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DECEMBER-JANUARY 2017

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Message from Principal



Monroe Families:

We are so excited to be hosting our Winter Sing Day on Friday, December 8. Times are listed below, the Family Calendar, and on the Monroe Website. This is a wonderful day spent making fond memories and building relationships. It is truly one of my favorite days of the year at Monroe. We look forward to seeing you all there!

Although we have been fortunate thus far with the weather conditions, please make sure you take time at home to discuss appropriate playground clothing with your student. Details are listed on page 5. In addition to appropriate dress for the weather, please review appropriate transportation plans as the weather begins to change. Students can arrive on school grounds at 8:00 a.m. when supervision begins. Please make sure they are not arriving early. School dismisses is at 3:08 p.m. and transportation should arrive promptly by 3:08p.m. These practices are in place to ensure students have a safe arrival and dismissal from school. Thank you, in advance, for ensuring we are working together as a school community to achieve success.

Please consider supporting our PBIS fundraiser at Buffalo Wild Wings. The details are included in this newsletter. All you have to do is tell your server you are with Team "C." Then 10% of your bill will come back to Monroe. The money will be spent on purchasing incentives/rewards for students who following the Mustang Manners!! This fundraiser will run from December 1 through February 28, and you can go as many times as you like during that window of

time. Go Team "C" !! As always thanks for your support!

All the staff at Monroe School are wishing our families a relaxing and healthy Winter Break. We are extremely lucky to have such a supportive community of families.

Sally Pope, Principal



WINTER SING FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8

Kindergarten

8:45-9:15 a.m.—Sing 9:15-9:45 a.m. - Project

Grade 1

9:30-10:00 a.m. – Sing 10:00-10:30 a.m. - Project

Grade 2

10:15-10:45 a.m. - Sing 10:45-11:15 a.m. - Project

Grade 4

12:30-1:00 p.m. - Sing 1:00-1:30 p.m. - Project

Grade 3

1:15-1:45 p.m. - Sing 1:45-2:15 p.m. - Project

Grade 5

2:00-2:30 p.m. – Sing 2:30-3:00 p.m. – Project

SCHOOL TRANSFERS & OPEN ENROLMENT

Request for School Transfer/Placement (Intra District Transfers) within the School District of Janesville Attendance Areas

<u>Due to Move</u>: If you move <u>within</u> the School District of Janesville during the school year and wish to remain at your current school please ask the school office for a <u>Request to Remain in Current School Following Move to New Attendance Area Form</u> (Blue). Complete the form and return it to the school office.

<u>Due to Parent Choice:</u> If you wish to apply to have your student transferred/placed in another school within the district next school year (2018-2019), please ask the school office for a <u>School Transfer/Placement Within the School District Form</u> (Goldenrod). Completed forms will be accepted from **December 1 through December 15, 2017** only. Submit your Request for School Transfer/Placement Within the School District Form (Goldenrod) to your home school attendance area office. Parents applying for Requests for School Transfer/Placement Within the School District will be notified of approval or disapproval by January 15, 2018. Parents applying for Requests for School Transfer/Placement Within the School District for incoming Kindergarten students will be notified of approval or non-approval after they have enrolled their child during the Kindergarten Enrollment period with the New Student Enrollment Office. If you have questions, please contact the school office of your home school attendance area.

Open Enrollment - Public School Choice - District to District Transfers

If during the school year, you move outside the School District of Janesville and you wish to remain at your current school please contact the Administrative Services office at 743-5006 and request a tuition waiver form within two weeks of your move. This will allow you to be eligible to attend your current school for the remainder of the current year tuition free. If your move occurs prior to February, you will also need to complete an open enrollment application. Application instructions are provided to the School District of Janesville by the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) and should be available by mid-January 2018. This year applications will be accepted **February 5 – April 30, 2018**.

If you have questions regarding Open Enrollment or Public School Choice please contact the Administrative Service Office at 743-5006.



CHILD FIND NOTICE



"The school district must locate, identify and evaluate all resident children with disabilities, including children with disabilities attending private schools, regardless of the severity of their disabilities." The school district has a special education program to locate and screen all children with suspected disabilities who are residents of the district and who have not graduated from high school. Upon request the school district will screen any resident child who has not graduated high school to determine whether a special education referral is appropriate. A request may be made by contacting Kimberli Peerenboom, Director of Pupil Services for the School District of Janesville at 743-5061, or by writing her at 527 S. Franklin St., Janesville WI 53548.

Annually the district conducts developmental screening of preschool children. Each child's motor, communication and social skills are observed at various play areas. Each child is weighed and measured, and the child's hearing and vision is checked. The information is used to provide the parent with a profile of their child's current development and to provide suggestions for follow up activities. Parents learn about community services available to them and speak with

representatives of agencies serving families. The information from screening is also used to determine whether a child should be evaluated for a suspected disability. When school staff reasonably believe a child is a child with a disability, they refer the child for evaluation by a school district Individualized Education Program (IEP) team. Developmental screening will be a part of the kindergarten screening this Spring. Watch for dates at your local school.

A physician, nurse, psychologist, social worker or administrator of a social agency who reasonably believes a child brought to him or her for services is a child with a disability has a legal duty to report the child to the school district in which the child resides. Before referring the child, the person making the referral must inform the child's parents that the referral will be made. The referral must be in writing and include the reason why the person believes the child is a child with a disability. Others who reasonably believe a child is a child with a disability may also refer the child to the school district in which the child resides. A referral of a child residing in the School District of Janesville may be sent to Kimberli Peerenboom at the school district address above."



Many parents have found that when they have the same behavior expectations and use the same language as school, it is easier for children to make good choices at home. Also, when parents practice behaviors at home, they support what their child is learning at school and create better behaviors outside of school. Below are the four key components for establishing positive behaviors at home: Learn the Expectations Use the Language Be A Role Model Reward Positive Behavior Learn the Expectations: Think about what it means to be Safe, Respectful, Responsible, and Ready in your home. Determine what each behavior looks like at home in terms your child can easily understand. Include your child in this activity! Use the Language: Think about the words you use when you are trying to teach one of your expectations at home, and replace those words with the expectations. Try to get your child to THINK about their behavior and to PROBLEM SOLVE. Be A Role Model: Our children learn behavioral skills from us. Demonstrate for your child what you would like to see from them. Model what positive behavior looks like, and even what it doesn't look like! The more you practice, the more your child will learn the expectations. Reward Positive Behavior: Positive Behavior is learned. Children are not naturally motivated to show positive behavior...they learn to do it because of the reaction they get from us! While children will learn from positive or negative consequences, they are more motivated and create lifetime motivation (not just when we are around) when the results are positive.

Top 10 Positive Behavior Tips

- 1. Remember 5 positives to 1 negative
- 2. Set the stage for success, reward the effort
- 3. Give clear, specific directions
- 4. Stay calm, use a calm voice Nagging gets you nowhere!
- 5. Set reasonable limits Avoid using "always" or "never"
- 6. Be CONSISTENT! "Yes means Yes and No means No".

- 7. Set the example Actions speak louder than words
- 8. Proactively anticipate situations
- 9. Have patience A little goes a long way
- 10. Have fun and enjoy the ride!

Recognize Positive Behavior

5:1 is the ratio of positive to negative comments you should make to your children daily. Research shows that positive recognition must be given over negative recognition at least five times to one for behavior change to occur. Make a conscious effort to say at least five positive statements to your child each day and watch the changes that occur! When you praise your children for displaying positive behaviors, be specific and tell them exactly what they did that was respectful, responsible, honest or safe. Just as we reward students for displaying these positive behaviors at school, you might be interested in rewarding these behaviors at home as well.

Some suggestions for home rewards include:

- Cook them their favorite dinner
- Extra computer time
- · Watch their favorite movie
- Play a board game or complete a puzzle together
- Play a game of catch outside with a family member of their choice
- Read a story to your child or have your child read to you
- Stay up 15 minutes past bedtime on the weekend Natural Consequences
- Put a special congratulatory note in with their lunch the next day

Stay Positive! Mr. Mustang





Appropriate Playground Clothing

During the next few weeks, it is important we are sending the message to all students to dress appropriately for the upcoming winter months. Once the snow increases and is a major factor, the following rules should apply:

K, Grades 1, 2 & 3:

Kindergarten, Grades 1, 2 and 3 students must wear both waterproof pants (snow pants or snowsuit) and boots in order to play in the field.
Without both snow pants and boots students must only play on the cleared

blacktop areas. Hats/ hoods, mittens/gloves and winter coats are also outdoor apparel that should be worn at all times.

Grades 4 & 5:

Grades 4 & 5 students are allowed to choose whether or not they wear water-proof pants and boots. We advise they wear both. If a Grade 4 or 5 student chooses not to wear waterproof pants or boots and they become wet outdoors, they will not be allowed to call home for new/dry clothes. We strongly encourage hats/

hoods and mittens/gloves are worn at all times as well. Coats must be worn outside during the winter months.

Weather Conditions:

It is important that parents check each morning to make sure children are dressed suitably for the weather. If a child is well enough to be in school they are well enough to participate in outdoor recess and noon period activities. All children will remain inside if wind chill is below zero or it is raining.



Crosswalk Reminders

All students and families who cross Pontiac Drive must do so at the <u>center</u> <u>crosswalk in front</u> <u>of the school.</u>

This requirement is for everyone's

safety.
Please do not ask
your child to cross
at Mt. Vernon or
Wesley, as there is
NO CROSSING
GUARD at those intersections.

There is an adult crossing guard at the center crosswalk from 8:00-8:25 and also from 2:55-3:20 or until students are gone.





Please be courteous of other families.
We have had calls concerning unsafe
driving and unattended vehicles.

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STOP, DROP & G000000000

After school there are many parents here waiting to pick up their students. Please be sure you are **NOT parked in the Stop, Drop and GO** to wait for your students. Our Early Childhood students leave 2:50 and some of them need to ride the bus. We need to keep the

Stop, Drop and Go area open for the parents of our EC students and allow the bus access to pull in to get them. Also <u>never leave your car</u> when you are in the Stop, Drop and Go.

Thank you all for understanding and your cooperation in helping to keep these students safe!

Kindergarten Enrollments



If you have a child turning 5 (five) years old prior to September 1, 2018 and they are <u>not</u> currently enrolled in a School District of Janesville Pre-school for Janesville (P4J) or Early Childhood (EC) program it is time to enroll in the Janesville Public School District. Enrollment will take place at the Educational Services Center located at 527 S. Franklin St. (administration building) in the New Student Enrollment office. You may enroll anytime during the two week period.

Weeks of December 4-8 and December 11-15

7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. M/W/F both weeks, Thurs. December 7 and Tues. December 12

8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. Thursday, December 7, 2017 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 12, 2017

If you cannot attend the enrollment period please come in as soon as possible to enroll after December 15, 2017. Enrollment in the district is <u>required</u> for participation in orientation. When you enroll, you will need your child's birth certificate for proof of age, proof of residency (top portion of a utility bill, or current lease) to determine school assignment, immunization records and photo identification. If you have questions on general enrollment, please contact the New Student Enrollment office at 743-5152 during regular office hours, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Requests for School Transfer/Placement within the School District (goldenrod forms) for incoming kindergarten students should be submitted through the enrollment process. Forms are available at all schools, as well as at the Educational Services Center. If you have questions regarding this process contact Tami Carlson at 743-5006. The status of requests will be determined by January 15, 2018 if they are turned in by December 15th. If you have a student currently attending a school under a School Transfer/Placement within the School District, **it does not automatically** qualify your kindergarten student for attendance at the same school; however, siblings are generally assigned to the same school. <u>In order for your kindergarten student to attend the same school as a sibling, you must submit a request during the Kindergarten Enrollment time frame.</u>

If you know of a child in your neighborhood or from community activities that would be entering kindergarten for the 2018-2019 school year, please pass this enrollment information on.

Non-District Residents

If you are a non-resident of the School District of Janesville and have a child turning 5 (five) years old prior to September 1, 2017 and would like your child to attend the School District of Janesville you must also apply for **OPEN ENROLLMENT**. The timeline for Open Enrollment is February 5 to April 30, 2018. Currently enrolled non-residents in a P4J or EC program do not need to re-apply. If you have questions regarding the Open Enrollment process, please contact Tami Carlson at 743-5006.

BAND & ORCHESTRA

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Thank you for coming to our Fall Orchestra/Band Concert! Your attendance and daily encouraging support are very important in helping to build confidence in our young musicians. Considering that students are just off the "starting-line" in learning to play their instruments, there is some great work being done. We continue striving toward building strong fundamental skills that will be the foundation for involvement in instrumental music. Students can already identify improvement from when they began, and can project a couple months into the future about where they will be by then.

Please check your calendars to make sure they are marked with the following performances:

Thursday, January 25 - <u>Band Students</u> are invited to perform with the Craig High School pep band at a basketball game. Students will meet at Craig around 6:00pm and should be finished around 7:30pm.

Wednesday, April 18 – <u>Orchestra Students</u> will be participating in an "All-City Strings" at Parker High School. The performance begins at 7:00pm, with students arriving around 6:00pm.

Thursday, May 31 – Orchestra and Band Students will perform in the Spring Concert at Monroe School. The concert begins at 1:30pm and will last approximately 45 minutes.

Traditionally, the approaching holidays are filled with music. Can you imagine December festivities accompanied by silence? Your student has begun the journey beyond simply listening or enjoying music, as important as they are, towards becoming a music performer; an artist in a sense, open to a wider understanding and appreciation of all types of music. As you and your family enjoy all the musical opportunities this season offers, please continue to encourage the student musician, who is beginning to take an active part in making music as an art form and discovering their talent.

The music department sends best wishes for a healthy and happy holiday season to you and yours. Through music our children are living a richer life filled with expression, appreciation and creative growth.

MAKE A JOYFUL SOUND!

Mr. Tom May

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Mrs. Lori Meyer Monroe Elementary Orchestra Teacher lori.meyer@janesville.k12.wi.us 743-6643



Do you have concerns about your child's development?

If so, you are invited to attend our 25th Annual....



What: Developmental Screening for children ages 2-4 1/2 that

live in the School District of Janesville.

When: February 5th 2018 8:30 AM-6:00 PM

February 6, 2018 8:30 AM-5:00 PM

Where: Educational Services Center 527 South Franklin Street

Appointments are encouraged and will be taken through 1/31/18 Call 743-5063 to make an appointment.

Walk-ins available:

Children ages 2-3 February 6th 8:30-11:30 a.m.
Children ages 3-4 1/2 February 5th and 6th from 2:00-4:30 p.m.

Are you moving?????

If you will be moving from your current home address please contact Monroe School office at 743-6900 as soon as possible to determine what paperwork you will need to fill out for your child to continue attending his/her current school.

Please note: if you are moving to an address outside the School District of Janesville in most cases your child is eligible to continue attending the School District of Janesville as long as you complete the appropriate paperwork within the required timeline.



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Show your server this card or tell your server you are with "TEAM C" for Monroe School's PBIS before paying your bill, and we will receive 10% for our school! This goes from December through February.



Monroe Misson:

In our safe and respectful community we celebrate each growing mind, body and heart through active learning.



Monroe Office: 743-6900

Monroe Attendance Line: 743-6930

December & January Events

(Remember events are listed on the Monroe Website Family Calendar too!)

DECEMBER

- 1 Report Cards Home Via Students 9:00-12:00 Field Trip Grade 1—Young Auditorium 11:30-2:00 Field Trip Grade 2—Young Auditorium
- 4 NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS—Teacher Work Day
- 6 3:00-4:00 Reading Buddies—Mrs. Peters
- 7 3:08-4:15 Good News Club
- 8 8:45-9:45 Kindergarten Winter Sing 9:30-10:30 Grade 1Winter Sing 10:15-11:15 Grade 2 Winter Sing 12:30-1:30 Grade 4 Winter Sing 1:15-2:15 Grade 3 Winter Sing 2:00-3:00 Grade 5 Winter Sing
- 13 3:08-4:00 Reading Buddies—Mrs. Peters 4:00-8:00 PTA Papa Murphy Night
- 14 3:08-4:15 Good News Club
- 19 Grade 1 Polar Express Day
- 21 PTA Winter Classroom Party 3:08-4:15 Good News Club
- 22 NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS First Day of Winter Break

JANUARY

- 3 First Day Back to School from Winter Break
- 4 3:08-4:15 Good News Club
- 8 3:15-3:45 Student Council Meeting
- 11 3:08-4:15 Good News Club
- 15 6:00-7:00 PTA Meeting
- 17 4:00-8:00 PTA Papa Murphy Night
- 18 3:08-4:15 Good News Club
- 23 3:00-4:00 SAP Activity
- 25 3:08-4:15 Good News Club
- 30 4:00-8:00 Culver's Night

