

MONROE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Monroe Elementary School
230 Yankee Road
Monroe, OH 45050

May, 2007
Elementary Office
539-8101

THE MES-SENGER

Dates to Remember . . .

May

- 1-11—Achievement Testing for Grades 3-6
- 3 Market Day
PTO Meeting
- 4 Midterms
- 8 & 10 Kindergarten Registration
- 9 Preschool/Kindergarten field trips
- 11 Physical Education Summer Academy
Registrations Due
- 17 2nd Grade Field Trip to the Zoo
- 17-18 "GO WEST!" Musical Production 7 p.m.
- 19 Saturday Safari
- 21 Board of Ed Meeting
- 21-22 5th Grade Camp
- 22 1st Grade Field Trip to Cincinnati Museum
- 22-24 Book Fair
- 23 6th Grade STARRS trip-Paul Brown Stadium
Best of Show Art Show 6 pm
- 24 Preschool Ceremony 10:20 am—2:25 pm
Kindergarten Program 6:30 p.m.
Book Fair open from 6-7:30 p.m.
- 25 Intermediate Field Day
Summer Academy Registrations Due
- 28 NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS—Memorial Day
- 29 Making a Difference
Primary Field Day
6th Grade Dance
- 30 Awards Assemblies
- 31 6th Grade Recognition 9:00 a.m.
Market Day



June

- 1- Last Day of School for Students
Awards Assemblies
- 6- 1st Day of Math/Reading Summer Academy

2007-2008

Kindergarten Information for Registration

A child must be 5 years old by September 30, 2007 to enter kindergarten. Senate Bill 140 states that children must have attended kindergarten before entering first grade.

Kindergarten registration will be on Tuesday, May 8 and Thursday, May 10 from 3:45 until 7:00 p.m. Registration forms can be obtained from the Elementary office at 230 Yankee Road. If you do not have a registration appointment, please contact the office at 539-8101. Registration night will be when completed forms and additional documentation listed below will be accepted.

It is not necessary to bring your student's for registration

Documents required for enrollment must be received before the student can attend school. Birth Certificate SSN#

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

Custody/court documents if applicable.

THERE IS NO OPEN ENROLLMENT

AT THE ELEMENTARY

If you know of a child who would qualify to attend kindergarten but may not get this newsletter, please have them call the elementary office for more information.

Ohio Achievement Tests

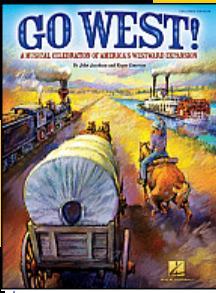
Grades 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be given the week of April 30-May 4. We ask that you refrain from scheduling appointments for your student during this week so they arrive to school on time and are present each day.

**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.

FIELD DAY NEWS: Intermediate (4-6) field day will be Friday, May 25. Primary (1-3) field day will be Tuesday, May 29. **Contact Heather Wiley or Traci Hines if you would like to volunteer for field day.**

WELLNESS POLICY: As of June 2006, all school districts were required to put a local wellness policy into effect. Any parents or community members interested in serving on the elementary wellness committee please contact the school.

Calamity Day Make Up WILL BE ON FRIDAY, JUNE 1—there will be school on that day.



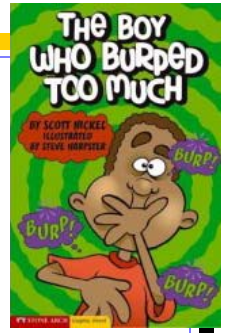
"Go West"

Presented by the 4, 5 and 6
grade students
On
May 17 and 18 at 7 pm

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 will go on sale May 7-16 at school and the night of the performances. Tickets are \$2 for Adults and \$1 for students (no charge for preschool children). For more ticket information please contact Mrs. Hesson at dhesson@monroelocalschools.com.

From the Media Center . . .

Authors and illustrators Scott Nickel and Steve Harpster will be at the May 19th **Saturday Safari**. It will begin at 10:30 a.m. Scott and Steve have worked together on the following books: *Night of the Homework Zombies*, *Jimmy Sniffles Dognapped!* and *The Boy Who Burped too Much*. Scott Nickel, who lives in Indiana has created hundreds of humorous greeting cards. Steve Harpster, residing in Worthington, Ohio, is the creator of over 60 children's books. You can visit his website at www.studioharpster.com. Scott and Steve will talk about how they collaborate on books. Some of their books will also be available for purchase. Come to the Saturday Safari and draw with Steve Harpster!



Summer Academy Offerings At Monroe Elementary

Summer School Reading And Math

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 a.m.

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

Registration forms are due May 25.

Physical Education Academy

August 6—August 10

Grades 1-3 from 9:00—11:00 a.m.

Grades 4-6 from 12:00—2:00 p.m.

Registrations were sent home and must be received by May 11. Class is limited to the first 50 paid registrants. Contact Heather Wiley or Traci Hines, instructors, at 539-8101 for more information. No bus transportation will be provided. Cost is \$65.00 (non-refundable fee). If the school cancels a session, registration fee will be refunded in full. Registration is due on May 11.

Fine Arts Academy August 6-10

Music Camps:

Art Camps:

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

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

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

Grades 4-6 from

12:00-2:00 pm

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.

PTO

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.
Officers for 2007-2008 school year are:

President: Gayle Martz Vice President: OPEN
Secretary: Shawna Knopp Treasurer: Mandy VanCleave
Fundraising: Shawna Knopp and Robin MacClennan
Market Day: Angela Webb and Jessica Ploeger

PTO FINANCIAL REPORT:

Total Profits (from various fund raising efforts like Box Tops, Spiritwear, Market Day and fall and holiday fundraisers) \$25, 375
Total Expenditures (from Jennings Playground Equipment, Berns, Conference Dinners and award ribbons) \$8.650.
Year End Balance: \$16, 725

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!

Thank you to Angela Webb and Jessica Ploeger for all their hard work and all of the parents and staff who make Market Day and success.

Thank you also to all of our parents who manned the popcorn machine on Friday's to put smiles on our children's faces during lunch!

6th Grade Scholarships: A team of parents will begin the process of reading the 53 essays that were received. Twelve students will be selected to receive the \$250 bond for their future education. Recipients will be announced at the May 31st Recognition Assembly.

Thank you to all for a great year!

We look forward to seeing you next year!

The Family Resource Lending Library is now open at Monroe Elementary

The Parent Lending Library, made possible with a generous grant from the Middletown Community Foundation is now open. The library contains books, CD's, DVD's and games that are focused on helping parents and families with all ages of children and teens to deal with the many issues that face today's families. The Library hours are Monday-Friday 9a.m.-3 p.m. It is free to any Monroe resident. Titles and descriptions of resources will be available for review on the school website: monroelocalschools.com beginning in May of 2007.