

# MONROE ELEMENTARY

September 1st, 2023

## Message from the Principal



Dear Monroe families,

With the end of summer comes the anticipation and enthusiasm for the start of a brand-new school year. We hope this newsletter finds you well and brimming with excitement, just as we are, for the wonderful journey that lies ahead. Our recent "Meet the Teacher Night" left us feeling invigorated and deeply appreciative of the strong sense of community that defines Monroe Elementary..

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the parents, guardians, and students who joined us for our "Meet the Teacher Night" on August 31st. The energy and eagerness that filled the room were truly inspiring. It was a joyous occasion, not only for us to introduce ourselves, but also for us to hear about your dreams, aspirations, and expectations for the upcoming school year. The conversations were filled with anticipation, curiosity, and a shared commitment to the success and growth of our students. We were thrilled to see familiar faces and to warmly welcome new members into our Monroe family. Your active engagement reaffirms the powerful partnership between home and school, setting the stage for an enriching and fulfilling academic year. As we stand on the cusp of a new school year, we're reminded of the endless possibilities that await our students. This year, we're dedicated to fostering an environment where curiosity is celebrated, diversity is embraced, and learning extends beyond the classroom walls.

Stay informed and engaged by following Monroe Elementary on social media @EPS\_MonroeES and visiting our website at <https://www.everettsd.org/monroe>. We love sharing snapshots of classroom activities, student achievements, and school events that capture the spirit of our vibrant community.

As we gear up for the start of school, we want to express our profound gratitude for your ongoing support and enthusiasm. Together, we'll make this school year a remarkable one, filled with growth,

learning, and memorable moments that will shape the future of our students.  
Here is to a great year at Monroe!

GO EAGLES!

Rich Middaugh  
Principal

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## IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

### September

Monday, September 4 – Office Closed (Labor Day)  
Wednesday, September 6 – 1st Day of School (Grades 1-5)  
Wednesday-Friday, September 6-8 – WaKIDS Kindergarten Meetings  
Friday, September 8 – LIF Day (1:35pm Dismissal)  
Monday, September 11 – 1st Day of School (Kindergarten)  
Tuesday, September 12 – PTA Meeting (6:00pm in MOE Library)  
Friday, September 15 – LIF Day (1:35pm Dismissal)  
Friday, September 15 – PTA Back to School Picnic (6:00-7:30pm on MOE Playground)  
Friday, September 22 – LIF Day (1:35pm Dismissal)  
Wednesday, September 27 – Dorian Individual Picture Day  
Thursday, September 28 – Curriculum Night (6:00-7:30pm)  
Friday, September 29 – LIF Day (1:35pm Dismissal)

### October

Thursday, October 5 – Awards Assembly (2:00pm in MOE Cafeteria)  
Friday, October 6 – Spirit Day + PTA Popcorn (Wear Red, White & Blue)  
October 12 – Natural Leaders Kick Off Night (6:00-7:00pm in MOE Cafeteria)

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## 2023-24 DISTRICT CALENDAR

This school year, the district will not be printing the Student Art calendar. To view the 2023-24 calendar, please click [here](#). School-specific dates can be found on our [website](#). Also, we will send home a half-sheet flyer at the beginning of each month with event dates and reminders of early dismissals or LIF days.

## FREE BREAKFAST & LUNCH FOR MOE STUDENTS

Monroe Elementary is a CEP school, which means breakfast and lunch will continue to be free for all of our Monroe Eagles. This is a four-year program, and we are entering the second year. None of our families needs to fill out a Free and Reduced Lunch form to benefit from this program.

## ATTENDANCE REMINDERS

We hope to see your student at school every day, but we understand illnesses and emergencies do happen. In the event you need to report your student absent, please email

[MOEAattendance@everettsd.org](mailto:MOEAattendance@everettsd.org). Please include:

- Student Name
- Student ID Number
- Teacher Name
- Date(s) of Absence
- Reason for Absence
- Parent/Guardian Name
- Parent/Guardian Phone Number

The email must be from the one we have on file for you. If we do not have an email address on file, or if you are unable to send an email, please call our Attendance Line at (425) 385-7302 and leave a message with the information mentioned above.

For extended absences due to travel, up to five days are excused, and we request that you fill out a Prearranged Absence Form so we can prepare for your child's absence. This form can be found in our office or by clicking [here](#).

## **\*\*NEW ARRIVAL PROCEDURES\*\***

Your child's safety is of the utmost importance to us. After touring our building with our district Safety and Security Coordinator, we are changing our arrival procedures. Students may continue to be dropped off at the Drive-through Lane; however, they will now walk along the south side of our building toward the back covered area of the school. Those students eating breakfast at Monroe will enter through a side door, which leads directly to our cafeteria. First, second, and third-grade students will use this same door and then make a right into our gym to line up with their classmates. Fourth and fifth grade students not eating breakfast will walk through the gate to the covered area to their class lines. Our Kindergarten students will continue to line up in the Eagles' Nest to the left of our main entrance.

Parents/guardians walking their students to their line will say goodbye outside of the side door or gate. Any adults who will be remaining on campus will first check in at the office by using the intercom and being buzzed in at the main front doors. All campus visitors or volunteers will need to sign in and obtain a badge.

We appreciate you understanding this change in process. This new routine will keep our Eagles and adults safe in the event of an emergency since we will always know who is in our building. Please refer to the [Arrival and Dismissal Procedures](#) on our website for more information.

## **INDIVIDUAL PICTURE DAY**

SMILE! Individual Picture Day with Dorian is scheduled for Wednesday, September 27. Order forms will go home with students on their first day of school. Pictures can be ordered online, or your child can bring the order envelope with them on picture day to give to the photographer. If your child misses picture day, retakes will happen on November 29. Class group photos will happen in February.

# FROM OUR MONROE PTA

## Monroe PTA Corner

Hello! Welcome to the PTA Corner of the Monroe Elementary School newsletter! The Monroe PTA has planned events and fundraisers for this school year to ensure our students, staff, and school receive additional materials, activities, and events to support a successful school year! Please join us as we support our school in fostering a positive and supportive environment for each person who walks through our doors.

### What is PTA?

**PTA is FUN:** Field Trips, Assemblies, Recess Supplies, Popcorn Fridays, Pumpkin Night, Glow Party, Skate Night, Movie Night, Fun Run

**PTA supports EQUITY:** Shoe Fund, School Supplies, Monroe Food Bank, Robotics and Choir Support

**PTA supports EDUCATION:** Staff Reimbursements, Music, PE, Art, and Library Funding

### Who is PTA?

PTA is parents, guardians, family, staff, teachers, administration, and community.

PTA is volunteers: We have many ways you can volunteer with PTA if you'd like—want to help?

- Executive Board Positions: can be held by 1-2 people
- VP Fundraising
- VP Membership
- VP Volunteers
- Committee Chairs
- Ad hoc help: opportunities for during school\*, evening, on your own, or in a group!

Volunteer survey: <https://mp.gg/jqyhom2n>

\*School day volunteers must be approved Everett School District volunteers

### Why should you join PTA?

Create connections

Help your student(s) and school

Have a voice

JOIN HERE: <https://mp.gg/t8193>

### Upcoming Events: September/October 2023

- 9/12: Member Meeting, Monroe Library, 6-7pm
- 9/15: Back to School Picnic, Monroe Playground, 6-7:30pm
- 9/20: MOD Pizza Dine Out, Mill Creek, All Day
- 10/6: Popcorn Friday, Monroe Cafeteria, In School
- 10/20: Monroe Spirit Fun Run, In School
- 10/25: MOD Pizza Dine Out, Mill Creek, All Day
- 10/27: Pumpkin Night, Monroe Cafeteria/Gym, 6-8pm

### Monroe PTA Executive Board 2023/24

President: Nicole VanderPloeg

VP Communication: Shanda Von Kleeck



Secretary: Danna Robins  
Treasurer: Heather Beba

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