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Monroe Elementary School
230 Yankee Road
Monroe, OH 45050

March, 2007
Elementary Office
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Dates to Remember . . .

March

- 1 *PTO & Market Day
- *5/6 Grade Band Performance and Spaghetti Dinner
- 2 *Read Across America
- *6th Grade STARRS trip
- *4th Grade Ohio Birthday Party
- 5 *1st Grade Performance
- 6 *Banking Day
- 8 *6th Grade Jr. High Orientation
- 16 *End of 3rd Quarter
- 19 *Bd of Ed Mtg. 7pm
- *Stanford Testing Week
- 22 *Parent Conferences
- 23 *Report Cards Go Home
- 23-30 Scholastic Book Fair
- 24 *Saturday Safari
- 27 *Spring Pictures
- *Making A Difference
- 28 * Awards Assemblies
- 29 *Step Into the Spotlight
- *Market Day
- 30 *Awards Assemblies

April

- 2-3 Kindergarten Orientation Meetings 6:30 p.m.

Annual Monroe Elementary Spelling Bee

The Monroe Elementary Spelling Bee will take place on Wednesday, February 28 at 1:30 p.m. in the Auditorium. Students from grades 4, 5 and 6 will participate in this annual event that will determine our Spelling Bee Winner. A reception with cookies and punch for participants and their families will be held in the lobby after the spelling bee. Good luck to all of our spellers!

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First Grade Students to Perform

On Monday, March 5 at 6:30 p.m. in the auditorium the first graders will be performing selections that demonstrate playing classroom instruments. All are invited to attend!

Third Quarter Awards Assembly Schedule

Wednesday, March 28

- 9:15—Grade 2
- 10:15—Kindergarten
- 1:00—Grade 5
- 2:15—Kindergarten

Friday, March 30

- 9:15—Grade 3
- 10:15—Grade 1
- 1:00—Grade 6
- 2:15—Grade 4

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Kindergarten Information for Registration

There will be orientation meetings for all prospective Kindergarten parents.

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.**

The meetings will be held at the Macready Avenue Elementary school in the gymnasium at 6:30 p.m.

These evenings are designed to give parents kindergarten information and provide an opportunity to ask questions of teachers and the nurse. 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.

Ohio Reads is off to a Great Start!

We have volunteers working with our students on reading skills. We are always looking for more volunteers. Call or email Jennifer Baker (jbaker@monroelocalschools.com) or Susan Hamilton (shamilton@monroelocalschools.com) 539-8101 for more information.

Ohio

Achievement Tests

for Grade 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.

Stanford and OLSAT Tests

For Grades 1, 3 4 & 6

These tests will take place during the weeks of March 19 and 26. 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.

Assessment results will be mailed home six to eight weeks after completion of the testing. These tests assess a student's individual achievement in a variety of subject areas.

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

***SPEAK!
Children's
Book
Illustrator's
Brag About
Their Dogs***

Monroe Local Schools has an exhibit of 33 original pieces of artwork from the book *SPEAK! Children's Book Illustrator's Brag About Their Dogs*. The Exhibit is displayed in the showcase outside the main gym doors.

Our students are also working on their own artwork and stories about pets. These will be displayed during Step into the Spotlight on Thursday evening, March 29.

Editor Michael J. Rosen will be here that night talking about *SPEAK!* and autographing books.

The hardback book lists for \$16.95 but we will be selling them at the discounted price of \$10.00. Order forms will come home or you may stop in the Media Center to purchase a book.

Book Fair and Saturday Safari in March!

The these of the spring book fair is *Catch the Reading Wave on Book Fair Beach*. The Book Fair will be held on Main Street. Book Fair preview days will be March 23 and 26. Book Fair sales will be March 27—30 from 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. Students will come to the Book Fair with their classroom teacher. Family night will be Thursday, March 29 from 3:30-7:30 p.m.

The Book Fair will also be open during **Saturday**

Safari on March 24 from 11:30—12:30. Tim Bowers will be the featured illustrator for Saturday Safari.



***Fun Dog, Sun Dog*
by Tim Bowers**

His book, *Fun Dog, Sun Dog* will be available for

sale at the Book Fair, and he will be autographing after his program. Book Fair brochures will come home with students before the fair begins. Mark your calendars for Book Fair Beach!

Volunteers Needed For Book Fair!

We have so many wonderful volunteers at Monroe and their work is invaluable to our students.

If you would be able to help, especially during school hours, please contact Brenda Gehm at 539-8101 ext 1114.

PTO NEWS

The next PTO meeting will be Thursday, March 1 at 6:00 in the Elementary cafeteria. All are welcome!

From 5:00-6:00 PTO will help Market Day with Cookie Dough pick up—thank you in advance for your help!

6th Grade Essay Contest

Once again the PTO will be awarding scholarships for the *Best Monroe Elementary Memory* essays. Twelve \$250 savings bonds will be awarded to the winners! Winners will be announced in May at 6th Grade Recognition on May 31st.

Box Tops: Don't forget to keep sending them in! This year's response has been outstanding.

Target Cards: Remember to designate Monroe Elementary as your school to earn money every time you use your target card!

From Our Music Department:

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

***"Go West" on
May 17 and 18.***

The musical is about pioneers making their way out west to California for the gold rush. They discover their "gold" may be their freedom to live their lives as they wish.

Auditions are currently taking place. If you need more information about auditions, contact Miss Knicely at 539-8101 ext. 2108.

Students will receive a calendar so they will know which rehearsals they need to attend. Rehearsals are from 3:45 to 5:30

There will be an all cast rehearsal on March 12. This is a required meeting for all students involved.

3rd Graders will be performing on March 29 as a part of Step Into the Spotlight. Their performance will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the auditorium.

The theme of the night is Animals to go along with the *SPEAK!* Exhibit. There will be a variety of songs about animals as well as some songs to demonstrate grade level development in music.

Students will meet in their music rooms at 6:05 to prepare for the concert. The concert will last approximately one half hour. Dress will be nice school clothes.

1st Grade performance will be Monday, March 5 at 6:30 p.m.

Dress is nice clothes. First Graders are to meet in their home-rooms at 6:05 p.m. Performance will be held in the auditorium.

