

# MONROE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Monroe Elementary School  
230 Yankee Road  
Monroe, OH 45050

February 2007

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## THE MES-SENGER

### February Calendar

- 5 - Banking Day
- 11 - Board of Education Meeting - 7 pm - Elem. Cafeteria
- 12 - Community Forum - 6 pm - Auditorium
- 14 - Happy Valentine's Day!
- 15 - Midterms
- 18 - President's Day Holiday—No School for Students
- 22 - Spirit Day - Dress like a book character or a famous person
- 26 - Band Sponsored Spaghetti Dinner 5-7:30 pm
  - 6th Grade Band—report at 6:45—performance 7 pm
  - 5th Grade Band—report at 7:15—performance 7:30 pm
- 27 - Spring Pictures
- 28 - Making a Difference Students Recognized
  - Market Day Pickup 5-6 pm
  - PTO Meeting 5:30 pm



### March Calendar

- 3-7 - Stanford Achievement Test for Grades 2, 4 & 6
- 4 - Banking Day
- 6 - Conferences
- 10-14 Scholastic Book Fair
- 11 - Conferences
- 13 - Step Into the Spotlight
- 14 - Spirit Day - Beach Day
- 18 - Spelling Bee 1:30 pm
- 20 - End of the Third Quarter
  - Last for Students



### School Absences

Just a reminder: please call the office at 539-8101 when your child is going to be absent AND, most importantly,—please

### Kindergarten Parent Orientation Dates

Monday, March 3 for all students residing WEST of Yankee Rd.

Tuesday, March 11 for all students residing EAST of Yankee Rd.

6:30 p.m. Gymnasium at the **Primary School on 225 Macready Avenue**

\*Please do not bring any paperwork to the orientation.

### Registration Dates

Tuesday and Thursday, April 22 and 24 from 3:45—7:00 p.m.

**Beginning February 18 between the hours of 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m. enrollment packets can be picked up.**

*For more information please call the*

### SNEAK PEEK . . .

Spring Fund Raiser Dates

Sale Begins February 22  
Sale Ends March 3

We are participating in ZapaSnack fund raiser this year.

Get Ready!!!

## From the PTO:



Next Meeting is February 28, at 5:30 PM in the Elementary Cafeteria. WE NEED YOU! We are looking for parents to step up and become a vital part of the decision making process for the PTO. Board positions to be filled for next year are: Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Fundraising Co-chairs. If you are interested in serving contact Mrs. Martz at [gmartz@monroelocalschools.com](mailto:gmartz@monroelocalschools.com).

### Top Ten Ways Our Parents Make Monroe Elementary Successful!

10. Sending Box Tops to school
9. Building new playgrounds
8. Fall Fundraiser
7. Spring Fundraiser
6. Academic Awards for students
5. Market Day workers
4. Market Day purchases
3. Target Incentives
2. 6th Grade Scholarships
1. Being Supportive, Positive Role Models for Students!

### **Band Concert and Spaghetti Dinner Fundraising Event Tuesday, February 26**

Come enjoy an evening of great food and entertainment. Olive Garden will provide pasta, sauce and breadsticks combined with salad, drink and dessert. Price is \$6 for grades 7 and older \$5 for grades 6 and below, including senior citizens. Children 2 and under are FREE!



The dinner is sponsored by the Monroe Band Boosters and proceeds will go to support Monroe Band activities for all grades.

During this evening, the Fifth Grade Band, Sixth Grade Band, Junior High Concert Band, High School Concert Band and Jr./Sr. High School Jazz Band will perform. Each group will perform in separate concerts lasting approximately 20 minutes each.

\*\* There is no admission price. You must pay only if you plan to eat.



#### **CONCERT DRESS FOR BAND**

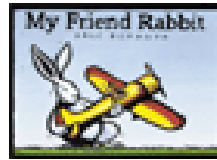
**STUDENTS:** 5th Grade - blue top, khaki pants or long khaki skirt.  
6th-12th grade - band polo and khakis

#### **REPORT TIMES FOR BAND**

##### **STUDENTS:**

6th Grade: report 6:45; perform at 7:00  
5th Grade report 7:15; perform at 7:30

### **Eric Rohmann, Award Winning Author and Illustrator to visit Monroe Elementary on April 7-9th.**



Mr. Rohmann was born in Riverside, Illinois and currently lives in a suburb of Chicago. In addition to writing and illustrating children's books, he is also a former teacher and has worked in a zoo.

Eric Rohmann has written and illustrated several books for young readers. He says, "I usually start with a picture, and then the words and story line follow." When he drew a picture of a rabbit with an airplane, he asked himself, "What would a rabbit do with an airplane?" That is how the book *My Friend Rabbit* began. *My Friend Rabbit* won the Caldecott Medal in 2003. The Caldecott medal is the highest honor an illustrated book can receive.

Eric Rohmann has also created book jackets for a number of novels and has illustrated *King Crow* by Jennifer Armstrong and *The Prairie Train* by Antoine O'Flatharta.

His new book, *A Kitten Tale* was released in January 2008.

Be looking for more information about

### **New Program at Monroe Local Schools**

Like many area districts, Monroe has experienced a significant growth in the number of students who are English language learners. As the district continues to identify an increasing number and diversity of students who need to learn English as a second language (ESL), it has become apparent that a systemic approach to assure success for all of our students is needed.

As a major part of that effort, Monroe has recently added the services of Lena Silyuk as our ESL tutor. Mrs. Silyuk comes to us from the West Clermont District and brings with her a wealth of experience and a tremendous passion to serve children. She speaks several languages and will be developing ESL services based on sound theory and best practice to meet the educational needs of our language minority students.

We look forward to working with Mrs. Silyuk as she implements programming for our limited English proficient students so that they can more fully participate in our school and classrooms. If you have questions about our developing ESL services, please contact Bob Stark, Director of Special Services at 360-0713.