

# Monroe Eagle News

MONROE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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## From the Principal

Greetings, Monroe families!

November is already upon us, and we have a busy month ahead. Our staff is looking forward to seeing you for parent-teacher conferences November 4-8 **and having the opportunity to discuss your child's progress so far this year.** The connections between home and school are so very important. Working in partnership is the best way to help our children reach their potential. Please look for conference confirmation notices, which were sent home earlier this week. If you are unable to attend your conference at the scheduled time, **contact your student's** teacher to reschedule. Also, **don't** forget to visit the PTA Book Fair before or after your conference. The book fair will be open from 12:30-3:30 pm, and proceeds benefit our Monroe Library.

On November 12 at 9:00 am, our students will be performing at our annual **Veteran's Day Assembly. This program recognizes and gives thanks to all of the veterans who have served and are currently serving our country.** It is truly an honor for our staff and students to share in this program. If you have a veteran in your family, please invite him or her so we can appreciate them in person.

**Finally, don't forget to** mark your calendars for our Multicultural Night event – **"We are the World"** – taking place on November 14. There will be crafts, food, music, dance, games and more! We have such a diverse population here at Monroe, and we are excited to learn more about the special customs we all hold so dear. If you would like to be involved in setting up the event or in sharing your culture with us that evening, please contact Diana at (406) 414-7569 or Adela at (425) 345-0359. You can also reach them by email at [NaturalLeadersME@gmail.com](mailto:NaturalLeadersME@gmail.com).

I hope you all have a happy Thanksgiving holiday!

Kind regards,

Heather Paddock, principal

### What is i-Ready?

i-Ready is an online program for reading and/or math that will help your **child's teacher determine your child's needs, personalize their learning,** and monitor progress throughout the school year. Please encourage your student to participate for 45 minutes each week in each subject **AND** be sure to pass two lessons with at least a score of 70% per week.

***~Everything you don't know is something you can learn. ~***

**Heather Paddock**  
Principal

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*November 1*

Spirit Day – Disney Character Day  
Early Release – 12:20 pm

*November 4-8*

Parent-Teacher Conferences  
Early Release – 12:20 pm

PTA Book Fair – 12:30-3:30 pm

*November 11*

NO SCHOOL – Veteran's Day

*November 12*

Veteran's Day Assembly  
9:00 am – Cafeteria

*November 14*

Multicultural Night  
6:00 pm – Cafeteria

*November 18*

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

*November 20*

Picture Retake Day

*November 27*

Early Release – 12:20 pm

*November 28-29*

NO SCHOOL – Thanksgiving Break



## 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.

### 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 between the hours of 8:35 am and 2:50 pm. 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](mailto:MOEAttendance@everettsd.org) before 1:30 pm. 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](mailto:MOEAttendance@everettsd.org) giving permission for another adult to pick up your student.

### Lifelong Learners Assemblies

Our next Lifelong Learners Assembly will be on November 18. Grades K-2 will gather in the cafeteria at 9:00 am, and grades 3-5 will attend their assembly at 9:30 am. Notices will be sent home to families of students who will be receiving an award. We hope you can join us in recognizing their outstanding behavior!

SAY CHEESE!



### Picture Retake Day

Retakes will be on November 20. If you previously paid for a picture packet and would like your student's picture taken again, return the picture packet with your student on retake day. For those of you who were not able to order pictures the first time around, order forms can be found in the office. Completed order envelopes should accompany your student to school on retake day and be given directly to the photographer. Thank you!

### 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.

### @EPS\_Monroe

We're now on Twitter! You will see regular posts regarding what is happening at Monroe Elementary and throughout the district. Check us out [@EPS\\_Monroe](https://twitter.com/EPS_Monroe).

### Monroe Elementary Website

Please remember to check out our website at [www.everettsd.org/monroe](http://www.everettsd.org/monroe) for additional important information and upcoming events.



## Accepting Highly Capable nominations until Dec. 18

Find forms, information and evening events on the [Highly Capable website](#). Referrals are for students currently in grades one through four for winter testing, which will take place on February 1, 2020.

## Remember to vote Nov. 5

Remember to deliver your ballot to a ballot drop box near you or put it in the mail by Nov. 5 – postage is not required for ballots.

## Everett Public Schools is hiring!

Are you interested in working for the school district? Full-time, part-time and substitute positions are available. The schedule for many classified positions is the same as the student day. Training is provided, and benefits are available for many positions. We have a strong need for substitute teachers, classified staff including regular and substitute paraeducators, office staff, custodial and food service positions.

Join us! <http://www.everettsd.org/jobs>



## Did you miss a call from us?

If you missed a call from your school, please first check your voice mail or your email for the message rather than calling the school. Schools are often inundated with phone calls from parents after they send an automated call and cannot answer all of the calls. If you want to change your contact information, please let the school office know.

## School performance report

Our school's performance report is available online on each school's website. More information is available on the [Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction website](#). Click on "State Report Card" and select Everett from the list of districts.

## Test scores show ... our students rock!

Did you know that our student assessment scores last year outperformed the state's average assessment scores in every subject! Students are working hard in their learning, and staff are providing students with the targeted, coordinated supports they need to excel. We have more work to do and are going to accomplish it by focusing on reading at early levels and strong monitoring and collaboration.

## FAFSA season has begun!

*Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA) is an office of the U.S. Department of Education. FAFSA coordinates with postsecondary schools and financial institutions to help students and families pay for college. Watch for FAFSA completion events happening around the district. Find more information at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov).



## Family health safety tip

Vaping has been in the news a lot this summer and fall due to many youth and young adults across the nation being hospitalized for respiratory issues, including respiratory failure. A few cases have been reported in our state. Teens may believe vaping is less harmful than smoking. Vaping devices are increasingly popular among middle and high school students and a new generation is getting addicted to nicotine. **According to the Snohomish Health District's Washington Healthy Youth Survey:**

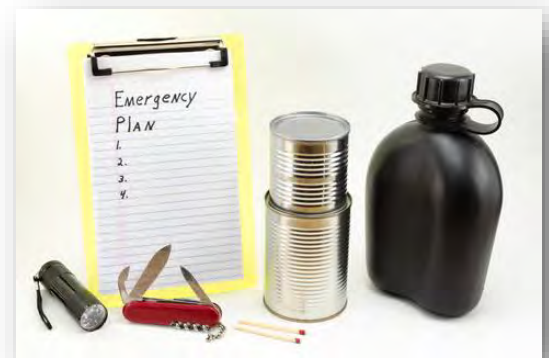
11% of 8<sup>th</sup> graders, 23% of 10<sup>th</sup> graders and 31% of 12<sup>th</sup> graders currently use vapes.

Learn about the dangers of vaping as well as resources for teens to quit by visiting Snohomish Health District's webpage. The sooner one quits, the faster their body, and lungs, can rebound and repair themselves. [www.snohd.org/273/Vaping-Vapor-Products](http://www.snohd.org/273/Vaping-Vapor-Products)

## Is your family prepared?

Does your family have a plan in case of bad weather, school closure or delay? Who will pick up your student, if needed? How will you communicate if phone lines are jammed? Do you have needed emergency supplies in your car and at home?

[Snohomish County Emergency Management](#) has helpful online resources to help you create, and practice emergency response plans with your family and neighborhood.



## Online safety tips

- Keep the computer in a busy area of your home.
- **Use an app to keep an eye on your child's online activity on their device.**
- Talking about cyberbullying; ask if someone they know has been a victim. Ask if they have been victimized.
- Set up email and social media accounts with your children. Know their screen names and passwords and explain the reasons for not including any personal information in profiles.

Know who is in the "buddy lists." Get to know the cyberfriends as well as you do those who visit your home. Parents and guardians may find the following resources helpful to begin a conversation about the dangers of engaging in cyberbullying and how to stay safe online:

- [Stop Bullying Now](#)
- [Ms. Parry's Guide to Correct Online Etiquette](#)
- [Common Sense Media](#)

Find out what Everett Public Schools students learn about digital citizenship on the district [Learning Management Services website](#).





## Food and nutrition

This month, the Food and Nutrition Department brings you mushrooms grown in the PNW! Be sure to give them a try this month in our vegetable medley and on the salad bar.

Did you know that mushrooms are composed of 90% water and contain over a dozen vitamin and minerals? Find out more by checking out the Harvest of the Month flyer on our website at <https://www.everettsd.org>. Don't leave me, I'm a fungi!



## 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.

# Report it!

### 3 easy ways

Text or call  
855-637-2095

1350@alert1.us

<https://everett-wa.safeschoolsalert.com>



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

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 2088, Everett, WA 98213
- 504 Coordinator – Becky Ballbach, rballbach@everettsd.org, 425-385-4063, PO Box 2088, Everett, WA 98213
- ADA Coordinator – Randi Seaberg, rseaberg@everettsd.org, 425-385-4104, PO Box 2088, Everett, WA 98213