Monroe Eagle News

MONROE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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From the Principal

Greetings, Monroe families.

Welcome to 2019! I hope you had an enjoyable holiday season with your family and **friends. We're** excited to see everyone again and to get back to the fun of learning new things. We understand that a break from school can disrupt routines. Today, we reminded students of the expectations in various areas of our campus, and we will continue to review our policies with them as we get back into our regular schedule.

I would like to say thank you to the Natural Leaders and Julie Johnson, our Natural Leaders liaison, for coordinating our first Multicultural Night last month. It was wonderful to see the different traditions and foods – I know the kids liked the creativity involved in sharing their cultures with us. We look forward to expanding this event for next year and learning even more about our Monroe families.

While the semester will be ending soon, we still have some events to experience. Next week will be busy with our Lifelong Learners assembly on Monday, January 14, and our Martin Luther King, Jr. assembly that Friday. Our choir has been busy rehearsing, and we hope you can make it to the performance. Then, the PTA will be hosting another movie night on Friday, January 25. The students will again vote on the movie for the evening. Please note children must be accompanied by an adult as this is not a drop-off event. Thank you for your cooperation.

Finally, I'd like to remind everyone that as the weather gets colder, any school closures or delays will be communicated from the district and through local media reports. If you do not receive a message that school is closed or starting late, then we are beginning at the usual time. Remember to bundle up your kids so they can enjoy the fresh air during their breaks.

Thank you for all you do to support the students and our school!

Kind regards,

Heather Paddock, principal

✓ 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.

Heather Paddock Principal

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January 10 PTA Meeting

6:30 – Cafeteria

January 11 Historical Figure Spirit Day

January 14 Lifelong Learners Assembly – Gr. 3-5 1:45 pm – Cafeteria

January 14 Lifelong Learners Assembly – Gr. K-2 2:15 pm – Cafeteria

January 18 Martin Luther King, Jr. assembly 9:00 am – Cafeteria

January 21 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day NO SCHOOL

January 25 PTA Movie Night 6:30 pm – Cafeteria

January 28 Teacher Work Day NO SCHOOL

Next Month's Events

February 1 Fancy & Crazy Hair Spirit Day



Monroe Messages

How are We Doing?

In order to find out what we're doing well and areas where we can improve, we have created a Customer Service Survey. Next time you're in the office, please take a moment to fill out the short survey card and let us know what you think. Thank you!





Parking Lot Safety

As the days get colder and the roads get slick, please remember to use caution when driving or walking in our parking lot. The safety of our students, families, and staff is very important to us. Thank you for driving slowly and watching your step.

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Monroe Memos

Dear families,

In grades K-2, we have been focusing on problem-solving skills. Students' social problem-solving skills can be improved by direct instruction. Teaching problem-solving skills reduces impulsive behaviors, improves social competence and friendships, and prevents violence. The skills taught in the Second Step program are designed to build students' ability to handle interpersonal conflicts effectively. Students capable of calming down ad solving their own problems are more successful in school and in their interpersonal relationships.

Students with stronger problem-solving skills are more likely to be:

- Academically successful
- Socially adjusted
- Less impulsive
- Less aggressive

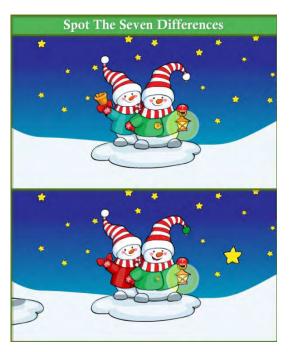
Students with weaker problem-solving skills are more likely to:

- Interpret others' behaviors toward them as hostile
- Respond aggressively to conflict

To read about the research for this unit, go online to <u>SecondStep.org</u>.

Ms. Harshman

P.S. Make sure to join <u>www.secondstep.org</u> with the activation key **SSP3FAMILY73** to watch videos about the *Second Step* program and get information about what your student is learning.



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Do you YouTube?

The district does. Search for Everett Public Schools WA to find all of our district videos. Miss a school board meeting? You can find videos of those meetings there too.

We're hiring para educators!

If you've ever wanted to help in a classroom, or lend your talents at a school, apply to be a classroom para educator! Para educators in Everett Public Schools provide instructional support to classroom teachers and ensure students with special needs have access to their learning. You're not available? Tell a neighbor or friend! This is your opportunity to have a huge impact on your community, one student at a time.

Look for the Employment icon on <u>www.Everettsd.org</u> to apply. If you're interested, please call Lauren Weeden, Director of Special Services for North Region Schools, at 425-385-5791.

January is School Board Appreciation Month

The month of January marks the annual observance of School Board Recognition – a time to salute the work of school board members and celebrate public education. This year, they were once again named a Board of Distinction. You can learn more about <u>board</u> <u>members online</u>.

Freaked by too much Fortnite?

Hear from parents and students about the pitfalls and positives about the extremely popular video game at <u>www. commonsensemedia.org</u>.

Help your student stay safer online through awareness and parent tips about this app and other games, movies and apps.





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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