

# MONROE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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March 2009



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## THE MESSENGER

### March Calendar

- 3 - Band Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser and Concert  
Dinner 5:00-7:00 Jr./Sr. High Cafeteria  
6th grade/Sr. High Concert 6:00-7:00  
5th grade/Jr. High Concert 7:30-8:30
- 11- 5th and 6th Grade Spelling Bee 1:30 Auditorium
- 12- PTO Meeting 6:30 Elementary Cafeteria
- 16- Author Visit Karma Wilson
- 20 - Spirit Day - Beach Day (no swimsuits)
- 23- Board of Education Mtg. 7:00  
Elementary Cafeteria
- 26- Market Day Pick Up 5:00-6:00  
Elementary Cafeteria
- 27- End of 3rd Quarter
- 31-April 2 Scholastic Book Fair

### April Calendar

- 2- Step into the Spotlight/ Book Fair Parent Night 5:30-7:30
- 6-10 Spring Break
- 13- Conference Exchange Day/ No School
- 14- Professional Development Day/ No School
- 16- Awards Assemblies  
9:15 Fourth 10:15 Third
- 17- Awards Assemblies  
1:15 Fifth 2:15 Sixth
- 20-May 1 Ohio Achievement Testing
- 23- 5th 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

### SUBSTITUTE LEVY

The next two years are critical for the Monroe Local School District. All three of our emergency levies are up for renewal beginning as early as this year.

In December 2009, a \$1.5 million dollar emergency levy will be terminated unless it is renewed. It is imperative that the district keep this funding source. The district will likely be placing a "Substitute Levy" on the ballot this calendar year. What exactly is a substitute levy? This type of levy is new to Ohio. A district can substitute or exchange an emergency levy renewal with a substitute levy. The substitute levy is identical to the original emergency levy with one exception – as new valuation growth is seen in the district by new industry or housing, the additional value is added to the original value of the levy without raising taxes for existing homeowners. A substitute levy keeps the taxes as they are today for current homeowners as if the original emergency levy was simply renewed. That means this levy when passed will NOT cost you anymore than it does today.

In summary, the current emergency levy will be exchanged for a substitute levy without any additional taxes for current home and business owners. New homes or businesses built in the district will be taxed at the same rate as the current owners and the district will be able to see additional revenue from the new growth only!

The current emergency levy will end in Dec. 2009 and the new substitute levy will begin in 2010. The new levy will not cost you any more money – no new taxes.



### Hornet Spelling Bee

The Monroe Elementary School will be having their annual Spelling Bee. The 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade spelling bee will be held on March 11, 2009 at 1:30 p.m. in the auditorium. The 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade Spelling Bee will be held on May 21, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. in the auditorium. The Spelling Bee contestants are the top 5 spellers in each grade level. Come and see what wonderful spellers we are!!!

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Thank you to the parents who have sent in donations for the baskets for the 5th grade Camp Fundraiser! If you have not already done so, we welcome your donations. Please send them in with your 5th grader.

## From the PTO:

**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).

Thank you to all who send in your BoxTops for Education and designate Monroe Elementary when you use your Target Red Card! Please continue...These are great ways for us to raise funds.

Next PTO Meeting is Scheduled for  
Thursday, March 12 - 6:30 P.M. in the  
Elementary Cafeteria.

Thank you to all of our parents and  
community members for your support of  
our Spring Fund Raiser - Zap-a-Snack!

## Jump Rope for Heart

Students have been busy all week participating in Jump Rope for Heart to help raise money for the American Heart Association. The students have raised \$7769.35 which will help with heart disease education and research. Students have been challenged to jump 30 consecutive jumps to help celebrate Jump Rope for Heart's 30th Anniversary. Amit Patel was the student who raised the most money with \$730.10. The class with the most money turned in was Mrs. Ashworth's class with \$917.50. A big thank you to all students, teachers and parents for helping to make our event a success..



## 5th Grade Camp

Fifth grade students will be selling raffle tickets beginning Feb. 25 through April 17. Tickets are \$1 and buys a chance to win one of 7 different themed baskets (2 sports, 2 home and garden, 2 games and one night on the town). The money helps fifth grade students cover the cost of camp. You can buy tickets from any fifth grade student, or any fifth grade teacher. There will be an informational parent meeting April 23 at 6:30. **Get your raffle tickets and help support the 5th Grade!**



## We Need Your Help!

The clinic could use donations of clean, used large, sweatpants and tops for boys and girls. From time to time our students spill things on themselves or get muddy on the playground and need a change of clothes.

## Scholastic Book Fair

Monroe Elementary School will host a Scholastic Book Fair on March 31 – April 2. 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! A Family Night will be held on Thursday, April 2 from 3:30 PM – 7:30 PM. 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/cptoolkit/publish/monroeelementaryschool>



## Author Visit

Karma Wilson will visit Monroe Elementary on March 16. Karma Wilson is a bestselling author who lives with her husband and three children in northern Idaho. Karma started writing for children at age 27 and three years later after countless rejections, she was finally accepted by a book agent. Her first book, *Bear Snores On*, was released in 2002. Since then Karma has had more than 30 books accepted for publication. Her books include *Bear Feels Scared*, *Bear Feels Sick*, *Bear's New Friend*, *Bear Snores On*, *Bear Wants More*, *Bear Stays Up for Christmas*, *How to Bake an American Pie*, *Frog in the Bog*, *Whopper Cake*, *Animal Strike at the Zoo*, *It's True!*, and *Moose Tracks*. A limited number of her books will be available for sale in the media center.



## Step Into the Spotlight

**Thursday April 2  
5:30—7:30**

On April 2, 2009 during our Spot Light on the Arts night, the elementary art department will be hosting a Kids Art Fair. Look for RSVP's that will be coming home with your child. Third grade students will be performing at 6:30. Come join us for a family night of fun!

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

**Scholastic Book Fair**  
**Art Display**  
**Balloon Sculpturist**  
**Baked Goods**  
**Pizza & Pop**  
**Spirit Wear**  
**Face Painting**