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THE MES-SENGER

September 2009

Upcoming events

September

- 1 Boy Scout Meeting 7:00P.M. Elementary Cafeteria
- 2 ALPS Parent Meeting 6:30P.M.
- 3 Open House 6:00-7:30P.M.
- 7 Labor Day/**No School**
- 9 **Early Dismissal** 1:20P.M.
- 10 Grades 5 and 6 Band Meeting 6:30P.M. Band Room
- 22 School Levy Community Meeting 7:30P.M. Pri-Building
- 23 **Early Dismissal** 1:20P.M.
- 24 Market Day Pick Up 5-6 :00P.M.
- 25 Midterms
- 28 Board of Education Meeting 7:00P.M. Elementary Cafeteria
- 29 Making a Difference



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October

- 6 Achievement Testing (Grade3)
- 8 Fall Pictures
- 12-16 Scholastic Book Fair!
- 13 School Levy Community Meeting 7:30P.M.
- Jr/Sr High
- 14 **Early Dismissal** 1:20P.M.
- 15 Family Fall Fest
- 22 Market Day Pick Up 5-6P.M.
- 23 End of First Quarter
- 27 Making a Difference
- 30 Report Cards go Home



Congratulations to Monroe Elementary students, staff, and parents for receiving the academic ranking of "Excellent" in the state of Ohio. The "Excellent" ranking is noted on the School Report Card for 2008-2009 school year and shows the progress schools have made based on four measures of performance. These are: state indicators, performance index, adequate yearly progress, and value added. There is additional information about our performance on the Ohio Department of Education website or at report-card.ohio.gov. Thank you, parents for your continued support of the Monroe Local Schools. We anticipate another "excellent" year!!

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As the new year begins, we would like to remind everyone to take precautions to prevent the spread of colds and viruses. The H1N1 (swine flu) virus is still a real concern. Signs and symptoms of the flu include fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, chills and fatigue. Some also report diarrhea and vomiting. Each of us, needs to be aware of the symptoms and take everyday steps to protect our health and the health of our family members.

Everyday steps: cover nose and mouth with tissue when coughing or sneezing, throw tissue away immediately, and wash hands often with soap and water, especially after coughing or sneezing. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth. Germs spread this way. Try to avoid close contact with sick people.

If you or your child has the symptoms of either H1N1 or another strain of the flu, please stay home for at least 24 hours until the fever is gone. If symptoms persist, seek medical attention immediately. Please contact the school to alert officials of the possibility of H1N1.



Monroe Kids...Our Future...Our Opportunity

This November will bring a **great** opportunity to Monroe Local Schools. As a community, we will have the opportunity to pass a **Substitute Levy** that will **NOT** raise the taxes of existing businesses and homeowners, but will **enable** our school district to receive badly needed revenue.

Monroe Schools currently have 3 emergency levies as part of their funding, generating \$3.5 million dollars total, regardless of the number of homes or businesses being taxed. Under the existing emergency levies, our schools **do not have the opportunity to collect additional funds from new developments**. If the Substitute levy is passed, it will replace these 3 emergency levies and our schools will have the opportunity to receive additional revenue from those new homes and businesses.

If we do not pass this levy in November, we will loose the opportunity to collect the additional revenue on all new Monroe construction for 2009. This would include major projects such as the Outlet Mall, the Pipeline, and the Honda dealership.

If you have any questions or are interested in volunteering with our levy campaign, please contact Amie Earls- Levy Chairman 539-9392 or Mindy Booth -Levy Co-Chairman 539-9672. Please attend one of our community meetings scheduled on September 22 at 7:30P.M. at the Primary Building and October 13 at 7:30P.M. at the Jr/Sr High.

Please remember to **Support Monroe Local Schools on November 3rd**

Monroe Kids...Our Future!
Thank you!

Again....this will **not** raise your current taxes!

PTO News

Welcome back and we are looking forward to an exciting year. We would like to share some good news and up date you on what is to come this year.

Dates:

September 3-Open House - The Cone will be in the parking lot for your refreshments, Market Day will have information about products and on-line ordering, PTO will have a table set up to stop by and sign up for up-coming events. The bookstore will be open for supplies.

September 9 at 6:00P.M. will be our first organizational meeting of the year, please join us and get in on the raffle. The meeting is in the Elementary Cafeteria.

September 24 is the kick off date for our Fall Brochure.

October 8 is the final turn in date.

November 12 all items will be distributed.

We will be using Great American Fundraising this year. Check out the value items for 10.00 and less!!

Please remember all fundraising event participation is optional.

Gifts to the School from our 2008-09 Revenue are as follows:

- We have purchased a Kiln and supplies for our Elementary Art Program.
- All teacher, para pro, and support staff have been given a classroom allotment to buy items to help with the instruction of the students.
- We awarded 10 6th grade scholarships.
- We purchased digital cameras for use at all grade levels.

Please continue to send in BoxTops for Education . Remember that if you use Target Cards, and designate Monroe Elementary as the school your support, the school will receive a percentage of the purchase.

For the safety of all of our children there are guidelines in place to help everyone work together in making all operations of our school safe, smooth, and successful.

Arrival - Children may arrive at school at 8:25A.M.. Teachers will be on duty at that time. Stop your car in front of the school to allow your child to get out on the passenger side and enter through the activity doors. There will be staff members giving direction at this time as well. All parents are to remain in their cars as the children exit the cars and enter the building. If you need to enter the school for any reason, please park your car in the parking area and walk with your child into the building.

Dismissal - Dismissal for the students who ride home with their parents is at 3:15 P.M.. You will park your car in the parking area and enter the building to "sign out" your child. Once you have signed out your child, the teachers will call your child's name, and they will come through the doors to meet you in the rotunda. We realize that you are all anxious to get your child and travel home, but it will only take a few minutes to dismiss the children if the procedures are followed. Please be patient and comply with the instructions from the teachers!

Again, all of our procedures are designed to ensure the **safety and security** of our children.

Please try to avoid signing your child out before 3:15P.M. It becomes very confusing for the staff and students and creates potential security issues as he/she will be considered TARDY for recordkeeping purposes.

Attendance - Please call the school at 539-8101 to report your child's absence before 9:30A.M. and remember to send in a note or doctor's excuse upon their return to school. If there is no note given, it is considered an unexcused absence. Half day absence is arriving after 10:05A.M. or leaving before 1:50P.M.

Breakfast At School

Breakfast can be purchased at school in the mornings beginning Tuesday, September 8. The cost is \$1.25. It is a Grab-n-Go style breakfast. Students will proceed to the cafeteria, pick up their breakfast and eat it in their rooms.


Volunteers

Would you like to volunteer at Monroe Elementary? If so, you are required to have a background check. The background check is free and can be completed by contacting Rita Tannreuther at 539-2536 for an appointment!


Visitors

All Visitors must sign-in in the office and wear a visitor's badge. Please honor our safety procedures.

Important Information:

Monroe Elementary 539-8101
Transportation 539-0324
Monroe Primary 360-0700
Food Service 360-0539 

From the Elementary Office:

Thank you for filling out and returning the Enrollment and Emergency Medical Forms! These forms are vital in helping us locate you in case of illness or emergency. 

These forms are also needed to help us keep our records up to date.

When your address, email or phone number changes, it is important that you let us know so that we can better communicate with you about your child's education.

If you have had an address or custody change over the summer, please remember you are expected to provide the office with copies of your updated proof of residency and/or custody papers. Documents such as these are required by state law to be included in a students' cum folder.



Please review the 2009-2010 Student Handbook with your child. You will notice a few changes to the Student Dress Code and to the Attendance Procedures. The changes, affecting all students in the Monroe School District, reflect the high standards and expectations of our Monroe School Community. Please contact the Monroe Elementary office if you have questions.

The Monroe Local School district shall waive fees assessed by the District for instructional materials only for students whose parent(s) or guardian are unable to afford them. The Superintendent may, as deemed necessary, established additional procedures to supplement the procedures established in this policy regarding the requests for the waiver of fees. This waiver does not include District fees associated with extra-curricular activities or student enrichment programs that are not part of a course of instruction.

Eligibility Standards

Students eligible for a waiver of school fees include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Students who qualify for aide under Ohio Works First (R.C. 5107) or Disability Assistance (R.C. 5115).
- Students whose families have suffered very significant financial losses due to severe illness or injury in the family or unusual expenses including, but not limited to, fire, flood, or storm damage.
- Other good and just reasons.
- Students who qualify for free breakfast and /or lunch under the Ohio School Meals Program.
- Students who qualify for reduced breakfast and/or lunch under the Ohio School Meals Program.

Procedures for Resolution of Disputes

- A parent(s) or guardian who cannot pay school fees may write a letter requesting a waiver of fees to the Superintendent. The letter must contain the following:
 - name(s) of student(s)
 - name of parent(s) or guardian(s)
 - address of parent(s) or guardian(s)
 - phone number of parent(s) or guardian(s)
 - school where child(ren) attend(s)
 - reason for request for waiver of fees

The Superintendent shall have the authority to review the waiver request and request such further information if any, as s/he deems necessary in order to make a decision on that request.

B. No fee shall be collected from any parent(s) or guardian who is seeking a fee waiver in accordance with the District's policy until the District has acted on the initial request or appeal (if any is made), and the parent(s) or guardian have been notified of the decision.

C. If the Superintendent denies a request for fee waiver, then a copy of the decision shall be mailed to the parent(s) or guardian within fifteen (15) school days of receipt of the request. The decision shall state the reason for the denial and shall inform the parent(s) or guardian of the right to appeal, including the process and timelines for that action. The denial notice shall also include a statement informing the parent(s) or guardian that reapplication may be made for a waiver any time during the school year, if circumstances change. The decision of the Superintendent is final.