



MONROE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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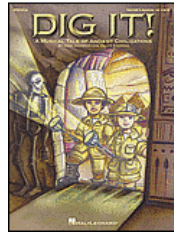
May 2010

May Calendar

- 3-7 Terra Nova Testing
- 6-7 Spring Musical "Dig It" Performances
- 7- Midterms
- 10-11 5th Grade Camp Campbell Gard
- 12 **Early Dismissal 1:20 P.M.**
- 13- Best of Show Art Display
- 14- ALPS Business Fair
- 20- ALPS Showcase
- 21- 3rd and 4th Grade Spelling Bee
- 24- Board of Education Meeting
7:00 P.M. Elementary Cafeteria
- 25- Making a Difference
- 27- Market Day Pick Up
5:00-6:00 P.M. Elementary Cafeteria
- 28- Field Day Grades 4 and 5
- 31- **Memorial Day/No School**

June Calendar

- 1- Field Day Grades 3 and 6
- 2- 6th Grade Dance
- 3- Awards Assemblies Grades 3-5
9:30 A.M. Grade 4 / 10:15 A.M. Grade 3
1:00 P.M. Grade 5
- 4- 6th Grade Recognition Assembly
9:15 A.M. in the Auditorium
Last Day for Students
(If No Calamity Days to Make Up)
1:45 P.M. Dismissal



Dig It

The Spring Musical Dig It will be presented Thursday, May 6 and Friday, May 7, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. Tickets will go on sale April 26. Reserved tickets (first ten rows) will be \$5.00 each. General admission tickets will be \$3.00 each. Children under 5 will be admitted free in the general admission area. Tickets may be purchased before school or after play practice until April 30 or at the door the night of the show.

All cast, crew, tech support and back stage members need to be present for the dress rehearsal on April 30 which will last until 7:00 P.M. The cast party will follow until 8:00 P.M. (This includes the prop creators.)

A Note From the Office:

While we strongly recommend that all vacations take place during times when school is not in session, students may be excused from school for reasons personal in nature at the discretion of the building principal or designee. A written request for a personal absence must be received by the office staff at least 5 days prior to the planned absence. Upon review of the student's academic and attendance records, a written reply will be issued indicating whether the absence(s) will be considered excused or unexcused. A maximum of five days may be excused for trips of personal nature.

Dress Code Reminders:

Please review the **Student Dress Code** in your student Handbook. Pay special attention to the items pertaining to the following:
Lower body articles of clothing must be hemmed and must cover the body from waist to **no more than three inches above the knee**.
Upper body articles of clothing should cover the body from shoulders to waist. Shirts must extend from the **neck to the shoulder** (no off the shoulder shirts or tank tops).
Students who are found to be in violation of the dress code may be permitted to call a parent for assistance. Extra copies of the student dress code are available in the office.

Health Information

REMINDER TO 6TH GRADE PARENTS:

Your child is required to receive a Tdap or Td vaccine prior to entering 7th grade in August. Please bring your child's immunization record to school after your child gets the vaccine. Please contact the school nurse if you have questions.

ALPS News

Friday, May 14th from 1:00-3:00pm is the ALPS Business Fair. Students in grades 4-6 who bring money will be allowed to shop for items created by ALPS students.

Wednesday, May 19th is the ALPS Showcase from 6:00-7:00 pm in the Elementary Rotunda. Fifth and sixth grade ALPS work will be displayed for parents to view.

PTO News

Open Positions for 2009/10: No Experience Necessary

Vice-President

To aid the president, help with fundraising, run meetings in the absence of the president.

Fundraising Co-Chairs:

- 2 people to coordinate fundraising events for next year
 - Fall Fundraiser – Spring Fundraiser – Holiday Shoppe
 - Distribute information and collect student packets

Market Day Chair and Co-Chair, 1 or 2 people **Critical position to fill!!**

Distribute Market Day Brochure and coordinate volunteers for monthly pick up.

State of the Treasury

Current Balance 3/31/10 **\$17,400,00**

This balance is the result of 2009-2010 fundraising:

Fall Brochure, Holiday Shoppe, Market Day and Zap-a-Snack.

Contributing Assets: Donation from MacDonald Insurance, Target Cards and BoxTops.

Projected budgeted expenditures:

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| Scholarships | 2,500.00 |
| Busses for grade level field trips | 1,000.00 |
| Awards for Awards Assemblies | 3,000.00 |
| Continued support of technology | 2,000.00 (based on ending balance) |

Items purchased by the PTO for this year:

Kiln and Supplies for the kiln
Awards for Student Achievement
Awards Assembly (on going expense)
Bookstore items for Happy Hornet Incentives
Conference Dinners for staff on Conference nights

Field Day

Field Day times are:

Friday, May 28
5th 9:00-11:00 A.M.

4th 12:15-2:15 P.M.

Tuesday, June 1

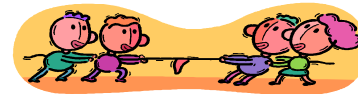
6th 9:00 A.M.-11:00

3rd 12:15-2:15 P.M.



Each grade will start with an optional 800 meter run (this is 2 laps around the track), followed by a tug of war competition and ending with various stations they can choose for fun.

The Physical Education teachers are looking for some old pillow cases. If you have any you can donate, please send them in with your child.



Kindergarten Registration

If you have a child that will be 5 years old by August 1 please call the Primary School Office at 360-0700 to get information about enrollment and orientation dates in August.

Understanding Stories



Does your child listen actively when you read aloud? It's a key to understanding what's happening the story.

Try these simple tips to build listening skills:

- Ask your child to retell small parts of the story to you. Or ask him questions while you read. *Examples:* "What will happen next?" "Why do you think she did that?" Find the answers to the questions together.
- After you've read a story together two or three times, skip a word or two. Ask your child to fill in the missing word or words. *Hint:* This works especially well with rhyming stories.

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Reading Aloud

Reading aloud is one of the best ways to help your child succeed in school. Keep these tips in mind:

- Everybody makes mistakes. If you make mistakes when reading aloud, your child will learn that it's okay for her to do so, too.
- Practice makes perfect. Find a book that you like and read it aloud by yourself until you feel comfortable.
- Involve your child in the story. Have her turn the pages. Or read one line and let her read the next.
- Take your time and don't rush the story. Your child can tell if you're in a hurry. Reading slowly will help you read clearly.
- As you feel more comfortable, try changing your voice to show the characters' feelings— joy, sadness, fear. These variations can make the story more exciting for both of you!
- Remember that you are helping your child to learn to enjoy reading. Try different types of reading materials, such as comic strips and poetry.
- Above all, try to relax and enjoy the time you're spending with your child.

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