

## Monroe - Message From the Principal

### September 25, 2023

#### Notes from the Principal, Mrs. Roux ...

It was great to see so many of you at our Open House. This is always a great opportunity for families to get a clearer understanding of some of the school and classroom routines, see samples of student work, and talk with the teacher about how the school year is starting off. I strongly encourage all families to maintain open lines of communication with your child's teachers, our Dean of Students, and myself. We all want the same things for every student which includes school experiences that are positive, fun, and filled with teaching opportunities not just for academics but important life-long skills that will set students up for success. Please be watching for opportunities to visit the school, take a few minutes to check out the What's Happening portion of these weekly newsletters, talk with your child every day about things happening at school, and always reach out sooner rather than later if your child is experiencing challenges related to school.

As a reminder, we are still continually reviewing important safety routines at school, such as fire drills, and ALICE protocols. Please continue to talk with your child about the things they are learning at school to keep themselves and others safe. As always, we are very mindful to approach these topics in an age appropriate way to ensure that students understand the importance of being prepared, without being scared or anxious.



#### Reminders this week include:

- At this time, we are still asking that students be dropped off at the main entrance where a staff member will
  greet them and escort them inside.
- Daily dismissal time will begin with parent pick ups at 3:00, followed by bus dismissals. Parents are asked to pull up to the entrance and your child will be brought out to meet your car.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you have questions, concerns, or need support for your child or your family. Have a great week!

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К	We are finishing up our experiment with our apples, and we are working very hard on our letter sounds. We have also almost finished up our math unit on shapes. We are very excited to show you some of their work at our Open House on Monday 9/25. Hope to see you there!
1/2	First and second graders have been learning about Day and Night. This week, to help us understand the movement of the earth and the sun, we are observing the location of the sun at different times during the day and recording our observations.
2/3	Second and third graders had a busy week! We started meeting with our reading groups, math groups and started our handwriting program. Third graders are excited to be learning the first few letters in cursive. Everyone worked hard on a poster showing how Wabanaki used to move with the seasons, utilizing different natural resources at different times of year. We'll have these on display at our open house on Monday.
4/5	% started our first science unit, rocks and minerals with Bill Nye the science guy. In math, we continued our workshop guidelines and place value. Everyone is doing a wonderful job during the Percy Jackson read aloud and reading centers have begun. We cannot wait to show off all our hard work during the open house on Monday evening!
Title One	Title 1 held its Summer reading Challenge Ice cream social! Title 1 is looking for Beanie Baby type stuffies to use as Reading Buddies.

Music	This week K-2 built on their understanding of beat by learning about meter. Students learned about the meter of 2 and practiced listening for it with a march. We then explored meter of three by learning the first half of the box step. 3-5 students practiced artistic design through graffiti. Students chose a word and then created a word bank from their understanding of the word. After students mapped their understanding with a bubble diagram and used that to inform their graffiti. This is the same process we will use later for lyric development.
PE	Another awesome week at Monroe - the energy, the enthusiasm and the effort is really being exhibited by the children - Carter, Griffin and Zoe are excellent role models and leaders - well done
Library	We are finishing up our lessons in library expectations, book care, and responsibility in K-2. Students are doing their very best to be responsible with their library books this year! Grades 2-5 are working their way through their chapter books, and making great choices with their library book selections. Lots of students challenging themselves already this year!
Agriculture	What an exciting week for our school agriculture program! Students readied our produce for exhibition at the Common Ground Country Fair: from picking, to washing, to weighing, to selecting our entries. We earned four first place ribbons, four second place ribbons, and one third place ribbon for our school garden-grown produce! Congratulations, students!!
SEL	This week at Monroe, classes learned about what self care means and what they can do for self care. They also learned about and practiced their active listening skills.



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Dec. 7 at 3pm

Dec. 11 at 3pm

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# College Success Series

Presented by RSU #3 Adult & Community Education and Dori L. Leadbetter of The Maine Educational Opportunity Center (MEOC)



### PAYING FOR COLLEGE FAFSA WORKSHOP

Wednesday October 11 3:00 - 5:00 pm



# APPLYING FOR COLLEGE APPLICATION WORKSHOP

Wednesday November 8 3:00 - 5:00 pm



# FREE MONEY FOR COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP WORKSHOP

Wednesday December 6 3:00 - 5:00 pm

#### **How to Register**

This is a free service but you must register with both Adult Ed & MEOC.

Adult Education registration: In person or online at <a href="rsu3.maineadulted.org">rsu3.maineadulted.org</a>

Students that have not already submitted a MEOC application to receive free MEOC services, please complete the MEOC online application from your cell phone or computer using this weblink:

#### https://trio.maine.edu/meoc/meoc\_application.php

DISCLAIMER: For all students under the age of 18: A parent/legal guardian signature is required on the MEOC application and students must attend the workshop with at least one of their parents/legal guardians.









# Thursday, November 9th, 2023 <u>IN PERSON OR LIVE ZOOM</u> 5:30-7pm

## FREE VETERANS LAW CLASS

"Who doesn't know a veteran" or "THE VA"?

One phrase rings true, the other spurs thoughts of frustration, bureaucratic double-speak; and confusion.

However, some attorneys, like Mailloux and Marden's Tyler Hadyniak (Mount View Class of 2011), are experts in navigating the VA benefits system and helping veterans get disability benefits for medical conditions they think are related to service.

Tyler's legal career began in veterans law, and he is the only veterans disability law attorney in Waldo and Knox Counties.

This course will be a basic, introductory guide to veterans benefits law. There is no charge to attend but registration is required.

Tyler will walk participants through the VA benefits process, and explain what an applicant needs to prove and how to do it. By the end of the class, participants will be able to explain to veterans, their friends, and family, what is required to get compensation through the VA.

