

# MONROE ELEMENTARY

November 1, 2023

## Message from the Principal

Dear Monroe families,

As we step into the vibrant colors of fall and embrace the crisp autumn air, we are thrilled to share the latest updates and highlights from our wonderful school. This month, we want to take a moment to express our gratitude for the incredible support we have received, particularly from our PTA and the entire Monroe Elementary community.

### **Huge Thank You to PTA for Our Fun Run Success!**

The Monroe Elementary Fun Run was a fantastic event filled with laughter, excitement, and boundless energy. We would like to extend a huge thank you to our PTA for their dedication, hard work, and commitment to making this event a tremendous success. From coordinating volunteers to organizing the event logistics, they played a pivotal role in ensuring everything ran smoothly. Your dedication to the well-being and growth of our students is truly remarkable. The funds raised during the Fun Run will help support various school programs and initiatives that benefit every child at Monroe. Without your unwavering support and enthusiasm, this event would not have been possible.

### **Thank You to the Monroe Elementary Community**

Monroe Elementary School is not just a building; it's a community of passionate educators, caring parents, and, of course, our amazing students. We are genuinely grateful for the continuous support and involvement of our school community. Your commitment to our students and your belief in their potential is inspiring.

### **Thank You to Ms. Noble and Mr. Dersom**

We also want to give a special shout-out to Ms. Noble, whose dedication to updating the donations board every day is invaluable to us. Ms. Noble's tireless efforts help us track and celebrate the contributions of our generous community. Your commitment to ensuring that everyone's support is acknowledged and appreciated does not go unnoticed. Thank you, Ms. Noble, for your hard work and dedication!

Furthermore, we'd like to extend our gratitude to Mr. Dersom for the outstanding videos he created and the tireless effort he put into advertising our Fun Run with Regal the Eagle. The impact of these videos in promoting the event and boosting enthusiasm among our students cannot be overstated. Your creativity and dedication are truly appreciated.

As we move forward into this academic year, let's carry the spirit of unity and support that defines Monroe Elementary. Together, we can continue to make a difference in the lives of our students, providing them with the best possible educational experience.

Wishing you all a wonderful autumn season!

GO EAGLES!

Rich Middaugh

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## IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

### November

Thursday, November 2 – Awards Assembly (families of honored students will be notified)

Friday, November 3 – Spirit Day (See below for theme)

Friday, November 3 – 12:20pm Early Dismissal

Tuesday, November 7 – PTA Member Meeting @ 6:00pm

Wednesday, November 8 – Veterans Day Assembly @ 9:00am

Friday, November 10 – NO SCHOOL

Monday, November 13, - Friday, November 17 – Conference Week (12:20pm Dismissal)

Wednesday, November 22, - Friday, November 24 – NO SCHOOL (Thanksgiving Break)

Monday, November 27 – Reptile Man Visit @ 6:30pm

Wednesday, November 29 – Picture Retake Day

Wednesday, November 29 – MOE Fall Art Show @ 6:00pm

### December

Friday, December 1 – Spirit Day (Theme TBD) + PTA Popcorn Friday

Friday, December 1 – 1:35pm Dismissal

Thursday, December 7 – Awards Assembly (families of honored students will be notified)

Friday, December 8 – 1:35pm Dismissal

Friday, December 15 – 12:20pm Dismissal

Monday, December 18, - Monday, January 1 – NO SCHOOL (Winter Break)

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## NOVEMBER 3 SPIRIT DAY

The Spirit Day theme for November is Grade Color Day! To participate, students should wear the following colors:

Kindergarten -- Red  
First Grade -- White  
Second Grade -- Navy  
Third Grade -- Light Blue  
Fourth Grade -- Green  
Fifth Grade -- Purple

## VETERANS DAY ASSEMBLY

On Wednesday, November 8, we will be honoring our veterans with our Veterans Day Assembly. If you previously served or are currently serving, we invite you to join us at 9:00am in our cafeteria for a special performance. We sincerely thank you for your bravery and for serving our country.

## PICTURE RETAKE DAY

For those of you who missed our original picture day or would like to have a retake done, Dorian will be back at our school on Wednesday, November 29. If you already purchased and received your photo packet, please return it with your student on the 29th. Your student will give it to the photographer when they are getting their picture retaken. If you still need to order photos, please visit <https://www.dorianstudio.com/>.

## MONROE FOOD PANTRY

Thanks to the generous donations from our Monroe community and PTA, our Food Pantry has been replenished. Please click on the attachment below for more information on how to access the cupboards.

### Food Pantry.pdf

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## NATURAL LEADERS

### Who are we?

Natural Leaders are multicultural parents and family members that serve as a bridge between families, school, and communities.

### What do we do?

Natural Leaders does not cost anything. Build strong relationships with other multicultural/multilingual families, to ensure participation and representation in our schools while we support our children.

### Why do we do it?



We want all families to be represented, and we encourage them to be more active in our kid's education. Parent involvement leads to student success!

Interested? Contact [mp Perkins@everettsd.org](mailto:mp Perkins@everettsd.org)

Espanol: [dmartin@everettsd.org](mailto:dmartin@everettsd.org)

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

12/8 Spaghetti Dinner at Family Tree Apartments (5:00-7:30pm)

1/26 Read Around the World Literacy Night at Monroe Elementary (6:00-8:00pm)

4/18 Multicultural Night at Monroe Elementary (6:00-8:00pm)

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## FROM OUR MONROE PTA

### Monroe PTA Corner

Hello! Welcome to the PTA Corner of the Monroe Elementary School newsletter! ***Be in the know and read below!***

### Join PTA

Joining the Monroe PTA is a great way to connect, know about and have a voice in PTA activities, and help our students and school!

Join here: <https://mp.gg/t8193>

### Volunteer with PTA

We hit the ground running in October with some fun events! We had our PTA Popcorn Friday, Fun Run and our Pumpkin night. We have had so much fun. With that said, those events could not have gone as smoothly as they did without YOU!! By volunteering, you have made not only memories with your student but have made these events possible! Without your help, we wouldn't be able to have these events. If you are reading this and wondering how to volunteer, you can start here:

[https://www.applitrack.com/everettsd/onlineapp/\\_application.aspx?starting=true](https://www.applitrack.com/everettsd/onlineapp/_application.aspx?starting=true)

We are looking for volunteers to help with the following:

- Popcorn Friday!\*

- o When: 1st Friday of each month

- o What: help pop and bag 500+ bags of popcorn to be enjoyed by Monroe Students and Staff

- o Why: We can't do it without you! Unfortunately, we may need to cancel popcorn Fridays if we don't have support.

- o How: Sign Up link: [www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E49AFAF29A2FFC34-37615306-popcorn](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E49AFAF29A2FFC34-37615306-popcorn)

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

Apply here: <https://www.everettsd.org/volunteer>

### Yearbooks

WE NEED YOUR PHOTOS! Please send us your favorite photos of this school year: first day, Pumpkin Night, Field Trips, etc.

We rely heavily on our families and staff to provide us with photos from the school year to feature in our Monroe Yearbook!

[MonroeEaglesPTA@gmail.com](mailto:MonroeEaglesPTA@gmail.com)

Don't miss out this year. Order your yearbook TODAY! <https://buytheyearbook.pictavo.com/>

### **Monroe Clothing Drive**

We are collecting new and gently used clothes from October 27th (Pumpkin Night) through November 17th (Conference Week). Clothing will be used to support our Monroe families. We are starting with nothing, so we need underwear, socks, pants/sweats, shirts, sweaters/sweatshirts, jackets/coats, hats, mittens/gloves, etc. in children's size 5 through adult sizes.

Thank you for your support!

### **Monroe Fun Run – Results Coming Soon!**

Thank you so much for your support of our annual fun run! We are still finalizing the total amounts raised by each class as well as participation and number of donations and will share that shortly. We had 432 runners and a total of 7898 laps (718 miles)! Our Eagles did such a great job at the run and have started to receive some of their school-wide prizes.

Thank you so much for supporting our largest fundraiser of the year which allows PTA to continue to provide significant support for our school!

### **Food Drive**

Thank you so much for supporting our Fall Food Drive. Our Monroe Food Pantry is restocked for our families to use as needed! If you need to access the food pantry, please connect with the front office.

### **Business Sponsors / Company Match**

Company Match: Did you know the Monroe PTA is a 501c3 not for profit and is eligible for most company match donations? This means donations can go twice as far!

We are also looking for businesses to become sponsors of our PTA this year! If you have a business and would like to become a sponsor of Monroe PTA or if you know of a business that may like to become a sponsor, please email us at: [MonroeEaglesPTA@gmail.com](mailto:MonroeEaglesPTA@gmail.com)

Thank you!

### **Upcoming Events**

11/6: 5th Grade Yearbook Cover Art Contest Begins

11/15: Monthly Dine Out – Chipotle, Everett Mall Way – 4:00-8:00pm

11/21: Reptile Man Evening Show for Families, Monroe, 6:30pm, Recommended Donation of \$2 per person

### **Monroe PTA Executive Board 2023/24**

President: Nicole VanderPloeg

VP Communication: Shanda Von Kleeck

VP Volunteers: Angela Castillo

VP Membership: Grace Howell

Secretary: Danna Robins

Treasurer: Heather Beba




Each month, Everett Public Schools sends a newsletter to all of our families with information pertaining to all of our schools/programs. The November version of our newsletter is attached below for your consideration.

The images below serve as a preview of the content. You must open the attached .pdfs under these images for the embedded links to work.


Thank you for taking the time to review the information.

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### Native American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month

November is Native American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month. What started at the turn of the century as an effort to gain a day of recognition for the significant contributions the first Americans made to the establishment and growth of the U.S., has resulted in a whole month being designated for that purpose.




### Daylight Saving Time Ends



November 5, 2023, Daylight Savings Time Ends and we “fall back” one hour.

### Remember to vote Nov. 7

Remember to deliver your ballot to a ballot drop box near you or put it in the mail by Nov. 7. Postage is not required for ballots.



### November Holidays – schools closed

This is a friendly reminder there is no school on November 10 for Veterans Day and for Thanksgiving break, which is November 22 - 24.

### School performance report


Each school's performance report is available online on our school's website. More information is available on the [Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction website](#). At the bottom under data and research, click on “School Report Card” and select Everett from the list of districts.

### Harvest of the Month

This month, the Food and Nutrition department brings you squash grown in the PNW! Be sure to give them a try this month in our roasted squash or pumpkin custard!

Did you know there are two groups of squash, winter and summer? Find out more by checking out the Harvest of the Month flyer on the district [website](#).

May the gourd be with you!



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## Is my child too sick for school?

Is my child too sick to go to school? It is no fun being sick, but we also care about protecting students and their families from contagious diseases, so we ask you keep your student home when they are sick.

Keeping ill students at home and encouraging frequent hand washing protects us all. While we regret any inconvenience this may cause, following these guidelines will result in fewer absences and less illnesses overall.

Please visit the [district's website](#) to learn more. If you still have questions about whether your student is healthy enough to come to school, contact the school nurse or your child's health care provider.

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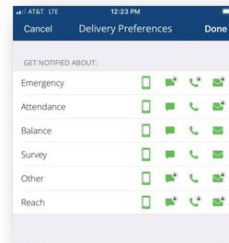
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## Receive information the way you prefer

This is a friendly reminder that parents and guardians can select their preferred method of communication so they will not get the same message in multiple formats unless they choose to. Below are some steps to take:

- Download the district's mobile app. One of the many features is to select your delivery preferences. Once you have signed into your account, click on your profile tile and then "Edit Delivery Preferences" at the top.
  - Click on the icon for app, text, phone or email to turn off that mode. Green indicates the mode is turned on. Some modes are locked, as indicated with the lock in the upper corner of the icon.
- Keep your contact information current by updating the "Annual Student Update Form 2023-2024" in Home Access Center or by letting your school office know anytime there is a change.
- Please visit the communications department webpage for a list of timely and relevant information to strengthen connections among families, staff and community.



## Play and Learn



Play and Learn is a free program for children from birth thru age five and their parents or caregivers to have fun playing together, creating art, listening to stories and singing songs! Sessions are held five days a week from 10:30 a.m. to noon at four locations.

[Click to learn more and see calendar.](#)

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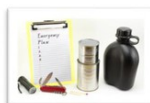


## There is still time to enroll your preschooler!

There is space available in our Early Childhood Education & Assistance Program (ECEAP)! This incredible program is for 3- and 4-year-old children from families with limited income and are enrolled in our schools. Learn more at [www.everettsd.org/ECEAP](http://www.everettsd.org/ECEAP).



## Is your family prepared?



[Snohomish County Emergency Management](#) has helpful online resources to help you create and practice emergency response plans with your family and neighborhood in preparation for bad weather.

## Important FAFSA/WASFA changes



Big changes are coming to financial aid applications this year! The 2024-25 FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) will not be available until December 2023. The WASFA (Washington Application for State Financial Aid) will also be delayed until the FAFSA opens.

Applications usually open October 1 of a student's senior year, so this is a major shift in the college planning process. The good news is that this delay is due to positive changes. The FAFSA form will be shorter and less complex, more students will be eligible for federal Pell Grants, and the average Pell award will be larger. Stay tuned for more information and find [resources](#) from the Washington Student Achievement Council.

## Online safety tips

- Keep the computer in a busy area of your home.
- Use an app to keep an eye on your child's online activity on their device.
- Talking about cyberbullying; ask if someone they know has been a victim. Ask if they have been victimized.
- Set up email and social media accounts with your children. Know their screen names and passwords and explain the reasons for not including any personal information in profiles.

Know who is in the "buddy lists." Get to know the cyberfriends just as you do those who visit your home. Parents and guardians may find the following resources helpful to begin a conversation about the dangers of engaging in cyberbullying and how to stay safe online:

- [Stop Bullying Now](#)
- [Ms. Parry's Guide to Correct Online Etiquette](#)
- [Common Sense Media](#)

Find out what Everett Public Schools students learn about digital citizenship on the [district website](#).



## Veterans Day free concert

The United States Army Field Band is performing a free concert at the Everett Civic Auditorium on November 11 at 7 p.m. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. The maximum number of free tickets per transaction is four.

Please visit [GoFan](#) to get your tickets today or scan the QR code.



## Modest Free Market



Modest Family Solutions is an organization that is working to create a more just and equitable food system. They provide produce to families and communities in need across western Washington sourcing product from local growers, with an emphasis on supporting and building a BIPOC food value chain.

Emerson Elementary School  
8720 7th Ave SE  
Everett, WA 98208

Produce available the 1st and 3rd Saturday of every month from 9 to 11 a.m. Cultural, home-grown, fresh foods. Stay in your car and pick up in the drive thru loop or come to the walk-up area.

## Have a safety concern related to schools? Report it!

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

<https://everett-wa.safeschoolsalert.com>



## News around the district

Like knowing what's happening in the district? Follow us on social media! Visit our [social media directory](#) for a list of schools, club or teacher accounts.

Want eflyers of student and family opportunities? Go to [Peachjar](#) and register a free account to receive eflyers emailed directly to you! And don't forget to check out the [district's news releases](#).



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• Everett, WA 98213

Section 504 Coordinator:

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