Monroe Eagle News

MONROE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEW SLETTER

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From the Principal

Greetings, Monroe families!

We have had a great start to the school year! Our students have been excited to see their friends again, we've had a great time meeting new families, and everyone has leaped into teaching and learning. It was wonderful to see so many families at our Curriculum Night – your partnership is truly critical for student success.

Last Friday, we celebrated our summer readers, and ten lucky students had the opportunity to pie me in the face! We are proud of all of our students and their hard work during the summer reading challenge. Remember to check out the Everett Herald soon to see which students were recognized. Also, thanks to the generosity of a fellow community member, all of our students were given the opportunity to choose a few books to take home to continue establishing good reading habits. Be sure to take a look at what your student found interesting and picked to read.

I would like to thank the PTA for organizing the fun welcome back signs on the first day of school, the support they gave to parents on the first day of kindergarten, and for coordinating food trucks for our Curriculum Night. Be sure not to miss the upcoming PTA sponsored reading night with local author Kelly Jones (*Unusual Chickens for the Exceptional Poultry Farmer*), this coming Thursday, October 4, from 6:30-8:00 pm. If you haven't yet had the chance, please consider joining the PTA and attending the first meeting of the year on October 11 – we need your voice!

Please note that parent-teacher conferences have been moved from the end of October to the first full week of November, and the PTA has moved the book fair to coordinate with conference week. In the meantime, if you would like to speak to your child's teacher before conferences, please email or call him or her to set up an appointment.

Thank you for helping us get the year off to a great start and for the support you provide every day to the students and our school!

Kind Regards,

Heather Paddock, principal

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October 1

Watch D.O.G.S. Information Night 6:00 pm – Cafeteria

October 3 Picture Day

October 4

PTA Reading Night 6:30 pm

October 5

Coffee with the principal 8:35 am – Cafeteria

October 11

PTA Meeting 6:30 pm – Cafeteria

October 18

Lifelong Learners Assembly 2:00 pm – Cafeteria

October 19 Teacher Work Day – No School

October 26

PTA Pumpkin Carving 6:30 pm – Cafeteria



Monroe Messages

Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers to help with parent patrol before and after school. Volunteers must be approved through the school district. If you haven't already done so, please fill out an online volunteer application by going to <u>www.everettsd.org</u>, clicking on the *Community* tab, and then selecting *Volunteer*. Once approved, volunteers can also help in the classrooms and chaperone field trips. Thank you for your consideration.



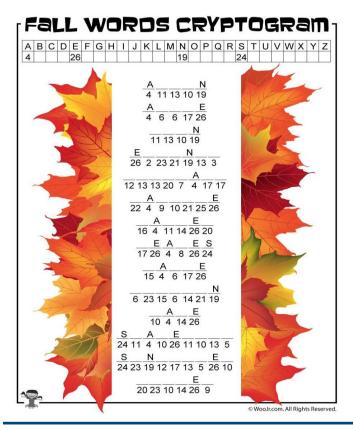
Soon, you will be receiving information regarding your scheduled time for parent-teacher conferences. Conferences provide parents and guardians an update of the student's academic progress, as well as social behavior. It also helps teachers and parents to forge a partnership to ensure the student's success. We encourage you to bring questions and take notes during your meeting.



Learning Improvement Fridays

Please remember that students are released at 1:35 pm every Friday unless otherwise noted.

Monroe Mindbender



Monroe Memos

Thank you to those of you who were able to stop by and learn about SEL during curriculum night. In grades K-3, we have been focusing on skills for learning and self-regulation skills. To be successful in school, students must be able to regulate their emotions, thought, and behaviors. This ability to self-regulate allows for more productive participation in learning activities and successful relations with peers and adults. Self-regulation skills support both academic achievement and the development of social-emotional competencies in elementary students.

Focusing attention, listening, using self-talk, and being assertive are skills students must be able to integrate and apply in order to be successful in diverse learning environments. These skills for learning are foundational to the social-emotional competencies necessary for having empathy, managing emotions, and solving problems.

Students with higher self-regulation are more likely to:

- Have better math, literacy, and vocabulary skills
- Have higher academic achievement
- Graduate from high school

Students with poor self-regulation are at greater risk for:

- Low academic achievement
- Emotional and behavioral problems
- Peer rejection
- Dropping out of school
- Expulsion from school

Sincerely,

Cindy Harshman SEL Teacher Grades K-3 (425) 385-7325 charshman@everettsd.org

P.S. Make sure to join <u>www.secondstep.org</u> with the activation key **SSPKFAMILY70** to watch videos about the *Second Step* program and get information about what your student is learning.

Attendance Procedure: If your child is absent, please email the school at <u>MOEAttendance@everettsd.org</u>. 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.



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 <u>www.everettsd.org</u>
- watch district <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Twitter</u> or <u>Instagram</u> accounts

Did you miss a call from us?

If you missed a call from your school, please first check your voice mail, email or mobile app 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.

Is your contact information up-to-date at school?

If your contact information has changed, please let your school know so we can reach you.

Mobile app

Families can <u>download the district mobile app</u> to easily access student information, grades, attendance, lunch balances, borrowed library books, calendars and more! Translate notifications and app functions into the language you prefer.

School performance report

Our school's performance report is available online on each school's website. More information is available on the <u>Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction website</u>. Click on "State Report Card" and select Everett from the list of districts.

Back-to-school safety reminders

It's helpful to talk with your child from time to time about staying safe and alert, especially when traveling to and from school. Here are just a few quick reminders:

- Walk with a buddy
- Be aware of your surroundings (cell phones and ear buds put away)
- Wait with a friend or adult at bus stops
- Report anything suspicious to an adult right away
- For adults, <u>stop for buses</u> when they have the stop arm out







Mapping your future

Students K through 12 and their families are invited to the High School and Beyond family nights to:

- Enjoy free pizza
- Get help with financial aid and college admissions
- Get help registering for College Bound scholarships (grades 7 and 8)
- Learn to use Naviance to make college and career plans
- Meet community and 4-year colleges & universities
- Learn about cool careers

Middle and high school students

Can you fluently read, write, speak, and listen in a language other than English? Students in grades 7 through 12 in Everett Public Schools can earn high school credit in a world language by successfully passing district-approved assessments and demonstrating language proficiency in listening, speaking, reading, and writing in this language. Assessments are available at \$10 for many different world languages. See the district <u>assessment website</u> for details.

Test dates: Nov. 14, 2018 and March 13, 2019 **Fall registration**: Sept. 17 – Oct. 12, 2018 **Spring registration**: Jan. 14 – Feb. 15, 2019

Website tools for you

The website has tools to make your life easier. Sign in with your LMS password to:

- Customize a personal profile in *MyView*
- Add your student's school and teachers' calendars to your calendar view
- Filter calendar items by category
- Export calendar items to your personal calendar
- Access Grades & More, lunch menus and staff contact information from the home page
- Find directions and maps to event locations listed on the calendar



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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