



Monroe - Message From the Principal

November 13, 2023

Notes from the Principal, Mrs. Roux ...

The next few weeks will be busy ones with several exciting events scheduled, report cards coming home soon, and the anticipation of the upcoming holidays. Please be sure to review the important upcoming dates below so that you don't miss any of these important things.

As another reminder, it is definitely getting colder; however students will still be going outside several times a day. Please send your child to school adequately prepared to play outside. If your child needs anything at all - warm coat, boots, hats/mittens, etc, please do not hesitate to reach out to our office as we always have extras and the ability to get whatever we need.

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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Important Upcoming Dates.....

11/20 - Dessert Auction - see details below

11/22-24 - Thanksgiving Break



Week of 12/4 - Report Cards come home


12/4 - Holiday Brunch - feel free to wear your favorite holiday pjs


12/18 - Holiday Variety Show



There will be an **in-person volunteer orientation session** on Tuesday, November 14th beginning at 3:30 pm at the Mount View Complex. There is also an **online orientation session** that you can do from the comfort of your home. Reach out to Jenny Tibbetts for more information. She can be reached via email at jtibbetts@rsu3.org or you can call her at 568-4640 x1413. Thank you!

Check out what's happening at Monroe School ... Week of: 11/6

K	Kindergartens are working hard on knowing 13 out of our first set of 25 words. We learned about Veterans day. In Math we learned all about comparing numbers and making sets that are equal, greater than or less than and did great on the chapter test. We are excited to kick off our "Week of Thanks" activities.
1/2	First and Second graders have been learning about animal habitats and adaptations. Students are trying out some of these amazing adaptations and writing books about this topic. It is so interesting to learn all of the different ways animals survive in their environments!
2/3	<p>We started a science unit on Sound and Vibrations. We discussed vocabulary related to sound: volume, pitch, ear canal, eardrum and vibrations. We are learning from videos, nonfiction texts and simple experiments. The picture shows students communicating through a "cup phone." We also used rubber bands over different containers to make "guitars" and notice the different sounds made with different containers. Please help your student try more of these experiments at home!</p> 
4/5	Students made birthday cards for a couple Veterans from Maine turning 103 and 104 this week! For informational writing, we are hoping to have our book ready for the publisher by Monday if all goes well and the order forms are returned. We will be wrapping up a few units before the end of the trimester on 11/24 so be prepared for students to bring home more work if not completed during class time.
Title One	Book pouches have been coming home. Students will have a lesson book and a book of their choice to share with you. Please remember to sign their Reading Log and return to school the next day.
Music	<p>This week K-3 students continued working on Ukulele learning the C chord, they also started learning the song I Met a Bear, and practiced creative listening.</p> <p>4-5 students are hard at work on their songs, the first groups finishing theirs and starting their beats and album art.</p>

PE	<p>Mr. Ballard was fortunate and got to go to a P.E and Health conference at the Samoset. There were people from all over the country and lots of new ideas/activities and games. He is very happy to be back and can't wait for "Game On". let's go</p>
Library	<p>K-2 are going strong with Non-Fiction November! This week we read What Do You Do With a Tail Like This? by Steve Jenkins. We learned that some animals have adapted to use their tails, noses/beaks, and even their different types of feet for all sorts of things! Ms. Cianchette's class got to try out some adaptations of their own- could they use these funky gloves to pick up small items? They *could* learn how!</p> <div data-bbox="347 625 1179 984">  </div> <p>Mrs. Norgang and Mrs. Haslett's classes are working on their chapter books. Mrs. Haslett's class is almost finished with Wildfire, which means we will be starting something new very soon!</p>
Agriculture	<p>Tis the season for falling leaves! This week, our K-3 students conducted a leaf investigation. We learned that leaves are food factories for plants. Then we drew, measured, and labeled leaves, and made leaf rubbings. Our fourth and fifth graders finished fencing in the last of the orchard trees and mulched the garlic with a thick layer of straw. We'll continue to head outside often, so have your child bundle up on Thursdays!</p>



BUM LEAGUE BASKETBALL SIGN UPS

**WHEN: MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH
FROM 6-7PM**

**WHERE: MT. VIEW HIGH SCHOOL
CAFETERIA**

**THIS IS FOR ANY 3rd THRU 6th GRADE
STUDENT WHO LIVES WITHIN RSU 3**

Come join the fun!!!

****This is not an RSU 3 sponsored event****

Don't forget...

Everyone is welcome!

at Monroe Elementary School
36 W. Main Street, Monroe

DESSERT AUCTION

NOVEMBER 20TH

(SNOW DATE NOVEMBER 21ST)

DOORS OPEN AT 5:30 PM



AUCTION STARTS AT 6 PM

*Come grab a paddle and bid on
some great desserts.*

*Welcoming back our very own Darlene
Charrier to auctioneer.*

**ALL FUNDS RAISED FOR MONROE PTO.
SNACKS AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE.**

Just for fun, all are encouraged to wear holiday PJs - students, staff and families too!

You are Invited to Join Us for

Festive Holiday BRUNCH



Monroe Elementary School

We are excited to invite into our cafeteria to enjoy a Festive Holiday Brunch with your child. On **December 4th** lunch will be **served at 11am**. Cost for lunch is **\$5.00** for adults and **\$3.00** for non-student children payable by cash or check. Children that are enrolled in school eat for free. Please RSVP to reserve a spot for your family no later than **Wednesday, November 27th**.

CINNAMON GLAZED FRENCH TOAST,
Menu: **SAUSAGE, HASH BROWN, FRESH FRUIT &
VEGGIE BAR, DESSERT**

Please return form no later than **November 27th**!

Reservation Form for Holiday Brunch

Student(s) Name:

Number of Adults	Number of non- student Children

Cash Included

Check Included

Total Amount Included _____



Is my child too sick for school?

Each day many parents are faced with a decision: should they keep their sick children at home or send them to school? Often the way a child looks and acts can make the decision an obvious one. In accordance with Maine Department of Health and Human Services guidelines, a child should not attend school if he/she exhibits one or more of the following symptoms or infections:

Keep your child home if he/she has any of the following symptoms:

- **Fever** (Greater than 100° F)- the student may return when fever-free for **24 hours WITHOUT the use of fever reducing medication.**
- **Cough:** A child with an uncontrolled cough should stay home until they are coughing with less frequency.
- **Diarrhea/Vomiting:** A child with diarrhea and/or vomiting should stay at home and return to school only after being symptom free for 24 hours.
- **Rash-** Any new onset of rash if accompanied by fever; may return after rash resolves or diagnosis is made and clearance given
- **Skin Lesions (sores)** – A student should not be at school with any sores with drainage that cannot be contained within a bandage
- **Strep Throat/Impetigo and other bacterial infections requiring antibiotics-** A student with strep throat must remain home until they have been on their antibiotics for a full 24 hours.
- **Colds-** A child with thick yellow-greenish mucous accompanied by fever, vomiting, diarrhea, or constant nasal discharge should remain home. Very few younger children can effectively blow their noses and wash their hands afterward. A child with the above symptoms will quickly spread the illness to other children.
- **Other-** Any symptoms or complaints that prevent the student from active participation in usual school activities

If your student tests positive for COVID-19, they must isolate at home for 5 days. After 5 days they may return with symptom improvement, masking days 6 through 10. More information can be found here: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/isolation>.

Home is the best place for a child who is ill. Students with these symptoms cannot comfortably participate in school activities and unnecessarily expose others to their illnesses.



Check out these **FREE** Digital Literacy classes



Coming soon to RSU 3 Adult Ed!

Windows 10 PC Basics

Oct. 3rd at 4pm

Understanding WordPress

Oct. 5th at 2pm

Using Gmail Effectively

Oct. 31 at 2:30pm

Understanding WordPress

Nov. 2nd at 6pm

Applying for the Affordable
Connectivity Program

Nov. 14 at 6pm

Learning about Devices

Dec. 5 at 3pm

Internet Safety

Dec. 7 at 3pm

Video Conferencing with
Healthcare Providers,
Family, & Friends

Dec. 11 at 3pm

**Don't see what
you want?
Just ask!**

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 rsu3.maineadulted.org

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.**

