

Who are Natural Leaders?

We are a multicultural/multilingual group of parents who organize to represent the diversity in our community. We honor the multiple voices in our parents and students to ensure everyone is represented. We want to create more equity and access to all the students and families.

The program was developed by WABS (Washington Alliance for Better Schools) in 2003 with parents in Shoreline, Everett, Edmonds, Mukilteo, and Northshore schools with funding from an OSPI Readiness to Learn grant. Further support in 2011 from the Discuren Foundation helped expand the program into the Marysville and Monroe school districts. The Natural Leaders Program is [cited by OSPI](#) as a strategy for improving high school graduation rates for English learners.*

*SOURCE: http://www.wabsalliance.org/engaged_families/natural-leaders/

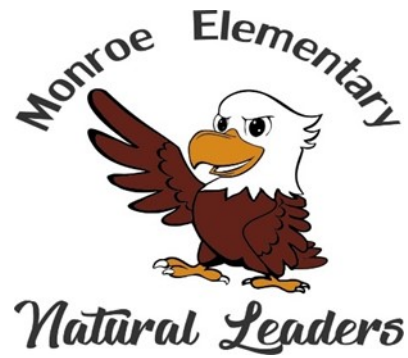


How Natural Leaders Help:

Parents take on a leadership role and build relationships with families in their community, identifies what helps these families be successful with education, and then implements these ideas.

A driving focus for Natural Leaders is collaborative community organizing where parents are equal partners with schools and community organizations sharing a common goal of both adults and children achieving success in education.

Natural Leaders serve as multi-cultural bridges between students, families, communities, and schools.



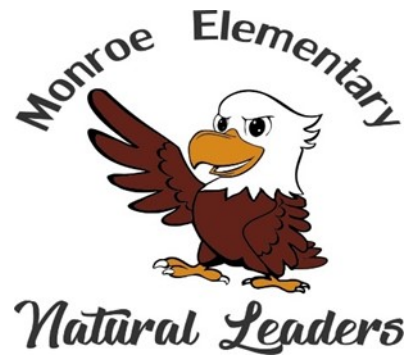
Activities:

Natural Leaders support and facilitate a great range of activities designed to educate and connect families with the goal to create a network of “Parents helping Parents” - not only in our school but also across the District. Some of the activities Natural Leaders have been part of are:

- Multicultural Nights.
- Children’s Day Celebration.
- STEM Family Nights.
- Forums and workshops to help families navigate the complexities of our educational system and topics related to family wellbeing.

Also as part of Natural Leaders, parents can participate in trainings from WABS to not only to help support other families but also for personal growth.





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