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THE MES-SENGER

Have a Safe and Fun Spring Break!

April Calendar

- 2 Step into the Spotlight/Book Fair Parent Night /5:30-7:30
- 3 Report Cards Go Home
- 6-10 Spring Break
- 13 Conference Exchange Day/No School
- 14 Professional Development Day/No School for Students
- 15 First Day Back to School
- 16 Awards Assemblies
9:15 Fourth 10:15 Third
- 17 Awards Assemblies
1:15 Fifth 2:15 Sixth
- 17-19 Jr/Sr High Musical Beauty and the Beast
- 20-May 1 Ohio Achievement Testing
- 23 Fifth Grade Camp Parent Meeting/6:30 Auditorium
- 27 Board of Education Meeting/7:00 Elementary Cafeteria
- 30 Market Day Pick Up/5:00-6:00 Elementary Cafeteria
- 30 Spring Choir Concert

May At-A-Glance

- 4 4th Grade Field Trip to Columbus
- 7 PTO Meeting/6:30 Elementary Cafeteria
- 4-8 Terra Nova Testing
- 11-12 Fifth Grade Camp at Camp Campbell Guard
- 14-15 Return of the Glass Slipper Performances
7:00 Auditorium
- 18-22 Scholastic Book Fair
- 21 Spelling Bee for 3rd and 4th Grade/9:30 Auditorium
- 22 Field Day for 5th and 6th Grade
- 26 Field Day for 3rd and 4th Grade
- 19 Author Visit
- 25 Memorial Day/ No School
- 26 Board of Education Meeting/7:00 Elementary Cafeteria
- 27 Best of Show Art Display
- 28 Market Day Pick up/5:00-6:00 Elementary Cafeteria

We Have A Winner!

Monroe Elementary held their annual Spelling Bee for 5th and 6th graders on March 11, 2009. Austin Achor was this year's top winner. He was also the winner for the 6th grade and the 5th grade winner was Mackenzie Russell.

Congratulations to our winners and all the participants!

The 3rd and 4th grade Spelling Bee will be held on Thursday, May 21, 2009 at 9:30 A.M. in the auditorium. The Spelling Bee contestants will be the top 5 spellers in each grade level. Hope you can join us!

Step Into the Spotlight

Thursday April 2 5:30-7:30

Art Fair



The elementary art department will be hosting a Kids Art Fair from 4:30-7:30 in the Elementary Rotunda. Parents, please be advised that the RSVP slip needs to be turned in by April 2 for your child's art work to be hung up for your viewing. There is no obligation to purchase the framed art work. All proceeds will go towards the purchase of a kiln for our students. Thank you to all who have supported the elementary art department!

Third Grade Performance



All third grade students will be performing at 6:30. Students should report to the elementary cafeteria at 6:00. Dress for the event is dark colored bottoms and a solid color top, no writing or printing.



Scholastic Book Fair will be open 3:30-7:30

The book fair will be on Main Street. Families and the community are invited to attend the Book Fair, featuring the theme: Lights! Camera! Book Fair! The Book fair will offer specially priced books and educational products. Book Fair customers may help the school build classroom libraries and improve children's reading skills by purchasing books through the Classroom Wish List and One for Books programs. Visit our School's Book Fair Homepage at: <http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bookfairs/cptool/publish/monroeelementaryschool>.



Band Bake Sale!



Refreshments/Food!



Fifth Grade Basket Raffle Ticket Sale!



Face Painting!

Raffle Tickets

Students are selling tickets to earn money for 5th Grade Camp. Fifth Grade students are selling raffle tickets for \$1 each. The money helps the students cover the cost of camp. The raffle prizes are themed baskets: Home & Garden, A Night Out with Family & Friends, Monroe Spirit Wear & Sports, and Family Fun & Games. Get your raffle tickets now!

There will be an informational parent meeting April 23 at 6:30 in the Auditorium.

Return of the Glass Slipper



The Return of the Glass Slipper will be presented Thursday, May 14 and Friday, May 15, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. Tickets will go on sale May 1. 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 or at the door the night of the show.

We are ordering show shirts with the show logo on the front and the names of the cast and crew on the back. All tee shirt forms and money must be turned in by Friday April 3, 2009. All cast members need to fill out the size and name information on the form whether or not they buy a shirt.

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

5th and 6th Grade Spring Choir Concert

The 5th and 6th grade choir concert will take place at 6:30 P.M. April 30. All students will need to report to the Elementary Cafeteria at 6:00. Dress for the performance will be dressy casual. (No color preference) This is a required performance. Please

Save the Dates!

Our students will be taking the Ohio Achievement Tests in April. These are very important tests for our students and our district. We are anxious for our students to "show off" how much they've learned this year! Please save the following dates on your April calendar:

4th and 5th Grade Tests will be April 20-24

3rd and 6th Grade Tests will be April 27-30

We appreciate your efforts to make sure your child will not be absent for any non-emergency reason on the dates listed above. Please make sure that doctor and dental appointments will not interfere with your child's attendance on those dates.

Getting Your Child Ready for Ohio Achievement Tests

As state testing time approaches, you may be wondering what you can do at home to help prepare your child to do his/her best on these tests. For assistance in preparing for the content of the test, be sure to communicate with your child's teacher. Teachers spend lots of time reviewing for these tests in the classroom. Many teachers have review packets and hold study sessions. Be sure to find out what's available for your child. Some children become anxious when faced with a test. Begin talking with your child many weeks prior to these tests about how to relax and be confident in his/her abilities. Find some deep breathing techniques to reduce anxiety and practice these at home with your child. Make sure your child is aware of how to let a teacher know if he/she is feeling overwhelmed during a test.

Your child needs to be able to perform at his/her best during testing week. See that your child gets a good night's rest for each day of testing. Every morning should begin with a nutritional breakfast. Be enthusiastic and remind your child to do his/her very best work!

Good luck to all of our students as they get ready to these tests!

Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration packets will be available for pick-up beginning April 20th and ending May 1st from the Monroe Primary Office. Hours for pick-up will be 9:30 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. and 1:30 P.M. to 3:00 P.M., Monday through Friday. Children must be five years of age on or before September 30 to register for kindergarten.

Kindergarten screening for all incoming kindergartners will be held May 12th, 13th and 14th at Monroe Primary School between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. An appointment time will be scheduled when you get the registration packet. During this appointment your child will meet with a kindergarten teacher for a short screening and the parent/guardians should bring the completed enrollment forms included in the enrollment packet and the items listed in the packet to be copied.

Please call the Primary School Office at

**Spirit Day
Math Fact
Friday, April 24**



Wear a shirt or hat with a math fact! Please remember, it does need to be consistent with our school dress policy.

PTO Help Wanted:

Become a part of the decision process
No previous experience necessary

Fundraising Chairperson Needed

Jobs include:

- Help make decisions
- Organize fundraisers (send out and collect information and count money)

Market Day Co-Chairs Needed

Jobs include:

- Distribute and collect flyers
- Enter order information
- Help set up distribution of orders

Vice President Needed

Jobs include:

- Oversee fundraisers
- Take over for President in the event of absence

Market Day

Remember you can always submit your orders on line:
www.marketday.com

Scholarships

6th grade scholarships will be due May 1, 2009. Information will come home with students by April 17.