

# Monroe - Message From the Principal

February 26, 2024

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

I hope this message finds you refreshed and rejuvenated after the February break! As we dive back into the rhythm of school life, I wanted to extend a warm welcome back to each of you and your children.

I trust that the past week provided a well-deserved opportunity for quality family time, relaxation, and perhaps a few exciting adventures. Now, we're eager to continue our journey of learning and growth together.

With the second half of the school year well underway, I encourage ongoing communication between home and school to support your child's academic progress. Please don't hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher or me if you have any questions or concerns.

Our Book Fair is coming next week!! Families can set up an eWallet for their student to shop at the book fair by clicking our [Scholastic Bookfair homepage](#) and scrolling down. Click on the 'set up an eWallet' button on the right side. eWallet is the cashless way for students to shop at the bookfair on Thursday March 7th at school or online. You can even share the link to your child's eWallet with other family members and friends! <https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/monroefamilies4literacy>

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

## Important Upcoming Dates.....

3/4 - 3/8 - Book Fair

3/8 - End of Second Trimester

3/11 - School Board Meeting at MVHS 6:30

3/15 - Teacher Inservice Day - No School for Students

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# BOOK FAIRS

## CONVENIENT, CASH-FREE SHOPPING WITH eWALLET!

It's Book Fair Time! This year, say hello to **eWALLET!** Empower students to choose their own books and check out with their very own digital payment account. Book Fair eWallet can be used at the Fair or online. And any leftover funds can be saved for future Fairs! Win-Win!



Visit our school's Book Fair homepage to get started.

Set up your  
**eWallet**  
now!

#ScholasticBookFairs

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K	<p>Kindergarten was so busy this week. We did our 100th day of school, we made a crown, we also worked on earning “100 points” to earn a prize. We counted and added, we found 100 “kisses” that were hidden around the room and matched the numbers. On Valentine's day we did Mustache math measuring around the room, worked with candy hearts (we estimated, counted, sorted and graphed the colors.). Then we had our Valentines exchange party. And we also earned all our pom poms and had our Movie, pizza and popcorn, lunch on Thursday. It was a very busy but really fun-filled week. Hope everyone has a great vacation.</p>																														
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2/3	<div><div></div><p>Our class continues to practice reading and spelling words with predictable vowel teams (oa, igh, ee). In science and writing we just wrapped up our unit on physical properties of matter. Small groups of students teamed up to complete a science lab investigating how water temperature affects how quickly salt will dissolve. We celebrated Valentine’s Day with a card exchange and having a few dance parties in between rounds of Valentine’s Bingo!</p></div>																														
Music	<p>The last few weeks we have been focused on ear training, keyboards, reading rhythms, and learning music for our spring concert. 3rd-5th graders have been learning Yellow by Coldplay and Landslide by Fleetwood Mac. K-2 students have been learning Sailor Sailor and Go Tell Aunt Rhody.</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](mailto: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

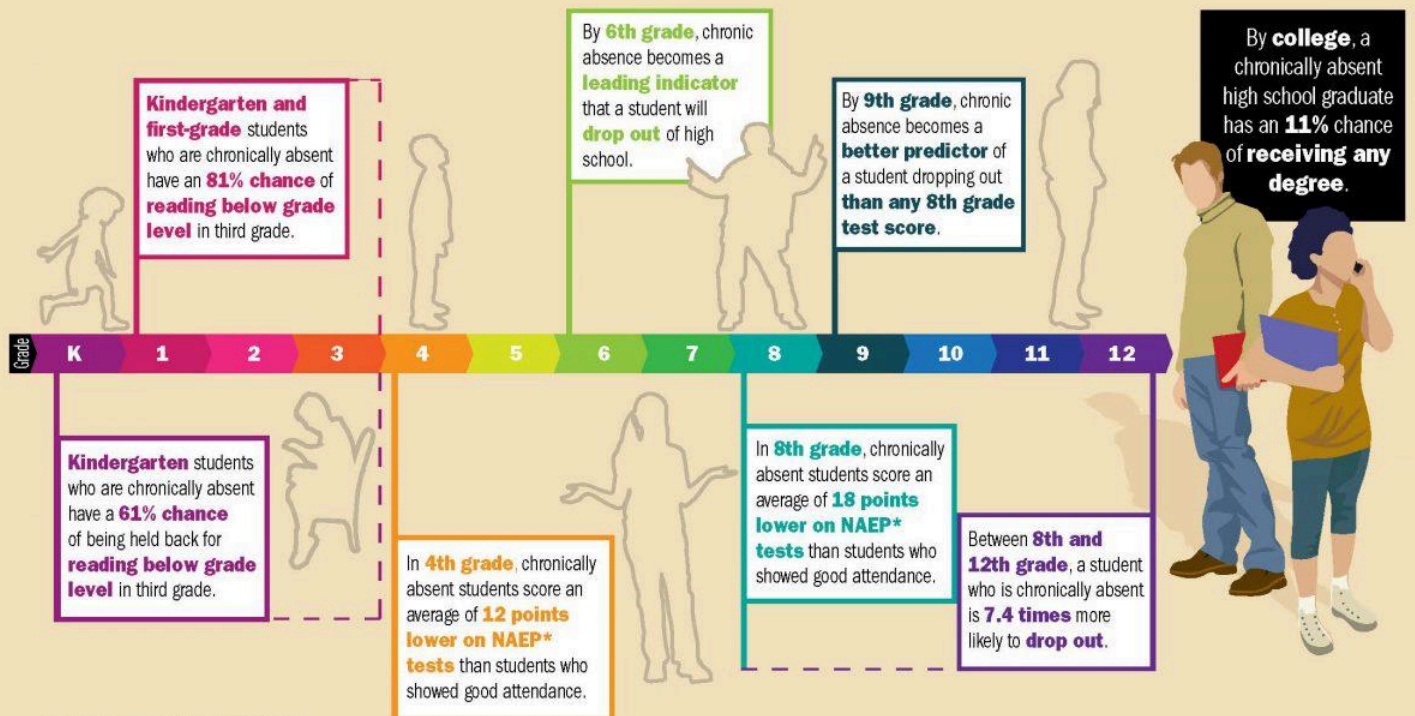
Parents may pick them up  
in the school office

## STUDENT ATTENDANCE MATTERS

There are an estimated 5–7.5 million students in the United States who are chronically absent from school.

Chronic absenteeism hurts students in a variety of ways as they progress through their school career, starting with kindergarten.

**DEFINITIONS:**  
**Chronic Absence** – Missing 2 days each month, totaling 18 days, equals 10% of the school year  
**Good Attendance** – Missing 9 days or less in a school year (5%)



\*National Assessment of Educational Progress

**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

### 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!

### 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.

**TAKE IT  
OUTSIDE!**

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## 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.