

## DATES TO REMEMBER

5/1	Kindergarten Registration 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.	5/26	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Recognition Program 7:00 p.m.
5/1	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter Interim Reports Sent Home	5/28	DARE Graduation 9:30 a.m.
5/4-8	OAT Make-Up Testing	5/29	Kindergarten Recognition Program 9:30 a.m.
5/4-8	Earth Spirit Week	5/29	Kindergarten Registration 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
5/8	Kindergarten Registration 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.	5/29	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter/End of Year Awards Assembly 1:30 p.m.
5/8	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Writer's Workshop Celebration 2:30 p.m.	6/1	Field Day
5/11	PTO Chuck E. Cheese Pizza Night 4:00-9:00 p.m. Eastgate Location	6/1	End of 4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter
5/12	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Visit to the NR Middle School		
5/12	Student Council Meeting 3:30 p.m.		
5/13	Youth Power Club Pizza Party 3:30 p.m.		
5/15	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter Awards Breakfast 8:00 a.m.		
5/15	PTO Walk-A-Thon "Walk on the Wild Side"		
5/15	Kindergarten Registration 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.		
5/18-22	Book Fair		
5/19	Art & Earth Club Meeting 3:30 p.m.		
5/19	PTO Market Day Pick-Up 6:45 p.m.		
5/21	PTO Board Meeting 6:00 p.m.		
5/22	Parent Volunteer Breakfast 8:00 a.m.		
5/22	Kindergarten Registration 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.		
5/25	Memorial Day Observed No School		

## Vision Statement

The vision of Monroe Elementary School is to provide a nurturing educational environment in which students share the responsibility with staff, parents, and community to reach their full potential in all areas of learning and become competent, life-long learners.

## Mission Statement

The mission of Monroe Elementary School, in partnership with family and community, is to meet or exceed state standards by implementing a continuum of quality learning systems for all students.

## From the Principal

The month of May is a very busy time at Monroe Elementary School! Several dates have changed due to the addition of make-up days. The “*Dates to Remember*” section of this edition of The Jet Flyer is packed with fun-filled activities, fine arts opportunities, and celebrations of student success!

If you have a child who will be turning five years of age on or before August 1<sup>st</sup>, you will need to enroll them in kindergarten for the 2009-2010 school year. Registration will continue to take place on Fridays from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. in our office. Your child does not need to be present. Children may be enrolled by a parent or legal guardian with proper identification. The following papers must be submitted at the time of enrollment:

- Original Birth Certificate
- Social Security Card
- Immunization Records
- Proof of Residency
- Photo Identification of Parent or Guardian
- Custody papers if applicable

On behalf of the Monroe Elementary School Staff, I want to thank you for making this a great year, and for affording us the opportunity to teach your children! We consider it a privilege to serve your family and the Monroe community.

We hope your family has a safe and enjoyable summer break, and we look forward to seeing you next year!

## Classroom Assignments

School personnel devote much time and give much thought to the best placement of each pupil. Many factors must be taken into consideration and assignments are based on the individual student’s needs as well as the needs of other children. Some of the criteria used for classroom assignments are:

- Equal distribution of boys and girls
- Equal distribution of ability levels and performance
- Social and emotional development
- Domestic situations
- Learning disabilities
- Personalities of pupils and teachers
- Combination of certain children

Classroom assignment is not a random method. With the numerous factors involved, it is apparent why parent requests for specific assignments are not always feasible. A parent request can only be honored if the request does not upset the delicate balance already established in the classroom. The principal will make this determination. We prefer that requests not be made. We believe in continuous progress for all children and strive to that end. We also believe that we have secured the best staff possible at Monroe Elementary School, and that every teacher in the building is certified by the Ohio Department of Education, and are a respected member of the education profession. Please do not ask teachers for a recommendation. Their professionalism does not permit them to recommend a fellow teacher.

## **COUNSELOR'S THOUGHTS**

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### **Summer Brain Maintenance**

As those blessed summer months rapidly approach, may I invite you to work hard to maintain your child's brain. Many children drop as much as 10 points in their IQ over the summer. There are exciting ways to prevent this from happening. Surround your child with good books, adventurous opportunities, and stimulating physical endeavors.

Every child should read or be read to at least twenty minutes a day. Reading is a skill much like playing an instrument or participating in a sport. Without practice, the skill loses its edge and important gains made during the school year can be lost. Set aside a family time to read, take them to the public library, and discuss with them what they have read. This will ensure they actually gain skills over the summer.

Any family outing can become a true adventure. Plan together, even if it is simply going to a mall. Take your child to as many different places as possible. Parks, museums, camping, hiking, vacations, and family visits can all enhance your child's brain.

There is a direct correlation between a strong body and a strong mind. Get them moving. Limit their screen time. Excessive screen time of any type will reduce creativity and limit brain function. Encourage outdoor play and play with them whenever possible. The summer provides a welcome time of relaxation, but also presents a golden opportunity for fun and brain growth. Choose wisely for your family as you enjoy the summer months.

***SEE YOU IN AUGUST!***

## **Kindergarten Corner**

Our reading theme for May will be "Under the Ocean." There are whales, seals and fish of many sizes and shapes in the ocean! The children will learn about the animals that live there. It is hard to believe that this is our last reading theme for the year. We will be working on fine tuning our reading and writing skills using all of the sight words and letter sounds that we have worked on this year. We are so proud of the super readers and writers that the children have become. Get ready first grade, we are on our way!

The end of the school year will be here before we know it. Please mark your calendars for the Kindergarten Recognition program to be held in the Monroe gymnasium on May 29<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.

### **First Grade News for May**

The last month of school in first grade is just as busy as the first! The first graders are "leaping into action" with the first grade book club "Leap Into a Good Book" that encourages children to read at home. As parents, you can help us by being good listeners and giving positive encouragement. At school, the students will be reading stories about favorite characters such as Frog and Toad and Poppleton. Our last social studies unit will cover the Ohio state standards for goods and services and wants and needs. Each class will create a restaurant and participate in a simulation of producing goods and providing services to students in the other classes. We will finish the year with a science unit on plants. As the sunflowers we plant will grow with loving care, so will the first graders who are "blooming" this May. Mrs. Block and Mrs. Wuebkenberg will say "good-bye" to their first graders as they retire at the end of the month.



### Second Grade News

It's almost the end of the year, so let's send out a great big cheer! We have enjoyed each child in second grade, and all the accomplishments they have made.

In Language Arts and Science, students will be exploring plants. They will be learning about the parts of the plant and its survival needs. Hopefully we have lots of beautiful spring weather so we can look at the plants all around us outside. The second graders will conclude the year working on reading and writing poetry. We are so proud of the wonderful writing your children have produced throughout the school year, that we want to celebrate their accomplishments. We will be having a Writing Workshop Celebration on May 8<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 p.m.-3:15 p.m. for families to attend. We will be sending out additional information as the event approaches.

In Math, students will be finishing their unit on addition and subtraction to 1,000. They will also be introduced to multiplication and division.

Keep reading, writing and working on math concepts throughout the summer to keep your child on track and ready for third grade!

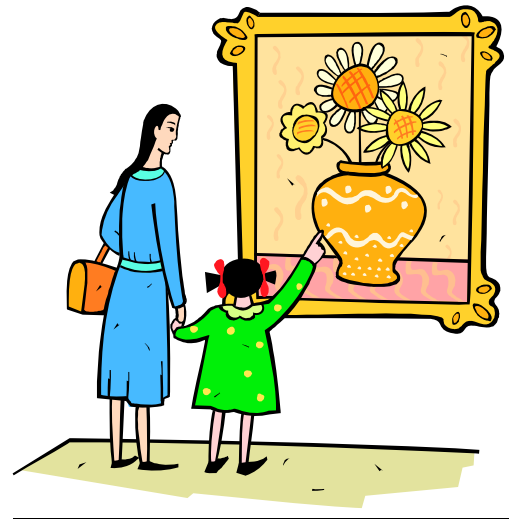
### Third Grade News

The third grade students will conclude their science year with a study of Earth and space sciences. We will compare properties of rocks, identify rocks, and explain the rock cycle. The students will also work with and investigate soil and the properties of soil.

In math, we will begin working on long division with and without remainders so continue to work on simple multiplication and division facts.

During language arts, the children will write stories that sequence events and include descriptive details and vivid language to develop characters, setting, and plot.

A reminder that we will be revisiting the Cincinnati Museum Center on Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup>. Our first visit was interrupted by a snowstorm.



## 4<sup>th</sup> Grade May Musings

The students are in countdown mode, but we are still preparing for fifth grade! In the summer months, we recommend that all students continue to learn and practice their skills. They can use writing skills to communicate with others. Remember to quiz them on their multiplication facts. A valuable way to use their time is to READ. Encourage your child to choose books that interest him/her and make trips to the library or trade books with friends. Reading books together is also a great summertime pastime.

Social studies will be teaching us about Ohio and the World. We will be learning about the hard work and determination of Ohioans who came before us. After chapter 7, we will be doing a unit about government. Talk to your kids about the importance of being involved in your local and state government.

In math, we will learn how to divide with two-digit divisors, a skill that is included in the Numbers Sense standard. Science will be focusing on plants and vegetables. We will compare life cycles, relate plant structures to their particular functions, classify plants, observe and explore fossils, and describe how organisms interact with one another.

In language arts, we continue to use our comprehension strategies while reading our selections. Students will have their final book project due this month. Weekly fluency will still be sent home every Friday in May. Be sure the children continue to study their spelling lists and be prepared for the weekly reading test. Using spelling and comprehension skills are important in all areas of learning.

Our final auction will be Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup>. The students will have this one more opportunity to spend their scholar dollars. Have a wonderful summer!

## Fabulous Fifth Grade News

I can't believe it's already May, this year has flown by! As this school year is coming to an end, please continue to check and sign your child's agenda every night. In language arts, we will continue to read short stories, but unfortunately, there will be no more Storyworks. In math, we are going to be working on a project and preparing for 6<sup>th</sup> grade. We will start using the calculator on an almost daily basis. In science, Mrs. Yaden has returned! We will continue studying physical science and how it relates to the world around us. Social studies class will be reviewing the year's standards by creating a children's picture book.

Thank you for all your support this school year. It has been great working with your child!



## Sixth Grade News

The month of May, students will be working on a creative writing unit, which will branch into social studies and math. Students will be creating their own fantasy world, complete with its own government, hierarchy, and history. Students will have various writing options, including journals and short stories. In science, students will be discussing energy and renewable vs. nonrenewable resources. In social studies, students will be focusing on the Mayas, Incas, and Aztecs. In math, students will be doing tessellation projects.

We have several exciting events occurring in May. First is the sixth grade visit to the middle school, occurring on May 12<sup>th</sup>, from 9:30-11:00 am. Also, sixth grade recognition will be taking place Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Students are to dress appropriately for the occasion. On Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup> D.A.R.E. graduation will take place at 9:30 a.m. in the gymnasium. Finally, we do have school on May 29<sup>th</sup> and June 1<sup>st</sup>. Field Day is now on June 1<sup>st</sup>.

We thank you for your support and cooperation throughout the year. We've enjoyed working with each of you and your children. Have a great summer!

## MUSIC MESSAGE

Congratulations to the fifth and sixth grade chorus and band students on a fabulous performance at the spring concert! As the school year draws to its close, sixth grade chorus students will be preparing for one final performance at the sixth grade recognition ceremony. Fifth grade chorus students are looking ahead to some possible materials for next year, and developing their score-reading skills.

Students in fourth, fifth, and sixth grade general music are improving their recorder skills each week. Their continued practice at home shows! Please help your children to remember to bring their recorders to school on their music day.

Third grade students are continuing to learn about instruments of the orchestra, as well as various musical forms and styles.

Second graders are learning to sing rounds. They are also studying musical forms such as AB form and verse-refrain form, and developing the reading skills to follow the verses in the book.

First grade and kindergarten students are exploring creative movement, as it relates to various musical styles.

It has been a tremendous privilege working with your creative and talented children this year. I look forward to watching their musical growth in the years to come.



## **Physical Education & Health News**

Physical fitness test results will be sent home in the near future. Please go over the results with your child and assist him/her with setting future goals. I recommend each parent file the report at home to track your child's future progress.

As the end of the school year approaches, we begin to turn our attention to field day. Our field day will be held on June 1. We will need several parent volunteers to assist us with the activities. Please help us make this the best field day ever!

*Thanks for your support and cooperation.*

## **Creative Sanctuary News**

A SPECIAL THANK YOU to everyone who helped prepare Monroe's artwork for the Kaleidoscope of the Arts show and a special thanks to everyone who attended!! The show was beautiful....we have such talented and creative artists here at Monroe!!!

All kindergarten through sixth grade artists are rallying to meet all of the Ohio Content Standards for the Visual Arts as we end the school year. The main focus is on Historical, Cultural and Social Contexts, and on Valuing the Arts/Aesthetic Reflection. Every artist will also be creating a portfolio for all of the artwork they've created during the 2008-2009 school year. This will be sent home soon so please keep your eyes peeled for some beautiful artwork to arrive at your home !!

## **Techno Bytes**

It's hard to believe that it is already May. This year has flown by very quickly! All of the students will review what they have learned this year. The Kindergarten students have done a wonderful job learning about the parts of the computer as well as the programs that are available on the computers. They will continue working on their typing skills and controlling the mouse. The first graders will be learning the basics of the PowerPoint program. The second grade students will show what they have learned about PowerPoint. The third and fourth graders will continue working with the program Excel. The fifth Grade students will continue to work on speed and accuracy. They will also show what they have learned in the programs Excel, PowerPoint and Word. The sixth grade will also show what they have learned in class this year. They will also take one final timed typing test.

I hope that everyone has a great summer and I look forward to seeing everyone next year.





### Band Notes


As we enter the summer months, band members may want to do some routine maintenance on their instruments. In addition to personally cleaning the instrument, lubricating the parts, and vacuuming the case's interior, it may be time to have some professional repairs done. Brass instruments occasionally have "frozen" (stuck) tuning slides from lack of lubrication; trombones often need the playing slide realigned from accidental bumping. To insure good seals on the tone holes, woodwinds may need the keys adjusted or some pads replaced. June is a good time to look into such repairs since many shops ask to keep the instrument for a week or two.

### Library News for May

Wow! How fast this year has flown by. It is almost time for our long awaited BOGO Bookfair! The bookfair will be here from May 18 to May 22. Children will shop during their library time. We will not have any evening shopping hours during this fair; however, parents are always welcome to stop in during the school day. BOGO means that for every book you purchase, you get one (of equal or lesser value) for absolutely FREE! The children will be bringing home a flyer advertising the bookfair; it will not list all the books we will be featuring. Due to the fact that this is a BOGO fair and the end of bookfair season, stock may vary from day to day. But there will be great choices and bargains to be had. Checks made out to Monroe Elementary Library and cash will be accepted.



**No breakfast or lunch charges after  
May 13<sup>th</sup>**



# May 2009

Monroe Elementary School

**MONDAY**

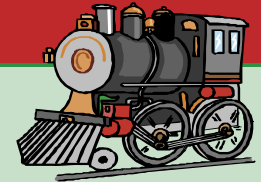
**TUESDAY**

**WEDNESDAY**

**THURSDAY**

**FRIDAY**

				<p><b>1</b> Pizza Oven Baked Fries Fresh Broccoli &amp; Dip Chilled Pears Milk</p>
<p><b>4</b> Hamburger Wheat Bun Baked Tater Tots Pickle Slices Celery Sticks w/ dip Milk</p>	<p><b>5</b> Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Gold Fish Crackers Chilled Applesauce Milk</p>	<p><b>6</b> Three Way Chili Crackers Crisp Salad w/ dressing Frozen Fruit Shape Up Milk</p>	<p><b>7</b> Turkey &amp; Gravy Mashed Potatoes Seasoned Green Beans Warm Wheat Roll Raisins Milk</p>	<p><b>8</b> Hotdogs Macaroni &amp; Cheese Baked Beans Banana Milk</p>
<p><b>11</b> Chicken Pattie Wheat Buns Smile Potatoes Caroteens w/dip Milk</p>	<p><b>12</b> Warm Bread Sticks Crisp Salad w/ dressing Fresh Grapes Milk</p>	<p><b>13</b> Cheesy Flat Bread Marinara Sauce Oven Baked Fries Crisp Salad w/ dressing Mandarin Oranges Milk</p>	<p><b>14</b> Mashed Potatoes/ Gravy Broccoli Warm Wheat Roll Applesauce Cup Milk</p>	<p><b>15</b> Baked Tater Tots Chilled Pineapple Chocolate Chip Cookie Milk</p>
<p><b>18</b> Ravioli Warm Bread Sticks Crisp Salad w/ dressing Chilled Peaches Milk</p>	<p><b>19</b> Sausage Links French Toast Sticks Hash Brown Warm Spiced Apples Milk</p>	<p><b>20</b> Chicken Nuggets Oven Baked Fries Chilled Mandarin Oranges Peas Milk</p>	<p><b>21</b> Taco Salad Tortilla Chips Lettuce, Tomato, Cheese Corn Banana Milk</p>	<p><b>22</b> Baked Curly Fries Grapes Milk</p>
<p><b>25</b> Memorial Day No School</p>	<p><b>26</b> Chicken Legs Cheesy Potatoes Celery w/ dip  Apple Sauce Milk</p>	<p><b>27</b> Ham Cubes Hash Brown Seasoned Green Beans Watermelon Milk</p>	<p><b>28</b> Sloppy Joe Wheat Bun Macaroni &amp; Cheese Broccoli Watermelon Milk</p>	<p><b>29</b> Pizza Baked Tater Tots Carrots w/ dip Mini Ice Cream Sandwich Milk</p>



Menu News

Menu choice is subject to change due to availability.

Menu- June 1, 2009

Cook's Choice

Lunch will be offered at the Boy's and Girl's Club during the summer from 12:30 PM to 1:30 PM

Cost is free to all children under 18 years. Lunch is available to all members and non-members. Please contact Jill Cochran 553-1948 for more information.

