

# Monroe - Message From the Principal

January 2, 2024

## Notes from the Principal, Ms. Dupuy ...

Happy New Year and welcome back!!! I hope all families enjoyed the winter break. We are so excited to be back at school, with our students, ready to continue the important learning and fun activities each day.

As we get back into our school routines, we will be starting our winter benchmark assessments. These are the same assessments that we gave in the fall and we will use the data to reflect on and celebrate the growth our students have made so far this year. We will also use this important information to determine the instructional needs of each student, to allow us to plan for the second half of the school year. We are so excited to see how far our students have come since the beginning of the year. Thanks to the amazing staff and supportive families, our students are making progress every day and they are doing so with positive attitudes and excellent effort.

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!

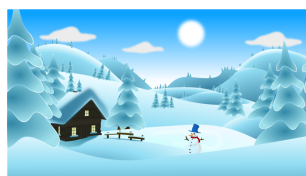
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## Important Upcoming Dates.....

1/8 - Rescheduled Winter Variety Show 1:00 PM

1/8- School Board Meeting MVHS

1/15 -No School in observance of  
Martin Luther King Jr. Day



1/31 - Early Release Day

Check out what's happening at Monroe School ... Week Of: 12/11

1/2	<div data-bbox="347 247 1300 426" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>First and second graders have been enjoying “Going Deeper” with their thinking and discussion around our Read Aloud books. We have been talking about the lessons we can learn from books, making connections between books, and talking about symbolism in stories. We have had some great conversations and students are enjoying thinking more deeply about the books they read.</p>
2/3	<p>Here are some examples of student artwork, note pages and writing from our Holidays Around the World social studies unit. In this last week of school we will focus on two more holidays, Winter Solstice &amp; Christmas!</p> <div data-bbox="347 779 1308 1108" data-label="Image"> </div>
4/5	<p>During science we dived deeper into our biome unit by identifying plants and animals then sorting them into their home biomes to prepare for our diorama project. Students have been working on a google classroom presentation that will be available to work on during break.</p> <div data-bbox="347 1329 1192 1759" data-label="Image"> </div>
Library	<p>We are continuing the fun of reading about gingerbread people and making gingerbread crafts!</p>

## Agriculture



Students were excited this week for our first update on our Adopt-a-Cow, Recking Ball! In just two months, she has grown two inches and gained 181 lbs! We learned how farmer Betsy takes care of the calves at Brigeen Farms in Turner, ME.

**"Snowflakes are unique, just  
like each day at school!  
Embrace the journey, attend  
every day."**





## 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.