



Monroe - Message From the Principal

February 12, 2024

Notes from the Principal, Ms. Dupuy ...

Today marks our 100th day of school, and it's incredible to reflect on how fast time has passed. We've worked through countless lessons, experiences, and achievements together since the beginning of the school year.

As we approach the February break, I wanted to take a moment to emphasize the importance of this time for our students. It is a wonderful opportunity for them to rest, relax, and recharge their batteries. Encouraging them to take this time to unwind will undoubtedly contribute to their overall well-being and readiness to tackle the rest of the school year with renewed focus and energy.

I hope you are able to spend some quality time together as a family. There are many opportunities in our local communities to spend time outside as a family. There are ice fishing derbies, snowshoeing and cross country ski opportunities and lots of places to discover. If you are looking for indoor ideas how about a board game night, a craft afternoon or even a build your own buffet night.

Reminders this week include:

- Sometimes our students' winter gear gets wet and soaks through while playing in the snow. You may want to consider sending a dry set of clothes for students to keep at school or in their backpacks so they can change into something dry.
- The nurse has just informed us that students who are suffering from dry and chapped lips may bring their own chapstick to school and keep it with them. The office does not have a supply on hand for students to use.

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!

(email: jdupuy@rsu3.org school phone: 525-3504 cell: 249-1061)

Important Upcoming Dates.....

2/12 School Board Meeting MVHS
6:30 pm



2/19 - 2/23 February Vacation

3/4 - 3/8 Monroe School Scholastic Book Fair

WE'RE HAVING A **BOOK FAIR!**

MONROE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

MARCH
4-8




Be watching future newsletters for more information about our book fair including the E-Wallet!

PBIS - Winter Carnival



K	Kindergarten worked hard on finishing their addition Math unit, practicing their P.A.W.S. and finishing up work in preparation for vacation. We were also very excited about our winter carnival! They all had the best time, and were so creative and and really took interest in all the different things we had going on.
1/2	First and Second graders have been working very hard on their math. Both grades have been working on Addition Strategies, which make solving addition problems more efficient. First graders have begun a unit on Graphs. They have been learning how to read and make different kinds of graphs, such as Picture Graphs and Bar Graphs. Second graders have begun adding two-digit numbers with regrouping. They are using blocks and drawings to model what happens when adding these numbers. Those Addition Strategies are coming in handy for both grades during these units!
2/3	<p>Scientists in 2 / 3 are exploring properties of matter. We did a very exciting science lab where students investigated different materials. We tested materials for buoyancy, solubility, luster, hardness and magnetism. We are integrating informational writing into our science. Students are using conjunctions to write more complex sentences. Here are some examples students came up with:</p> <p>"Al₂O₃ is metal, but it is not magnetic."</p> <p>"The copper did not float because it does not have buoyancy."</p>

4/5	<p>We finished up our biomes and they are displayed in the case in the hallway. Next, we created a trivia page so everyone could join in the learning! Students got a preview of our next science unit; Engineering. We used a math workshop to build bridges to make connections with science and real world applications. The challenge was to use only one sheet of paper to hold as many pennies as possible.</p> 
Title One	<p>We still have students not returning their reading pouches. Please help students remember to bring them back everyday. Students reading at home are making catchup growth and building stamina for reading longer texts.</p>
Agriculture	<p>It's been an exciting week! Our school was given a Flex Farm, a hydroponic (no soil) growing tower to raise lettuce greens and other vegetables inside, throughout the school year. We'll be learning how to grow in it and maintain it in the weeks to come. How cool is that?!</p>
SEL	<p>This week at Monroe we practiced our respect skills with a fun game of respect bingo</p>

Monroe School **is recruiting volunteers!**

Have an hour a week?

An hour a day?

*Monroe School seeks help
teaching math:
Whaddya say?*

Volunteers make a difference!

*Please contact the RSU#3
volunteer coordinator,*

*Jenny Tibbetts,
for more information:*

*jtibbetts@rsu3.org
(207)568-4640 ext 1413*

Thank you!

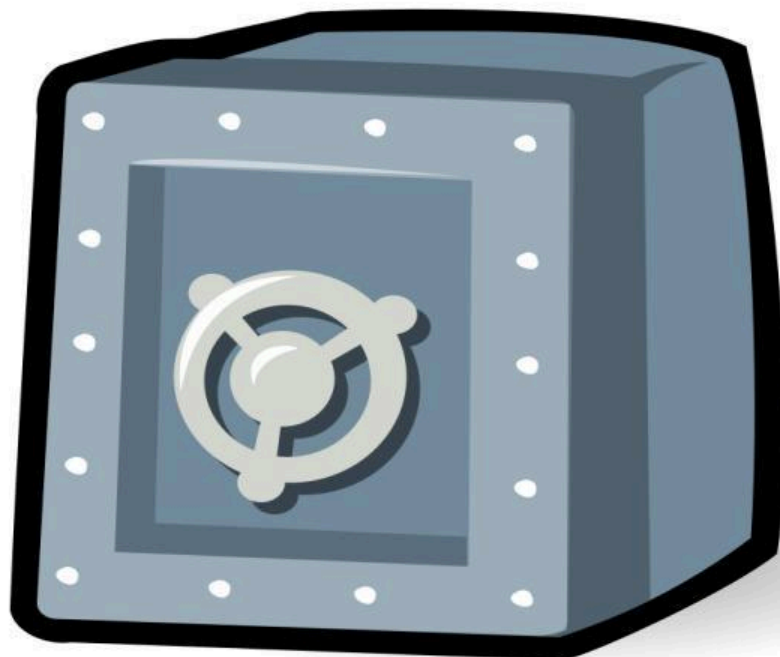


Willing Hearts Army
RSU#3 Volunteers

FREE COVID TEST KITS

Expiration date has been extended to
9/30/24

Parents may pick them up
in the school office



**"School keeps
you safe, it
educates you, it
prepares you for
your future.
Don't miss out!"**

**Department of Agriculture, Conservation
and Forestry have a suggestion or two!**
**@Maine Department of Agriculture,
Conservation and Forestry**

Find the Ski & Snowshoe Trailers at Maine State Parks!

10 AM—3PM on all dates listed

January

- 5-14* Camden Hills State Park,
Camden, (207) 236-0849
Winter Family Fun Day on Jan. 13
- 13 & 14 Mount Blue State Park,
Weld, (207) 585-2261
- 19, 20, 21* Aroostook State Park,
Presque Isle, (207) 768-8341
- 20 & 21 Wolfe's Neck Woods
State Park, Freeport,
(207) 865-4465
- 27 & 28 Sebago Lake State Park,
Casco, (207) 693-6231

March

- 2 & 3 Mount Blue State Park,
Weld, (207) 585-2261
- 2-10* Cobscook Bay State Park,
Edmunds Twp., (207) 726-4412
- 9 & 10 Sebago Lake State Park
Casco, (207) 693-6231
- 16-31* Lily Bay State Park,
Greenville, (207) 695-2700

* **Please call ahead to confirm.**

**FREE equipment
use with Park
Admission**

February

- 1-13* Holbrook Island Sanctuary,
Brooksville, (207) 326-4012
Winter Family Fun Day on February 10 too!
- 3 & 4 Mount Blue State Park,
Weld, (207) 585-2261
Winter Family Fun Day on February 3 too!
- 10 & 11 Bradbury Mt. State Park,
Pownal, (207) 688-4712
Winter Family Fun Day on February 10 too!
- 17 Reid State Park,
Georgetown, (207) 371-2303
Winter Family Fun Day on February 17 too!
- 17-24* Lake St. George State Park,
Liberty, (207) 589-4255
Winter Fun & Ice Fishing Derby on Feb. 17 too!
- 18 Bradbury Mountain State Park,
Pownal, (207) 688-4712
- 24 & 25 Range Pond State Park,
Poland, (207) 998-4104
Winter Family Fun Day on
Feb. 24 too!


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**TAKE IT
OUTSIDE!**

2024





Youth Ice Fishing Derby
**Lake St. George
State Park**

8AM-2PM

278 Belfast-Augusta Road, Liberty

Learn How to Ice Fish

Fish tip—ups on loan from the park

❄ Prizes will be awarded

Maine State Parks Ski & Snowshoe Trailer
with free snowshoe and cross-country
ski rentals.

 Ice skating on the lake

Warming Area in the Barn

Hot cocoa and Wicked Joe coffee

Special Event Park Admission
Ages 12 & older \$1.50 Under 12 & over 65 free



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TRI-TOWN PTG SPONSORED

ICE FISHING DERBY

Saturday February 17
Fish anytime between
7-3:30pm

\$5/person
\$15/family

**Door
Prizes!**




**Cross Pond
Morrill**

1st, 2nd, 3rd place prizes
*longest fish &
heaviest fish*

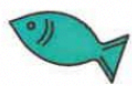
**Prizes for kids only, but all
are welcome to fish!**

Contact Kevin Winslow for more information

207-322-5934

 **Lunch available for
purchase!**
Hot dogs, chips, hot
chocolate/water, sweets &
treats

**Bring your own
skates, sleds,
snowshoes, etc.*
Please no open fire pits

 **Traps & Bait
provided for
those who need it*

This is not an RSU#3 sponsored event



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.