monroe for additional important information and upcoming events.



January is School Board Appreciation Month

The month of January marks the annual observance of School Board Recognition – a time to salute the work of school board members and celebrate public education. You can learn more about [board members online](#). You can also watch past school board meetings on the district's YouTube channel.

Good Citizenship Day



Good Citizenship Day shall be observed on January 16. On that day, social studies teachers coordinate a voter registration event in each history or social studies class attended by high school seniors. Students who will be eighteen years of age or older by the time of the next general election will be given the opportunity to register to vote online in the classroom. Paper registration will also be made available in the classroom.

Delayed start or closed schools

If we must cancel school or delay the start of school, we will use our parent communication system to call in the morning, typically around 5:30 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 <https://www.everettsd.org/>
- watch district [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) or [Instagram](#) accounts

Food and Nutrition

This month, the Food and Nutrition Department brings you potatoes grown in the PNW! Be sure to check out our menu for dishes containing this tasty Harvest of the month!

Did you know that potatoes are the most popular vegetable grown in the US and are an excellent source of Vitamin C, B6 and potassium? Find out more by checking out the Harvest of the Month flyer on our website at <https://www.everettsd.org>



I have so many potato jokes. I just don't know where to starch.



Safety tip line


Do you or your student have a concern about someone experiencing bullying or harassment? Or have you perhaps heard a rumor about someone bringing a weapon or drugs to school? Report it! **You can talk directly with your school's office or you can call, text or email your concern.**

If there is reason for concern about safety on a designated walkway to school, call 9-1-1 immediately for authorized, quick help. We have strong partnerships with local law enforcement who share our interest in safe schools and neighborhoods.


Student safety is a priority for all of us. Working together, we can help make our neighborhoods and schools nurturing places for students to safely learn and grow.

3 easy ways

Text or call

 855-637-2095

 1350@alert1.us

 <http://1350.alert1.us>



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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, 425-385-4106, PO Box 2098, Everett, WA 98213
- 504 Coordinator – Becky Ballbach, rballbach@everettsd.org, 425-385-4063, PO Box 2098, Everett, WA 98213
- ADA Coordinator – Randi Seaberg, rseaberg@everettsd.org, 425-385-4104, PO Box 2098, Everett, WA 98213