

# Monroe Eagle News

MONROE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## From the Principal

Greetings, Monroe families!

With all of this snowy weather, it's hard to believe Spring is almost here! We're busy preparing for conferences, field trips, and fun-filled PTA events. Soon, it will be the end of another school year so it's important we appreciate all of the little moments before they fly by. Remember to mark your calendars so we can share in as many activities with you as possible.

Our first event this month is our concert at the Everett Civic Center for grades 1-5. For those of you with students in choir, please show up at 6:00 pm. All other students should report to their teachers by 6:15 pm. We are looking forward to the multi-grade production our students and Ms. Wilkinson have been preparing. Remember to invite your friends and families – the more the merrier!

Next, we will recognize our Lifelong Learner award winners on March 18. Notices will be sent home to families whose children are being commended this month. Also, at the assembly, we will draw names of ten attendance winners who will enjoy a pizza lunch. We are so proud of our students and invite you to celebrate their successes with us.

We will close out the month with parent/teacher conferences and our PTA Book Fair March 25-29. Spring conference week gives us the opportunity to partner with families to ensure a successful second half of the school year. We welcome your questions and want you to leave your meeting knowing where your student is excelling and ways we can work together to improve areas that may be causing difficulty. Also, during conference week, **the PTA has designated March 25 as Grandparents' Day at the Book Fair. Grandparents** will enjoy refreshments, a photo op, and games with prizes. Make sure to include these special members of your family!

Finally, throughout the month of March, you will have the opportunity to provide Monroe Elementary with valuable feedback through our annual Educational Effectiveness Survey. We will email you the link, which you also will be able to access through our website. Additionally, we will have paper surveys for you to fill out during conference week. We thank you in advance for providing us valuable information we can use to improve how we serve your student and the community.

Kind regards,

Heather Paddock, principal

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*March 1*

Character from a Book Spirit Day

*March 8*

All School Group Picture Day

*March 14*

Grades 1-5 Concert  
6:30-8:00 pm – Everett Civic Center

*March 18*

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

*March 19*

PTA Skate Night  
6:30 pm – Everett Skate Deck

*March 21*

PTA Meeting  
6:30 pm - Library

*March 22*

12:20 pm Dismissal  
Conference Prep

*March 25-29*

12:20 pm Dismissal  
Conference Week  
PTA Book Fair

*April 1-5*

NO SCHOOL  
Spring Break



## 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!

### 2019-20 Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration for children turning five years old by August 31, 2019 will begin on March 4. Registration packets will be available on the District [website](#) beginning February 25. We look forward to meeting you and your family!

### Monroe Food Bank

If you or a Monroe family you know could use some assistance, please contact the office and ask to visit our food bank.

## Monroe Mindbender

### Spring Word Search

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SPRING  
MAY  
GREEN  
WARM  
UMBRELLA

MARCH  
FLOWERS  
GRASS  
SHOWERS  
EASTER

APRIL  
BASEBALL  
SUNSHINE  
RAIN  
BIRDS

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## Monroe Memos

Dear Families,

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Random Acts of Kindness during the month of February. In the month of March, we will be delving deeper into the topic of problem solving. The goal is to help students develop their ability to solve problems. They will learn to:

1. Calm down before trying to solve a problem by using the Calming-Down Steps:
  - Say "Stop"
  - Name your feeling
  - Calm down (breathe, count, use positive self-talk)
2. Apply perspective-taking skills to problem situations by:
  - Examining the social cues in a situation
  - Thinking about how the other person is feeling when having problems with a peer
3. Apply the Second Step Problem-Solving Steps:
  - **S: Say the problem.** Students learn to say the problem in a neutral, non-blaming way.
  - **T: Think of solutions.** Students think of solutions that are both safe and respectful.
  - **E: Explore consequences.** Students look at both positive and negative consequences of carrying out a solution.
  - **P: Pick the best solution.** Students choose the solution that best meets pro-social goals.
4. Use the Problem-Solving Steps to solve typical second-grade problems, such as:
  - Disagreements with classmates
  - Hurt feelings
  - Exclusion
  - Playground conflicts

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**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.



## FREE learning tools for your entire family

Did you know that with your parent LMS user name and password, you have access to a powerful resource provided also to students and staff with their district logins? Hoonuit (formerly Atomic Learning) is a key partner in our dedication to providing the highest quality technology training resources.

Our subscription to Hoonuit includes:

- The Microsoft® Office Suite
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- Career Skills training for personal career advancement
- Completing a FAFSA training for college planning
- Access for staff, students and their families 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- More than 50,000 step-by-step technology tutorials.

Go to [www.atomiclearning.com/login/everettsd](http://www.atomiclearning.com/login/everettsd) and log in with your district username and password. Need a login and password? Email [LMS@everettsd.org](mailto:LMS@everettsd.org).

## Kindergarten registration begins this month

Do you have a child who will be 5 years old by Aug. 31, 2019? Registration begins March 4, at all 17 district elementary schools.

Which school will your kindergartner attend? To find out, go to <http://bit.ly/2019-20PathFinder>, or call the transportation department at 425-385-4144. If your kindergartner will attend the new Tambark Creek Elementary School, register at your nearest neighborhood elementary school.

## Classified Employee Week

March 11-15, help us recognize the important work classified staff does for schools and students every day. We encourage you to take a moment and say thank you to office staff, crossing guards, paraeducators, maintenance staff, bus drivers and the many other classified staff who help schools and the district function smoothly.

## 21st annual student art shows

Everett Public Schools, in partnership with Everett Public Schools Foundation, is pleased to display the work of student artists at the Community Resource Center. See the art on display during regular business hours (7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.) or during a reception.

- Elementary school Art Show: March 4-22, viewing only
- High school Art Show: April 9-25, reception on April 24
- Middle school Art Show: May 6-31, reception on May 23





## Make-up days

We have received many questions about how the district is going to make up the recent snow days, and some people have correctly referenced the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction noting that you can submit a waiver application for the recent snow days. The Basic Education Act also requires a number of minimal instructional hours, which cannot be waived. This means the solution to making up lost days due to inclement weather may result in a combination of adding days at the end of the school year and adjusting other days during the year. Once we are completely through the winter season, and all of the weather impacts are behind us, we will be able to determine the full extent of adjustments needed. The school board will be presented calendar revisions for action in the near future.

## New elementary boundaries and transportation for some

Because the new Tambark Creek Elementary School is opening this fall, some elementary students will attend a different school in the 2019-20 school year. Each family affected by the elementary school boundary changes should have received a letter during winter break, but next year's school attendance and bus route information is available at <http://bit.ly/2019-20PathFinder>.

## Youth internship partnership

Everett Career Link is a partnership between the City of Everett and Everett Public Schools offering high school internship opportunities. Everett Career Link's 90-hour summer internships are for students and employers seeking a proactive

approach to matching local talent with local opportunities. More information can be found on the district's [internships and youth apprenticeships website](#). Interested students can complete an [internship interest form](#), and interested employers can learn more on the district's website or email [careerlink@everettsd.org](mailto:careerlink@everettsd.org).



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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
- 504 Coordinator – Becky Ballbach, [rballbach@everettsd.org](mailto:rballbach@everettsd.org), 425-385-4063
- ADA Coordinator – Randi Seaberg, [rseaberg@everettsd.org](mailto:rseaberg@everettsd.org), 425-385-4104