

Monroe Eagle News

MONROE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



September 2019

VOLUME 3, ISSUE 1

From the Principal

Greetings Monroe families,

As the summer twilights, and the 2019-20 school year begins, words cannot express how rejuvenated the Monroe Elementary administrators, teachers, and staff have become! The start of any new journey stirs various feelings – excitement, anxiousness, hope, and maybe even a sense of thrill. The entire Monroe team is eager to work with you and your students to fulfill their academic, social, and emotional growth.

Just as you rely on us to motivate and educate your children to realize their potential, the Monroe team relies on you as well. You and your family are the mainstay of our school. With your dedication and our institution's collective experience, together we will excel in preparing your students to rise above and soar against all odds and meet all challenges.

We depend on the power of family to fortify our community. Volunteering in the classroom, helping with teacher projects, chaperoning a field trip, or even taking on crossing guard duties unifies our team and ensures the success of all children. Joining or volunteering for groups like our PTA, Natural Leaders, and Watch D.O.G.S is another great way to bolster the success of our Monroe Elementary community and the development of our students. If you submitted an online application and were approved to be a volunteer since August 2018, you do not need to apply again. If you need to submit your application, please apply through the district [volunteer page](#).

Remember to check us out on Twitter @EPS_Monroe and visit our [website](#) at www.everettsd.org/monroe. Both are updated regularly for you to remain aware of all the fun happenings around our school and so you can join us for upcoming events. Up next is our Curriculum Night – look for more information coming soon.

Finally, our ability to contact you is vital. Important information will be sent home through a variety of ways – mail, Blackboard Connect phone and email messages, kid mail, etc. We want to make sure you are always included in your child's school experience. For the safety and wellbeing of your children, and to ensure you are always up-to-date on events, please keep your contact information current by using the [Home Access Center](#) or visit our school office to complete an update form.

Together, we will help our Eagles SOAR!

Heather Paddock, principal

Heather Paddock
Principal

Monroe Elementary School
10901 27th Ave. SE
Everett, WA 98208
www.everettsd.org/monroe

September 4

First Day of School – Grades 1-5

September 4-6

Kindergarten WaKIDS Meetings

September 6

Learning Improvement Friday
1:35 pm Release

September 9

First Day of Kindergarten

September 13

Learning Improvement Friday
1:35 pm Release

September 20

Learning Improvement Friday
1:35 pm Release

September 23

Curriculum Night
6:30 pm

September 27

PTA Bingo & Auction Night
6:30 pm – Cafeteria

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 2

Class & Individual Picture Day



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. Thank you.

Curriculum Night

Please mark your calendars for September 23 at 6:30 pm and join us for Curriculum Night. This evening will provide you with the opportunity to see where your student spends each day and hear about what will be taught throughout the year. We look forward to seeing you!

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 are not already an approved volunteer, please fill out an online application by going to www.everettsd.org, clicking on the *Community* tab, and then selecting *Volunteer*. Applications are good for three years. Once approved, volunteers also can help in the classrooms and chaperone field trips. Thank you for your consideration.

SAY CHEESE!



Group and Individual Picture Day

Picture Day is scheduled for October 2. This year, we will be taking class group photos on the same day as individual pictures. Picture order forms will be sent home soon.



Looking for Fathers and Father-figures

We are excited to have the Watch D.O.G.S. program at Monroe! Watch D.O.G.S. provides opportunities for fathers and father-figures to volunteer in a variety of ways. We are hosting an information night on October 7 at 6:30 pm. We hope to see you there!

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

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 for additional important information and upcoming events.



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.

New cell phone policy

The use of cell phones and personal electronic devices (PED) in the classroom can distract students from instruction, yet can be important to have accessible in case of emergency. With this in mind, the district has adopted a new personal electronic device [policy 3246](#) and [procedure 3246P](#) which will prohibit cell phone use in the classroom while still providing emergency access for students in case of emergency.

Elementary students who choose to bring cell phones and other PEDs to school may only use them before or after the school day. During the school day, they must be powered off and stored (e.g., in the student’s backpack, locker, other district provided storage). There will be storage in the classroom so, in the event of an emergency, the cell phones will be accessible without leaving the classroom.

There is an exception for students having an IEP, 504 Plan, or Individual Health Care Plan (IHP) that includes specific accommodations for assistive technology, following the process outlined in the student’s IEP, 504 Plan, or IHP.

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.

2019-20 Immunization Changes

On July 28, 2019 a new Washington State law went into affect that removes the personal and philosophical option to exempt children from the MMR (measles, mumps, and rubella) vaccine required for school and preschool. This law does not affect students with a religious or medical exemption. For more information please refer to [Exemption to School and Child Care Immunization Requirements Quick Reference Guide](#).

Access your family’s immunization information

To access your family's immunization information from the Washington State registry visit, sign up for [MyIR](#) to view, download and print your student's immunization records securely online. Once you register, you can access the records



anytime you need them. You can print your child's Certificate of Immunization Status for school, child care and camp programs.

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](#).



Mobile app

Families can [download the district mobile app](#) 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.



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 is now enrolling for 2019-20

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 in partnership with [Snohomish County Human Services](#) and [Washington State Department of Children, Youth and Families](#).

The five ECEAP sites within our schools are Garfield, Hawthorne, Lowell, Madison and Silver Lake elementary schools. Additional community locations are available. 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, and 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!

- We are digital! All volunteer applications and background checks can only be processed online.
- We are focused on safety! Each applicant requires background check and safety training.

Please plan ahead so your application can be processed in time for volunteer opportunities. The new application is now available online at www.everettsd.org/volunteer.



Backpacks for students in need



Do you know a family who might be in need this year? Stuff the Bus for Kids ensures each child in Everett Public Schools starts the school year prepared to learn. The EPS Foundation will deliver over 1,800 backpacks, filled with school supplies, and make them available to any Everett Public School student who may need extra assistance.

Students in need of a backpack, please reach out to your school to receive your supplies. Backpacks will be available for pick up at each school beginning August 28, the week before school.

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>



3900 Broadway
Everett, WA 98201
425-385-4000
www.everettsd.org

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

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