

MONROE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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THE MESSENGER

December Dates

- 3&10 Kidz Home Alone Class 3:30-5:30P.M.
- 8-12 Holiday Shoppe
- 13 Christmas on the Plaza
- 18 Special Visitor for 3rd Graders
Choir Concert 6:30P.M.
Market Day pickup 5-6:30P.M.
Elementary Cafeteria
- 19 Spirit Day - Wear winter accessories
Talent Show
- 22 Board of Education Mtg. 7:00P.M.
Elementary Cafeteria
- 22-January 2 - Winter Break

January Dates

- 5 First Day Back to School
- 8 PTO Meeting at Primary School 6:30P.M.
- 15 End of 2nd Quarter
- 16 Professional Development Day
No School for students
- 19 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day
No School for Students
- 26 Board of Education Mtg. 7:00P.M.
- 29 Market Day pickup 5-6:30
Elementary Cafeteria
- 29&30 Awards Assemblies
- 30 Spirit Day- Dress like Twins



Marine Toys for Tots Foundation

The mission of the US Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program is to collect new, unwrapped toys each year, and distribute those toys as Christmas gifts to needy children in the Monroe community. The primary goal of Toys for Tots is to deliver, through a shiny new toy at Christmas, a message of hope to needy youngsters that will motivate them to grow into responsible, productive, patriotic citizens and community leaders. Monroe Elementary has a donation box located in our interior rotunda. You may place your unwrapped donations in that box. The last day to make donations will be December 16th.

Congratulations to the third grade staff and students!

The students scored 70% passage rate on the fall administration of the Ohio Achievement Test. The students continue to learn every day and are working very hard in preparation for the spring assessment.



SUBSTITUTE TEACHING

Would you like a rewarding job with great pay and a wonderful environment? Do you have a Bachelor's Degree and enjoy working with students? Call the Butler County Educational Service Center office at 513-887-3710 and ask for information regarding substitute teaching!

The Mobile Dentists will be here on February 3, 2009 to provide oral examinations and teeth cleanings for our students. Applications will be sent home at the beginning of December. If you would like your child to participate, you must return the application and payment, if applicable, by December 18, 2008.



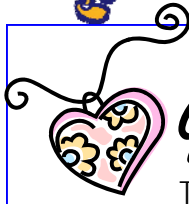
Happy Holidays to all





Annual Holiday Shoppe December 8 - 12

This is an opportunity for your children to do a little of their own holiday shopping. It is a great time for the children and a fun event to volunteer to assist students. We are still in need of volunteers! Call the school at 539-8101.



Gifts From the Heart

This will be the seventh annual Gifts from the Heart food drive. Every year the Monroe School Community joins together to help those in our community who need some assistance during the holidays. Each grade level will be responsible for donating selected items. The items are to be brought to school and put in marked tubs on Main Street. Collection of items will begin December 1 and end on December 12. The gifts will be distributed on December 17th. The following are the selected items to be donated by each grade level:

3rd Grade: canned goods

4th Grade: personal care items (deodorant, shampoo, lotions, shaving cream, brushes/combs, toothpaste/toothbrush, etc.)

5th Grade: cleaning supplies (laundry detergent, cleaners, sponges, scrubbers, dishwashing liquid, dishwasher detergent, mop, broom, dust pan)

6th Grade: drinks and snack food (crackers, cookies, pretzels, chips, juice and pop, etc.)

Let's teach our students that the Holidays aren't just about getting gifts, but are more about giving from the heart. The feeling that you get from giving is far greater than the feeling of receiving!

Kidz Home Alone Class offered for boys & girls in 5th and 6th grade

- Class includes:**
- First aid & Safety
 - What if Scenarios
 - How to Handle Emergencies
 - Visits from Local Police & Fire Departments
 - Creative Problem Solving
 - Weather Emergencies
 - Poison Safety
 - Home Alone Rules
 - Activities to do While Home Alone
 - What to do if you can't get in touch with your parents
 - ...and it's fun!

Class Dates: December 3rd & 10th, 2008

Time: 3:30 to 5:30P.M. (Be sure to bring a snack!)

Place: Monroe Elementary School—Room C219

Class size: Limited to 25 students

Cost: \$42.00

Registration Deadline: December 2nd, 2008 - 7:00A.M.

Pay by check or credit card at www.betterbabysitters.com and click on "Register for a Class".

Questions? Call Patti Shull/Jenny Dennis at 539-8101 about registration. Call Amy Marks at 336-9993 about course material.

It is the parents responsibility to provide transportation home from the class. Please meet your child in front of the school.

P Our Market Day Fall Brochure was a great success! Our net profit for the Elementary Building was \$9896.00. At the Elementary Building we had determined that the profits from the sale would go to support technology and we have started to purchase the items. To date we have purchased four digital cameras to be used in the classrooms and are considering several other technology items for purchase.

Box Tops and Target Cards



T Remember to keep sending in your Box Tops for Education. These box tops seem little but the payoff is big for our students! We get money back and plan to purchase books for our Leveled Book Room. Please continue to designate Monroe Elementary as you shop at Target and use your Red Cards! We get a % back from each sale. The monies will go to purchase trade books for our Leveled Book Room.

Market Day

O Thank you to our chairperson Jessica Poe for the great job she has done this year! The Pie Sale and Pennies for Pies were very successful. Jessica also has asked for some volunteers from the Elementary. If you can help, please contact the Elementary Office and we will get your name to her. Volunteers are only needed once a month 3:00-6:00P.M. on Thursdays to help with Market Day Pick Up. Pick up dates are: 12/18, 1/29, 2/26, 3/26, 4/30, 5/28.