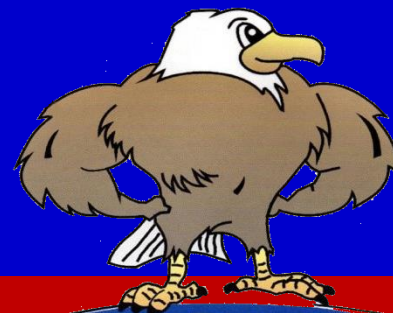


Monroe Eagle News

MONROE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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From the Principal

Greetings, Monroe families.

Welcome to the 2018-19 school year! We are excited to welcome back familiar faces and meet students and families new to our school. The beginning of a new year can bring a variety of feelings for your students – excitement, nervousness, and optimism just to name a few. Our staff is committed to working with you and your students to make this an enjoyable year full of growth academically, socially, and emotionally.

As a member of our community, you are always welcome to visit our campus and meet our staff to find out what makes Monroe such a great place to learn. Please consider applying to be a district-approved volunteer and helping on campus. Volunteers can assist in the classroom, offer support with teacher projects, and chaperone field trips. We appreciate any time your schedules allow. We also have several programs we are looking to grow this year, including Watch D.O.G.S. (Dads of Great Students), Natural Leaders, and our PTA. Each of these programs enriches our community throughout the year.

Be sure to check out our website for updates on school events. Important information also will be found in our monthly newsletter and through BlackboardConnect phone calls and emails. Please make sure to keep your contact information current with our office, and do not hesitate to reach out to them if you have any questions. Our office staff is happy to help you and looks forward to getting to know each of our families here at Monroe.

Thank you for sharing your children with us and for trusting us to give them a remarkable education. I am honored and feel very fortunate to serve as your principal.

Again, I want to welcome all of you to what we hope will be an amazing school year!

Kind Regards,

Heather Paddock, principal

✓ 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.

Heather Paddock
Principal

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September 5

1st Day of School – Grades 1-5

September 5-7

Kindergarten Family Connections Meetings

September 10

1st Day of School – Kindergarten

September 24

Curriculum Night
6:30 – 8:00 pm

Next Month's Events

October 1

Watch D.O.G.S. Information Night
6:30 pm – Cafeteria

October 3

Picture Day

October 5

Coffee with the principal
8:35 am – Cafeteria

October 11

PTA Meeting
6:30 pm – Cafeteria



Monroe Messages

Monroe Memos

Curriculum Night

Join us September 24 for curriculum night from 6:30-8:00 pm. You will have the opportunity to visit your child's classroom and learn more about what will be taught this year.



Learning Improvement Fridays

This is a friendly reminder that students are released at 1:35 pm every Friday unless otherwise noted.



Looking for Fathers and Father-figures!

Last year, we began the Watch D.O.G.S. program at Monroe, and we are excited to be bringing it back for the 2018-19 school year. Watch D.O.G.S. provides opportunities for fathers and father-figures to volunteer in a variety of ways. We are hosting an informational night on October 1 at 6:30 pm. We hope to see you there!

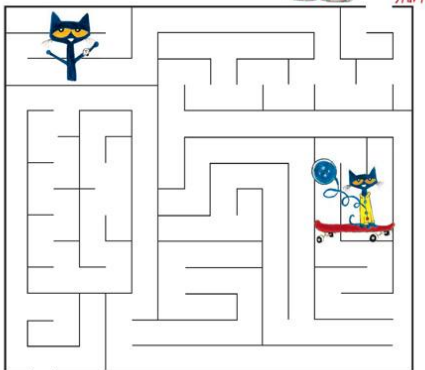
Monroe Elementary Website

Please remember to check out our website at <https://www.everettsd.org/Domain/23> for additional important information and upcoming events.

Monroe Mindbender

AMAZING MAZE

Pete is late for the bus!
Help Pete get through the maze so he can catch the bus with all his friends!



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We want your child to be as successful as possible at school. Success in school is not just about reading and math. It is also about knowing how to learn and how to get along with others. We will be using the *Second Step* program in your child's classroom to teach these critical skills.

The *Second Step* program teaches skills in the following four areas:

- 1. Skills for Learning:** Students gain skills to help themselves learn, including how to focus their attention, listen carefully, use self-talk to stay on task, and be assertive when asking for help with schoolwork.
- 2. Empathy:** Students learn to identify and understand their own and others' feelings. Students also learn how to take another's perspective and how to show compassion.
- 3. Emotion Management:** Students learn specific skills for calming down when experiencing strong feelings, such as anxiety or anger.
- 4. Problem Solving:** Students learn a process for solving problems with others in a positive way.

Your child will be learning a lot this year – and he or she will need your help! Throughout the year, your child will be bringing home Home Links that go with several of the *Second Step* lessons. Home Links are simple, fun activities for you and your child to complete together. They are a great way for you to understand what your child is learning and for your child to show you what he or she knows.

If you have any questions about the *Second Step* program, please do not hesitate to contact me for more information. Thank you for supporting your child in learning the skills that lead to success in school and in life.

Sincerely,

Cindy Harshman
SEL Teacher Grades K-3
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P.S. Make sure to join www.secondstep.org with the activation key **SSPKFAMILY70** to watch videos about the *Second Step* program and get information about what your student is learning.



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Access to public records

District records are public records. Parents and other citizens have the right to ask to view or have copies of records defined as “public” under state and federal laws. These include parents’ and legal guardians’ student’s records and records about discipline of school employees.

The district’s finance and business services office handles public records requests. Request records by writing to that office at PO Box 2098, Everett, WA 98213, sending an email request to publicrecords@everettsd.org, or calling 425-385-4150.

Your student’s records are confidential

Everett Public Schools is serious about protecting student records and privacy. The district uses multiple security measures to safeguard student transcripts and other education-related records. Only those teachers, administrators and other staff members who work directly with students (and have an educational need to know) have access to individual student records. Staff members are required to maintain confidentiality of all information in a student’s records.

Vaccination requirements

Students in kindergarten through 12th-grade need two doses of Varicella (chickenpox) vaccine or a health care provider document verifying they have already had chickenpox. Review vaccination requirements for your child on the [Washington State Department of Health website](#).

Four ways to stay in touch

At the bottom of every district webpage, you can sign up for [InTouch](#) announcements and school board meeting agendas highlights delivered to your email box twice monthly. You can also follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).



Attendance procedures

We look forward to seeing your child at school every day. Regular school attendance is important, and we will work with you to ensure your child is present to benefit from an excellent education. If your child is absent, please email the school at their attendance email address, which you can find on the school website.

If email is not possible, and even if you leave a message with the school attendance line, please send a written note to the school office within 30 days after your student returns to school.





ECEAP preschool accepting applications for 2018-19

Everett Public Schools' Early Childhood Education & Assistance Program (ECEAP) is a FREE preschool program for three- and four-year-old children from families with limited income. ECEAP prepares children for kindergarten and includes family support and health and nutrition services. It is funded by the [Washington State Department of Early Learning](#).

The five ECEAP sites within our school district are Garfield, Hawthorne, Lowell, Madison and Silver Lake elementary schools. Space is limited – apply early! For an application or more information, please call 425-385-4628.

Capital projects updates

Thank you for making so many capital projects possible through the April 2016 Capital Bond! You can follow progress on those projects online at www.everettsd.org/capitalprojects.

Register to vote!

It's easy! You can register online at <http://bit.ly/VoteRegistration> or stop by your school office to pick up paper registration materials.

Student opportunities and activities eflyers

We use *Peachjar* to email approved flyers from community organizations to parents and guardians. Schools also post those flyers on their websites. Look for the Peachjar button in the *Quicklinks* section of your school home page to see those flyers. You can also register there to have those flyers delivered to your email address if you aren't already receiving them.



Kids in Transition program

The Kids in Transition (KIT) program supports students who qualify as homeless under the federal [McKinney-Vinto Homeless Act](#). Students without a fixed, regular, or adequate nighttime residence may qualify. The KIT program works to eliminate barriers to students' academic success and extra-curricular involvement. We ensure homeless students have school supplies and provide tutoring or help students join in extended day or summer school classes.

We help students with the fees required take part in activities such as sports or clubs. KIT transports eligible students to maintain school stability, as long as the commute is feasible.

Last year, Everett Public Schools served over 1,100 homeless students at some time during the school year. For more information, visit the [KIT website](#) or contact Amy Perusse at 425-385-4032 or aperusse@everettsd.org.





Attention volunteers

Our schools rely on volunteers to support many important activities and our volunteer application has been updated.

- We are digital! All volunteer applications and background checks can only be processed online.
- We are focused on safety! We have new background check and safety training requirements.

ALL volunteers must fill out a new application for the 2018-19 school year. The new application is now available online at www.everettsd.org/volunteer.

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:

- 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