

MONROE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Monroe Elementary School
230 Yankee Road
Monroe, OH 45050

April, 2007
Elementary Office
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THE MES-SENGER

Dates to Remember . . .

April

- 2-3 Kindergarten Orientation Meetings 6:30 p.m.
- 3 Banking Day
- 4 Science Fair
- 5 NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS—Professional Development for Teachers
- 6-13 SPRING BREAK!
- 16 Board of Education Meeting
- 21 Saturday Safari
- 24 Making Difference
- 25 4th Grade Columbus trip
- 26-27 Author Visit—Loren Long
- 27 Health and Wellness Fair
- 30-May 4—Grades 3-6 Achievement Testing

May

- 1 Banking Day
- 3 Market Day PTO Meeting
- 4 Midterms
- 8 & 10 Kindergarten Registration
- 9 Preschool/Kindergarten field trips
- 17-18 "GO WEST!" Musical Production 7 p.m.
- 19 Saturday Safari
- 21-22 5th Grade Camp
- 23 6th Grade STARRS trip Best of Show Art Show 6 pm
- 25 Intermediate Field Day
- 28 NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS—Memorial Day
- 29 Making a Difference
- 29 Primary Field Day
- 28 Awards Assemblies
- 29 6th Grade Recognition Market Day

2007-2008

Kindergarten Information for Registration

There will be orientation meetings for all prospective Kindergarten parents. The meetings will be held at the Monroe Primary School, 225 Macready Avenue in the gymnasium at 6:30 p.m.

Monday, April 2, parents are invited who **reside WEST of Yankee Rd.**

Tuesday, April 3 will be the parent meeting for all students **residing EAST of Yankee Rd.** These evenings are designed to give parents kindergarten information and provide an opportunity to ask questions of teachers regarding Monroe's kindergarten program. A tour of the building will follow the meeting.

An appointment for registration in May will be given at the orientation meeting

It is not necessary to bring your student's for this meeting

Orientation forms can be obtained from the Elementary office at 230 Yankee Rd.

For more information call the office at 539-8101.

THERE IS NO OPEN ENROLLMENT AT THE ELEMENTARY

Documents required for enrollment must be received before the student can attend school.

Birth Certificate Up to date Shot Record SSN#

Proof of Residency (lease, deed or tax records only)

Custody/court documents if applicable.

Ohio Achievement Tests

Grades 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be given the week of April 30-May 4. We ask that you refrain from scheduling appointments for your student during this week so they arrive to school on time and are present each day.

**Once testing has begun, no students are permitted to enter the room, so it is imperative that all students arrive to school by 8:50 a.m. each day.

Some tips that have been proven to optimize your child's testing performance is for the child to receive a good night's sleep, eat a healthy breakfast, and arrive to school on time during testing days.

WHEN YOUR CHILD IS OUT OF SCHOOL, PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE AT 539-8101 TO NOTIFY THEM OF THE ABSENCE. UPON THE STUDENT'S RETURN, PLEASE SEND AN EXCUSE NOTE.

April 5 Professional Day for Teachers —no students * April 6-13 SPRING BREAK

Summer School

Reading And Math For grades K-6

We will be offering Summer School again this year for grades K-6 with a focus on reading and math. The sessions dates are:

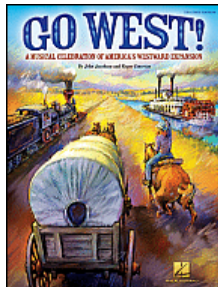
Wednesday, June 6 thru
Friday, June 22.

The sessions will be 3 hours long, from 8:30-11:30.

The cost will be \$50 per student. There will be NO bus transportation.

From the Media Center . . .

Loren Long will visit Monroe Elementary on April 26 and 27. Loren Long is an award-winning illustrator who can be found drawing each day at his house in West Chester, Ohio where he lives with his family. The illustrator has published numerous books for young readers. His first was *My Dog, My Hero*, by Betsy Byars, Betsy Duffey, and Laurie Myers. In 2003 superstar singer Madonna chose Loren Long to illustrate her story, *Mr. Peabody's Apples*, which hit #1 on the Children's New York Times Best Seller list. Loren has received many prestigious awards for his illustrations. He currently has two new books, *Wind Flyers* by Angela Johnson and *The Barnstormers—tales other travelin' nine/Game 1* by Phil Bildner. You will not want to miss this exciting event for our school!



4th, 5th & 6th Grade Musical Presentation

4th, 5th and 6th grade students will present our spring musical
"Go West"

on May 17 and 18 at 7 p.m.—In the auditorium

If you listen closely you may hear the clippity-clop of horses, the whistling of the steam engines and roaring of the riverboats along with the laughter of 90 students that involved in *Go West!*

Tickets are \$2 for Adults and \$1 for students. More information about tickets will come later.

**CAST MEMBERS: T-Shirt and costume orders are due with payment on April 19. Please check the prop list for items we can borrow. Music rehearsal CDs are available for \$1.



Fine Arts Camp to be held August 6-10, 2007

Music Camps:

Grades 1-3 from 12:00-2:00 pm

Grades 4-6 from 9:00-11:00 am

Art Camps:

Grades 1-3 from 9:00-11:00 am

Grades 4-6 from 12:00-2:00 pm

These camps are designed for hands on exploration beyond what is available in the traditional music and art room setting. Camp will conclude with a demonstration and gallery opening. Brochures will be sent to students who demonstrate high interest in the arts the week of April 16. There are only 20 spots available for each session.

The cost is \$65 per session. Your child may participate in both camps.

Catch the Reading Wave on Book Fair Beach has been a wonderful week!

Students enjoyed dressing for the beach as they attended the book fair. The selections at the book fair were great this year. The 2007 Caldecott Award winner, *Flotsam* and the 2007 Newbery Honor Winner, *Hattie Big Sky* were available for purchase. Many other award winning books were also offered. The profit from the book fair pays for yearly author and illustrator visits to Monroe Elementary. Teachers were also able to select books for their classrooms with part of the profit this spring.

A HUGE THANK YOU also goes to all of our parents volunteers! We could not do it without you!

PTO

The meeting for April has been cancelled due to spring break. We will meet on Thursday, May

3 at 5:30 in the Elementary cafeteria to wrap up this year's business and begin to plan for next year.

Scholarships for 6th grade students were due March 30. There has been a great response. The team will read them, the top 12 will be selected and awards will be announced during the 6th Grade Recognition. Good Luck to all participants!

Thank you to all who have volunteered this year. Especially our popcorn parents and to Patty Horvat and Hilda Linton who has been a huge help with our bookstore.



WE NEED YOU! The PTO would like to give the children popcorn and popsicles on Field Day this year. This is a huge undertaking; however without volunteer support, it would be nearly impossible. If anyone is interested please send a note to your child's teacher expressing your interest!

Keep sending in those Box Tops!

Sincerely,
Gayle Martz,