



MONROE ELEMENTARY

December 1, 2023

Message from the Principal

Dear Monroe families,

As 2023 draws to a close, it's time to acknowledge the incredible effort and work our students have put in. Their hard work and commitment to improving have been truly inspiring. It's a privilege for me to be part of the Monroe community and getting to know all our students and families. Monroe is a special place with special people.

As we come into the upcoming break, let's take a moment to reflect on the past year's achievements and set our sights on making the coming year even more extraordinary.

During the winter break, I encourage you to engage in learning activities that foster growth with your students. Reading with your children and practicing math skills can significantly move our students forward. Show them the wonders of reading and the practical uses for math. Spend some time baking or pointing out skills they would use daily. These can and will be foundation skills that will help students move forward.

I'm grateful for our incredible families. Your support and involvement make our community strong. Being a part of Monroe brings me joy and fulfillment—I cherish every moment spent here with your students.

Wishing you all a restful break filled with amazing moments with family and friends.

Go EAGLES!

Rich Middaugh

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

December

Thursday, December 7 – Awards Assemblies (families of honored students will be notified)
Friday, December 8 – 1:35pm Dismissal
Friday, December 15 – Pajama Day Spirit Day
Friday, December 15 – 12:20pm Dismissal
Monday, December 18, through Monday, January 1 – NO SCHOOL (Winter Break)

January

Tuesday, January 2 – Normal schedule resumes
Thursday, January 4 – Awards Assemblies (families of honored students will be notified)
Friday, January 5 – Rainbow Spirit Day
Friday, January 5 – 1:35pm Dismissal
Wednesday, January 10 – PTA Member Meeting @ 6:00pm
Friday, January 12 – 1:35pm Dismissal
Monday, January 15 – NO SCHOOL (MLK Jr. Day)
Friday, January 19 – 1:35pm Dismissal
Friday, January 19 – PTA Movie Night @ 6:00pm
Friday, January 26 – 1:35pm Dismissal
Friday, January 26 – Natural Leaders' Read Around the World Night @ 6:00pm

SPIRIT DAYS

We have a bonus spirit day this month. Friday, December 15, will be pajama day! Have a cozy, comfy day before we head into Winter Break.

Then, on Friday, January 5, let's kick off the new year and brighten up our days with Rainbow Spirit Day. We challenge you to wear as many colors as you can!

WATCH D.O.G.S.

We would like to invite dads and other male adult volunteers to become Watch D.O.G.S. here at Monroe. This national program is another way that parent volunteers serve the school. Dads and other adult male volunteers spend the entire day at school greeting students as they arrive, assisting in classrooms and helping supervise lunch and recesses. Many dads sign up on their child's birthday. To join Watch D.O.G.S., please follow the steps below:

- Become an approved volunteer by applying through the district website (click [here](#)).
- Contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Shannon Kennedy, at SKennedy@everettsd.org to schedule a day to volunteer. We ask that you reach out to Shannon at least two weeks before you would like to volunteer to allow enough time for her to make a schedule for you.
- Enjoy your day by checking in at the office at 8:15am where you will be given a badge and your schedule. You will enjoy a full day on campus including lunch with your student(s).

Thank you for sharing your time with our Eagles!

MORNING PROCEDURE CHANGE -- EFFECTIVE JAN 2

Due to staffing shortages, we moved our morning entry for students to the side of our building near the buses this year. We have now figured out a way to return to welcoming our Eagles each morning through our main entrance at the front of the school. Nothing is changing with the kiss-and-go lane or our parking lot; however, we now will have a paraeducator in our school entrance directing students into the building. If an adult is staying on campus to volunteer or to attend a meeting, they will be asked to sign in at the office before proceeding into the main part of our building.

While we have a staff member at the main doors during morning arrivals, the doors will be unlocked. However, doors will remain locked at all other times, and we ask that you press the button for the intercom so someone in the office can let you in for school business.

This change will take effect when we return from Winter Break on January 2.

ATTENDANCE REPORTING

Please remember to always report your student's absence to our office. The best way to report your child's absence is by emailing MOEAttendance@everettsd.org. If you prefer, you can leave a voice mail on our attendance line at (425) 385-7305. Always remember to email or call using the email address or phone number we have on file for you, and note that only listed guardians can report a student's absence. Thank you for continuing to communicate with us.

WINTER WONDERLAND AT EVERETT HIGH SCHOOL

Everett High School is hosting their annual Winter Wonderland tonight (December 1) from 5:00-7:00pm. Their main building will be decorated with lights and inflatables, and there will be FREE hot cocoa and cider. There will also be booths selling items and the Sugar + Spoon cookie dough truck. Please stop by if you're able!



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

November flew by and we had several volunteer opportunities: Reptile Man Assembly and Family evening show set up and clean-up as well as hearing screening and make up picture day . So thankful for the new volunteers that were willing to support our students, families, and school! If you haven't yet and you are curious to how YOU can volunteer please reach out! Email us at monroeeaglespta@gmail.com

We are also looking for Popcorn Friday Volunteers* for 2024 Popcorn Fridays! Sign up here: <https://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, Reptile Man, 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

5th Grade Baby Photos are due February 24th!

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

Monroe Fun Run Results!

Thank you so much for your support of our annual fun run!

Mr. Granstrom's class swept all categories and have received most of their prizes! We also rewarded Mr. Dersom and Mrs. Walkley's classes with Donuts and a PJ Day in celebration of their outstanding Fun Run participation rate and funds raised.

School-wide prizes have been received by students: Cartoons in the Cafeteria, Otter Pops, Hallway Dance Party, and Reptile Man assembly!

We are excited to share that our custom Monroe Spirit Socks will be distributed next week to each student who raised \$50.00 or more!

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

Thank you!

President: Nicole VanderPloeg
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VP Membership: Grace Howell
Secretary: Danna Robins
Treasurer: Heather Beba

EPS ARTICLES

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.

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