

MONROE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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THE MES-SENGER

December Dates

- 3 - School Fees due in full
- 3-7 - Holiday Shoppe
- 4 - Banking Day
- 14 - Spirit Day - Wear winter accessories
- 17 - Board of Education Mtg. 7:00 PM
DARE Graduation
- 19 - Making a Difference
- 20 - Market Day pickup at 5:30 PM
- 21 - Waiver Day - No school for students
- 24 - January 1 - Winter Break

January Dates

- 2 - First Day Back to School
- 3 - PTO Mtg. 5:30 in cafeteria
- 8 - Banking Day
- 10 - End of 2nd Quarter
- 11 - Professional Development Day - No School for Students
- 14 - Professional Development Day - No School for Students
- 18 - STARRS Field Trip
Report Cards Go Home
- 21 - Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day - No School for Students
- 24 & 25 - Awards Assemblies
- 25 - Dress in Your Best - Spirit Day
- 30 - Making a Difference
- 31 - Market Day pickup at 5:30 p.m.



Marine Toys for Tots Foundation

The mission of the US Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program is to collect new, unwrapped toys each year, and distribute those toys as Christmas gifts to needy children in the Monroe community. The primary goal of Toys for Tots is to deliver, through a shiny new toy at Christmas, a message of hope to needy youngsters that will motivate them to grow into responsible, productive, patriotic citizens and community leaders. Monroe Elementary has a donation box located in our interior rotunda. You may place your unwrapped donations in that box. The last day to make donations will be December 19th.

Snowy Weather

Annual Holiday Shoppe

December 3 - 7

Shopping times for students went home in their backpacks. Please ask your student for that information. This is an opportunity for your student to do some holiday shopping of their own!

Congratulations to the third grade staff and students!

The students scored 77% passage rate on the fall administration of the Ohio Achievement Test. The students continue to learn every day and are working very hard in preparation for the spring assessment.



Remember to keep sending in your Box Tops for Education. These box tops seem little but the payoff is big for our students! Box tops have helped purchase equipment on our playground and buy other items for our students. Your help is greatly appreciated.



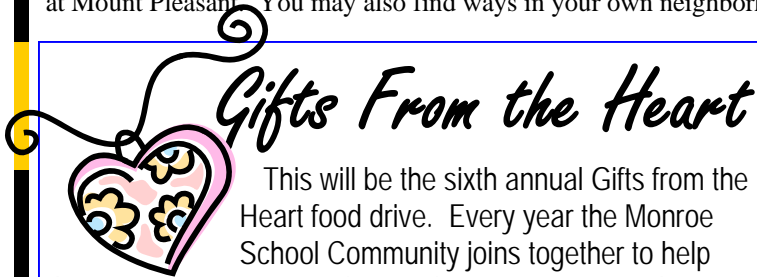
Monroe Hornets Care About Their Community!



Community Service Projects

In November our students collected care package items for our Soldiers and honored our Veterans with a program. Students at the Primary and Elementary Schools made Thanksgiving cards and Christmas ornaments for the residents at Mount Pleasant. It took three trips to carry all of the cards and ornaments into the retirement village! The residents were amazed at how much our students care about them and our Monroe community!

December is also full of opportunities to give back to our community: Toys for Tots, Gifts from the Heart, and decorate Christmas Trees at Mount Pleasant. You may also find ways in your own neighborhood to help.



Gifts From the Heart

This will be the sixth annual Gifts from the Heart food drive. Every year the Monroe School Community joins together to help those in our community who need some assistance during the holidays. Each grade level will be responsible for donating selected items. The items are to be brought to school and put in the rotunda area, in marked tubs, beginning December 3. The gifts will be distributed on December 19th. The following are the selected items to be donated by each grade level:

Preschool: canned goods

Kindergarten: paper products (paper plates, napkins, toilet paper, tissues and paper towels)

1st Grade: baking needs (flour, salt, sugar, cake, cookie, muffin and brownie mixes)

2nd Grade: dry goods (stuffing, mac and cheese, rice, pasta mixes, spaghetti, noodles, mashed potatoes etc.)

3rd Grade: canned goods

4th Grade: personal care items (deodorant, shampoo, lotions, shaving cream, brushes/combs, toothpaste/toothbrush, etc.)

5th Grade: cleaning supplies (laundry detergent, cleaners, sponges, scrubbers, dishwashing liquid, dishwasher detergent, mop, broom, dust pan)

6th Grade: drinks and snack food (crackers, cookies, pretzels, chips, juice and pop, etc.)

Let's make this year even better than last year. We collected 45 full tubs full of food. Remember, it takes everyone to make a difference!

6th Grade Student Council

The sixth grade classes learned about the elections through the process of voting for Student Council Representatives. Students constructed signs, prepared speeches, delivered their speech and voted for a class representative for Student Council. The following students were elected to represent their classes: Brice Cable, Jacob Corris, Terrin Keeton, Courtney Hartman, Carissa VanCleave, Tyler Beagley, and Lindsay Stone. Congratulations!

January PTO Meeting is an Important Meeting

Thursday, January 3, 5:30 p.m. Elementary Cafeteria
We need all parents help in planning for next year. The following items are the major items to be discussed:

- * Current financial statements
- * How to use our profits from this year
- * PTO Bylaws

As a Parent, Teacher Organization it is our commitment to serve the district for the common good of the students. In moving our district forward there is a need to update and keep in step with the changing needs of our students and district.

We hope to see you in January!

Monroe Local Schools Looks Ahead

Monroe Local Schools welcomes a new Superintendent on January 3, 2008. Dr. Lolli will be coming to our district from Barberton City Schools. Welcome Dr. Lolli! We look forward to working together in continuing the excellence that is Monroe Local School District!

Also take time to say thank you and farewell to Mr. Elam. Mr. Elam has done a great job in leading our district to what we are today. We all wish him well and good luck in all of his future endeavors.