



MONROE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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THE MES-SENGER

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 - 6 Ohio Achievement Test Grade 3
 - 8 Fall Pictures
 - 11 School Levy Informational Neighborhood Walk
 - 13 Community School Levy Meeting
7:30P.M. Monroe High School
 - 12-16 Scholastic Book Fair
 - 14 **Early Dismissal 1:20P.M.**
 - 15 Family Fall Fest
 - Olweus Parent Meeting
 - 18 School Levy Informational Neighborhood Walk
 - 22 Market Day Pick Up 5-6 pm
 - 23 End of First Quarter
 - 25 School Levy Informational Neighborhood Walk
 - 26 School Board Meeting 7:00
Elementary Cafeteria
 - 27 Making a Difference
 - 30 Report Cards
 - 3 Professional Development for Teachers
No School for Students
 - 5 Awards Assemblies
9:15 Fourth 10:15 Third
 - 5,10 Fall Conferences
 - 6 Awards Assemblies
1:15 Fifth 2:15 Sixth
 - 10 Veteran's Day Assembly
 - 11 Early Dismissal 1:20P.M.
Community Veteran's Day Assembly
7:00 Auditorium
 - 13 Picture Retakes
 - 19 Market Day Pick Up 5-6 pm
Grades 5 and 6 Band Concert
 - 23 School Board Meeting
7:00 Elementary Cafeteria
 - 24 Making a Difference
 - 25-27 Fall Break/ No School

Important Counseling Information

Group counseling sessions will begin in October. The topic for group counseling beginning in October, November, and December will be divorce and non-traditional family. Many children benefit from this type of sharing group which focuses on developing skills to help students cope with the many issues surrounding divorced/separated parents and/or non-traditional family living arrangements. This group can also enhance self-esteem and interpersonal skills. Participation in this group is strictly voluntary and based on teacher and/or parent referral. If you are interested in having your child participate in this group, please contact Elizabeth Barger, School Counselor, at 539-8101x1106 or ebarger@monroelocalschools.com.

All referrals must be received by October 8!



Getting Third Graders Ready for the Fall OAT

As state testing time approaches, you may be wondering what you can do at home to help prepare your child to do his/her best on these tests. For assistance in preparing for the content of the test, be sure to communicate with your child's teacher. Teachers spend lots of time reviewing for these tests in the classroom. Many teachers have review packets and hold study sessions. Be sure to find out what's available for your child.

Some children become anxious when faced with a test. Begin talking with your child many weeks prior to these tests about how to relax and be confident in his/her abilities. Find some deep breathing techniques to reduce anxiety and practice these at home with your child. Make sure your child is aware of how to let a teacher know if he/she is feeling overwhelmed during a test.

Your child needs to be able to perform at his/her best during testing week. See that your child gets a good night's rest for each day of testing. Every morning should begin with a nutritional breakfast. Be enthusiastic and remind your child to do his/her very best work!

Good luck to all of our third graders as they get ready to take these tests!



I am glad to announce that October 6, 2009, we start another exciting year with Monroe Elementary in D.A.R.E.

If we can make a difference in one child's life it's all worth it. D.A.R.E. gives kids the opportunity to develop confidence and knowledge to make healthy choices.

Officer B. Kahny, School Resource Officer
Monroe Local Schools

(513)539-8101 School #6126
(513)539-9234 Police Dept.

Smile



Picture Day is Oct. 8

Student Drop-off Reminder

Our doors open at 8:20 each morning for students being dropped off by parents. Students who eat breakfast at school should be dropped off between 8:20 and 8:25. All other students should arrive at school between 8:25 and 8:30. Please remember that the security doors lock and the Tardy bell rings at 8:35. Students arriving at or after 8:35 must enter through the main doors and be signed in at the office by a parent as students are considered **Tardy** when they are not in their classrooms by 8:35. Thank you for your cooperation as we strive to have all students in class promptly so that they do not miss valuable instructional time.



Family Fall Fest



Thursday October 15, 2009

Join us to celebrate Family Night at the Book Fair and Fall Fest Activities

5:30-7:30



Pumpkin Painting

Popcorn

Drinks

Hot dogs



Book Fair

Olweus Information

Pizza

Bake Sale



Spirit Wear

Basket Raffle



School Levy News and Activities

Election day is approaching and there are opportunities for you to become more informed about the school levy. Volunteers will be in neighborhoods on Oct. 11, 18, and 25 passing out information. Community members have volunteered to host informational meetings in their homes. The dates and locations are:

- Oct. 8 930 Sleepy Hollow Dr. 7:30P.M.
- Oct. 15 3085 Apple Knoll 7:30P.M.
- Oct. 19 114 Wyndcrest 7:30P.M.
- Oct. 22 260 Sackett 7:30P.M.
- Oct. 27 335 Brookhurst 7:30P.M.

Remember, the deadline for voter registration is October 5. Locations are at the Board of Elections, various county agencies and offices, any Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles, public libraries, public high schools, vocational schools and by mail.



Monroe Elementary School will host a Scholastic Book Fair October 12-16. The Book Fair will be on Main Street. Families and the community are invited to attend the Book Fair, featuring the theme: Destination Book Fair: Read Around the World! A Family Night will be held on Thursday, October 15 from 3:30 PM until 7:30 PM. The Book Fair will offer specially priced books and educational products. Fair customers may help the school build classroom libraries and improve student's reading skills by purchasing books through the Classroom Wish List and the "One for Books" programs.

We will, once again, host a "Saturday Safari" on Saturday Morning, October 17th. The Scholastic Book Fair will be open on Main Street from 9:00 – 10:00 AM and our friends from the Cincinnati Zoo will be bringing some animals to see us from 10:00 – 11:00 AM in a program called "The Zoo Comes to You!" This will also be held in front of the Media Center on Main Street.

Visit our School's Book Fair Homepage at <http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bookfairs/cptoolkit/publish/monroeelementaryschool>

PTO wants Monroe Parents in the Know!

Thank you to the many parents and guardians that have sent in the volunteer sheets for the PTO. We are compiling all of the volunteers and the lists will be distributed to the chairpersons to contact the people for the activity.

We are critically in need of **Market Day** help. Market Day pick up dates and times are:

3:45-6:00 P.M.

9/25 10/22 11/19 12/17 1/28 2/25 3/25 4/29 5/27

Mrs. Gray will be operating our Bookstore again Year! She has a lot of exciting new items in stock. Remember that Gold Happy Hornets can be used for special items!

***The **Great American Fall Brochure** has gone home and there are so many wonderful gift items! This is the way the PTO can provide many things for our students! Our goal this year is \$5000.00. The money will help to pay for bus transportation for classroom field trips, classroom materials, and incentives for our students. Please remember participation for all fundraisers is optional.

** If you are participating in the sale please remember the following:
Order Forms and money need to be returned in the white envelope by October 8. Late orders will NOT be accepted.



Please keep the PINK copy of your sales order for your records.

Box Tops for Education

Please send them in...They are a great way for us to raise funds. Last year they brought in over \$900.00 Make sure that you send them in using an envelope or baggie with the teacher's name and grade on the bag..

Olweus Bullying Prevention Program Kicks-Off in October

This year starts the beginning of a new program for grades K-8. The Olweus Bullying Prevention Program will be implemented at the primary, elementary, and junior high school buildings. The Olweus Bullying Prevention Program Kick-Off Assembly will be presented to our elementary students on October 15th. That evening, parents are invited to attend a brief informational session during the Family Fall Fest. The session will begin at 6:00 pm in the auditorium. The classroom with the most parents in attendance will receive a pizza party! Come learn about this new program!

LOST AND FOUND

With the weather beginning to change there will be more lost coats and jackets. Please ask your children to check our LOST and FOUND located in

