

Monroe Middle School

“Home of the Eagles”

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Dear Parents:

Welcome 5th grade students and families! This is such an exciting time for our incoming 6th graders as they begin their educational journey to Monroe Middle School. The administration, faculty, staff and students are eagerly awaiting our future eagles and look forward to having them be a part of our school over the next three years. As it is the elementary schools job to help prepare all students for middle school, it now becomes our goal in helping to prepare them for Wheaton North High School.

Our 6th grade students will host Sandburg on Tuesday, May 5th, Emerson on Wednesday, May 6th, Pleasant Hill and Whittier on Thursday, May 7th. The 5th grade students will take a tour of the building, eat lunch and participate in a question and answer session with several of our current 6th grade students. Our 6th grade students have actively been writing back and forth with incoming 5th grade students to help ease any fears they may have about coming to Monroe, and to help make the transition as seamless as possible.

Along with student orientation to Middle School, we also offer a parent evening on Tuesday, May 12th @ 7pm for all parents whose son and/or daughter will be entering the 6th grade. The evening will take place in the 6th grade commons area of Monroe and you will get an opportunity to tour the building and get a feeling of what a typical day will be like for your incoming middle school student. Please feel free to use the DuPage Fairgrounds if Monroe's parking lot is full that evening. We hope that all parents are able to attend so that they can learn firsthand about Monroe, the services we provide and the opportunities for growth their children will have during their middle school years.

With the end of the year come Monroe rituals and routines. Our 8th graders are preparing for their recognition ceremony which is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, June 4th. Our incoming 6th graders are preparing to visit us through their assigned Step-Up-Days in May, and our 7th graders are completing their scheduling of electives for the following year.

I would like to thank our parents this year that have helped out with the numerous activities we have had throughout the year, as well as thank the generous support we have received from our PTA. The PTA has helped provide Monroe with five Smart Boards this year and is looking to help us add five more for the following year. Their effort in raising monies has been instrumental in adding to the quality education we provide our students.

Our students are looking forward to a busy finish to their year. We have a school dance planned for April 24th for all 7th and 8th graders, boys and girls 7th and 8th grade track will begin after spring break, and our annual Talent Show is to be held in May. The year has flown by for me, and I am grateful to have been so welcomed. It has been a true pleasure to have been able to share a part of your son and/daughters middle school experience with me this year.

Enjoy the spring weather!

Sincerely,

Jason P. Stipp
Principal-James Howard Monroe Middle School



Farewell to Monroe's Class of 2009

As the season changes from winter to spring, we realize that it is almost time to wish our eighth grade students good luck in their high school years. We can look back on three years of academic challenges, adventures, and activities that have prepared them for the next educational program. As eighth grade students this year we have solved equations, solved mysteries, experienced a speakeasy, and visited Star Lab, In other years there have been Africa days, frog dissections, a trip to the Art institute, and many of the students have had music and sports experiences that they will not soon forget. However, we must not say good-bye too soon. All eighth grade students should be preparing for the Constitution test that is scheduled to take place on Thursday, May 28th and there are local assessment tests to take in many subject area classes.

At the end of May there are several events planned to give 8th graders a chance to celebrate their years at Monroe Middle School. On Friday, May 29th the PTA will sponsor the 8th Grade Dinner. Students will enjoy a casual barbecue and will view a slide presentation that highlights memories of their past three years. All eighth graders are invited to this fun-filled event, which is free of charge and is sponsored by the PTA.

On Thursday, June 4th the Eighth Grade Awards Assembly will be held next door to Monroe Middle School at the DuPage County Fairgrounds fieldhouse from 1:30 to 2:30 in the afternoon.

Best of luck to our eighth grade students,
The Stars and Stripes Teachers



Monroe Minutes

April – May – June 2009

2009-2010 Registration & Schedule Pick Up Information

Registration packets will be sent home with your students with their Progress Report on May 1, 2009.

Please read the entire packet and make note of the Tuesday, June 30, 2009 deadline for all fees. Please mark your calendar and make every effort to attend schedule pick up with your student. Yearbook pictures will also be taken at this time, as well as school ID's. The dates are as follows:

- **Tues., August 18th** 8th grade
- **Weds., August 19th** 7th grade
- **Thurs., August 20th** 6th grade

The times for these dates are:

8:00am – 1:00pm only. Please note the time!



Please note:

- Have you changed any of your phone numbers recently?
- Would you like to change any of your emergency contacts?
- Are you planning on moving over the summer?

Please notify Debbie Docekal in our Attendance Office at #682-2290 to update your child's records.

Monday, August 24th is a district wide Inservice Day in which all staff will be involved in meetings.

The first day of school is Tuesday, August 25th. This is a half day of school with a dismissal time of 11:30am.



Market Day

A fundraiser like no other...

Market Day Pick Ups:

April 7th, May 12th and June 9th from 4-5pm
Take advantage of the great deals and delicious food all while helping the Monroe Scholarship Fund!

The Market Day Fundraising Program is here at Monroe for the 2009-2010 school year. Market Day order forms will be sent home with your son or daughter every month from September to May, or you can easily order online as well at www.marketday.com.

Market Day offers many great products from breakfast foods to appetizers to great dinner meals. We hope that every family including our current customers will give our Market Day program a try next year. We appreciate those that have ordered this year and hope to see more orders next year. If you should have any questions regarding the Market Day program feel free to contact your schools Market Day representative, Mr. Formanksi.

5% Back to School Program at Office Depot:

Every time parents, students and school supporters give your school's ID number when buying school supplies, Monroe will receive credits equal to 5% of the qualifying purchases to use for free supplies! Make sure you give them Monroe's ID number:

ID # 70035171

From the Nurse's Office:

Attention Parents:

- All incoming 6th grade students are required to have a complete physical before the first day of school. If it is not on file by 8/25/09, the student won't be able to participate in PE until the nurse has it. A dental exam is also required within 18 months of May 15, 2010.
- All 8th grade students will need a physical in order to register at Wheaton North High School. **Copies of their immunizations will be attached to progress reports for the fourth quarter.** All 8th graders will need another tetanus/diphtheria shot before attending high school.
- If your student has medication at school, please pick it up before Thursday, June 4th. If he/she will need it next year, over the summer please take the opportunity to have the doctor fill out the **Medication Permission form** (which can be downloaded from Monroe's website, by clicking on the office label on the left side of the front page. Then click on the nurse's office on the right side of the page. The medication permission form is then in PDF format for you to print.

Make your sports physical appointments now!!!

Any student that plans on **trying out** for any inter-scholastic sport **MUST** have an up-to-date physical each school year. Remember that Girl's Volleyball tryouts begin the first week of school and Cross Country shortly thereafter. A current sports physical must be on file for a student to try-out or participate in a sport. Physicals are valid for one year.

Sportlink will be offering appointments on **Wednesday, August 19, 2009 beginning at 9:00am.**
Cost: \$39.99

Location: Monroe Middle School

To schedule an appointment go online at www.sportlinkusa.com . Enter **MONROE** for your school code. Do not call the school, as appointments will be taken online only. Or you may contact Joel DeJong @ #708-955-9557 for questions.

News from our P.E. Department:

April 6, 2009:

Track season starts for 7th and 8th graders only. Every athlete needs to have a current sports physical to participate for the season. We are looking for parents to help at our home track meets. If you are interested, please contact the track coaches. 7th grade track will have an informational meeting at 3:10pm on March 25th and 8th grade will meet at 3:10pm on March 26th.

April 30th. – Mark you calendars!

Picture Day in Physical Education! All students will have their picture taken. There will be a variety of packages to purchase. Group pictures and props are allowed. Package information will be sent home the week of April 20th. A second reminder will be sent home with the students the week of April 27th. All proceeds benefit physical education.

Spring Intramurals:

6th Boys/Girls Basketball

April 6 – April 30th

Monday – Thursday 7:00AM

6th Grade Games

May 4 – May 28th.

Monday – Thursday 3:00-4:00PM

Cell Phones and Electronic Music Players



We would appreciate if you would remind students to power off (not on silent or vibrate) all cell phones and music players (IPODs, MP3s, etc.) from the time they enter Monroe in the morning until 3:00 PM. These devices should also be kept out of sight during this time. If these rules are not followed by students, the devices will be confiscated and returned when the parent or guardian contacts the school and talks with the Assistant Principal. Please support this policy and discuss responsible usage with your student.

An additional problem that has expanded recently is the misplacement or theft of these devices. Increasingly, students are reporting the loss of phones and music players due to neglect such as theft because a locker is left open, or losing the phone while carrying it during the day. Please review with your student important behaviors to practice to ensure their device stays in their possession. We recommend that students keep valuable items at home during the day but understand their importance to students and you. Students may always use the phones in the office if they need to contact parents or guardians during the school day.

Pace Calls:

From time to time our Principal or the District office places a Pace call to send important information to parents and students. If a ConnectED call is missed or someone would like to hear the information again, from the phone that was called by ConnectED, you may dial 1-877-REPLAY (1-877-737-5291) to replay any messages that have been sent to that phone.



Dress Code

Please reinforce the dress code with your student. As the weather warms up, spring and summer clothes become more prevalent. Also students grow throughout middle school and clothing that fit in the fall may not in the spring. Please review these guidelines with your student. We appreciate your support.

- **All clothing must cover from shoulders to mid-thigh. No holes in clothing.**
- **No underwear should be showing.**
- **Pants and shorts are to be worn at the waist.**
- **Hats, headgear, jackets and gloves may not be worn in the building.**
- **Transparent items, strapped shirts, strapless tops, nightwear, and items normally worn as undergarments, but displayed as outerwear are prohibited.**
- **Apparel that promotes or advertises drugs, alcohol or tobacco products, violence, sex and other inappropriate activities are not permitted.**



If you are an 8th grade parent submitting a picture for the yearbook, please submit picture and payment by Friday, March 27th to the Monroe main office.

Welcome
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Monroe's Class of 2012!!!

Step-Up Days Scheduled for Incoming Fifth Graders

Monroe Middle School is beginning its annual orientation process for incoming fifth graders. We look forward to meeting you and your children during the next few weeks.

Each year in the spring, days are set aside for fifth graders to come to visit Monroe Middle School. This program was developed so that fifth graders could experience the better part of a day at Monroe. By participating rather than just hearing about us, we hope each one will come away with fears eliminated or at least eased. In the past, some of the concerns fifth graders have expressed are:

- Being able to operate a locker combination
- Bringing the proper materials to class
- Working for several teachers each day
- Being in the locker room and changing clothes
- Eating in our cafeteria
- Being harassed by other students
- Making it through the halls during passing periods
- Getting to classes on time
- Getting lost



Each fifth grade student is teamed up with his or her sixth grade guide for lunch. Fifth graders and their guides have written letters to each other prior to the visit. Guides are always the same sex as the visitors. It is the sixth graders' privilege to be guides and their responsibility to see that their visitors enjoy themselves while learning as much as they can about Monroe. Hopefully, after the visit with us, the fifth graders will feel more comfortable with middle school life.

The fifth graders will be having lunch with us and they have the option of purchasing a plate lunch for \$2.40, a pizza lunch for \$2.40 (both include milk), or bring a sack lunch from home. **The cafeteria lines get very long and we do suggest bringing a sack lunch.**

The schedule for visits is as follows:

- Sandburg May 5
- Emerson May 6
- Pleasant Hill/Whittier May 7

Parent Night for fifth grade parents is scheduled for **Tuesday, May 12th at 7:00PM.** Mark your calendar to attend this informative program.

2008-2009 Wrestling Recap

I would like to start off by saying that this team did an excellent job all season long. We came into the season with very high expectations and set three main goals, a winning record for both "A" and "B" teams, a City Dual Meet Championship, and a Hubble Tournament Championship. Our "A" team ended with a record of 11-2 and our "B" team ended up 10-3. The "A" team captured 3rd place at the West Chicago Charger Invitational, and took 2nd place at the Hubble Tournament.

These young men did whatever it took to get the job done. We as coaches asked them to step things up and they did just that. When we asked for just a little bit more they gave it to us and then some. These young men should feel very proud for what they accomplished not just for themselves but for the team as a whole. We as coaches would like to thank each and every wrestler that came out and joined our team and we look forward to another great season next year.

Stay Strong and Stayed Focused

Coach Formanski

Coach Cekay

Hubble Tournament Place Winners

Shawn Larsen 1st Place

Jacob Bretz 3rd Place

Riley Overstreet 4th Place

Tyler Mitchell 4th Place

Andrew Conrad 2nd Place

Henok Goitom 4th Place

Mike Rumoro 3rd Place

Kellen Cleveland 3rd Place

Yusuf Yusuf 3rd Place

Nick Favale 3rd Place

Matt Ramirez 1st Place

Lataye Smith 1st Place

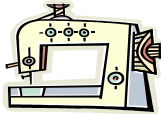
Dee Alexander 1st Place



Monroe Spotlights the Forte Team and English Language Learners (ELL) !

8th Family and Consumer Science:

8th grade FACS is a one-semester elective which expands skills and understanding in the areas of food preparation, nutrition, living space, child development and textiles. Footballs and pants or shorts are the two main sewing projects. Students also learn how to hand sew (useful for clothing repairs) and do laundry. In foods area, kitchen terms, measurement, safety and nutrition are covered throughout the unit. Some of the cooking labs include muffins, bread, Stromboli, cinnamon rolls and even apple pie!



7th Family and Consumer Science:

FACS in 7th grade introduces the students to the areas of food preparation, nutrition, and textiles through individual projects and group activities. Some of the recipes prepared in lab are Pizza Bubble Bread, pancakes, omelets, and pretzels. Clothing repair, sewing a button and inserting a drawstring are some of the skills included in the textile unit.

IRA Music:

Students begin the first four weeks of the music curriculum reviewing and learning some of the basic fundamentals of music and memorizing the words to the “Star Spangled Banner.”

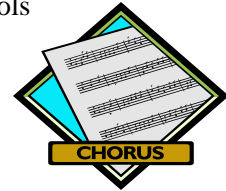


Students then use these skills to compose their own musical pieces, play and perform the recorders and perform some musical chants and speech canons. We write and perform musical raps, listen and learn about composers and try to fit some musical bingo into our 9 weeks.

Chorus:

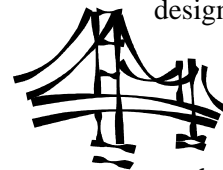
The Monroe Chorus is now up to 80 members and going strong. The 6th grade Chorus meets every Tuesday and Thursday right after school from 3:15 to 4:00pm with the availability of the school bus for anyone needing a ride home. Monroe’s 7th and 8th grade chorus members meet during the last period of each day. This has

made a huge difference musically! In December we went on our yearly field trip and saw the musical, “Wicked”, with lunch at Rainforest Cafe. We had a wonderful time! We are now busy rehearsing for our next performance on March 20th at Monroe’s Family Dinner. Our final concert of the year will be May 21st at 7:30pm. I’m sure we will fit in our yearly bowling/pizza party sometime before the school year ends. Remember it’s never too late to join chorus. Anyone interested in singing with us, please see Mrs. Ryan. This year’s Show Choir is made up of 14 auditioned members. Show Choir is an after school activity and with how busy the students are nowadays, this has been a struggle to find time to rehearse. The Monroe Show Choir will be performing at WNHS on April 29th and will also be going on a recruiting tour to the elementary schools towards the end of the school year. They are a fun and talented group of students!



Applied Science & Technology:

The 8th grade students in Applied Science and Technology began the semester studying Engineering and Stress Analysis and Bridge Building. Students explored the different types of forces and stresses that are applied to many structures including bridges. Students used the West Point Bridge Design computer program to design their own bridges and test



them in a simulation. Next they took what they learned and with a partner constructed a bridge out of balsa wood. The class then tested these bridges on a machine called a Stress Analyzer to see how much force each bridge could handle before breaking. We have now started the Co2 racecar unit which many have been looking forward to. Students will design a car, apply their design to wood, cut, sand, paint and then later this semester we RACE!

Band:

On March 7th Monroe hosted the IGMSA Jazz Band Competition. Both our "A" and "B" Jazz Bands earned Division I ratings by receiving unanimous first place scores. We are so proud of these students for all of their hard work and effort. Both bands qualified for the state competition to be held in Crystal Lake on May 2nd. Featured soloists were Joe Drabik and Lukas Thill. Way to to Monroe!

On March 21st our 7th and 8th grade bands will compete in the IGMSA Band Competition hosted by Hubble Middle School. Our three selections will be "Zacatecas", "Impact" and "Appalachian Overture." Best of skill to these students.



Upcoming events:

On April 30th, the Monroe Band will play the National Anthem at the Kane County Cougar game. Students qualify through practice records and reading a book for the Ozzie "Reading is a Hit" program. We are looking for 6-8th grade students who are interested in being part of the Memorial Day Parade on May 25th. We need flag corps members and it would be great to have a baton twirler. See Mr. Blazek in room 154 if you are interested. Announcements will be made mid April. We hope to see you at our upcoming events, and as always thank you for your support of music in our schools! Our final concerts are May 18th for Jazz Bands and May 27th for Concert Bands.

Orchestra:

The seventh and eighth grade orchestra has recently participated in the Illinois Grade School Music Association Organizational Contest. This annual opportunity was evaluated by judges who assessed our performance. Ask the nearest seventh or eighth grade orchestra member how we did!

We will close the year with our final concert on Thursday, May 28th at 7:00pm in the Commons. Join us for some great music and food afterwards.



Monroe Musicians Excel:

On February 14, 2009 students from both of the Bands and Orchestra performed at Monroe Middle School as part of the Illinois Grade School Music Association (IGMSA) Solo and Ensemble Contest (District VII Area). Out of 36 solos and ensembles from the orchestra, 29 earned a Division I rating and 7 earned a Division II rating. No one got a Division III rating! Our band entered 56 solo and ensemble events with 51 awarded Division I ratings and 5 awarded Division II ratings. We congratulate these students and celebrate the success they have experienced due to their dedication and hard work. Thank you to all the parents for their support of this event. You were great! Way to go Eagles!!

A special note of thanks:

Special thanks to our Band and Orchestra parents. You make hosting Solo and Ensemble and the Jazz Competition so easy. Whether you worked the welcome table, donated food or drink, concessions, bus duty, contest office, made or brought breakfast and lunch for the judges, set-up, take down, you name it and Monroe parents and students were stellar! Whether you worked for an hour or ran the ALL Day marathon, you made these the best contests to date. Again, THANK YOU!

6th Grade IRA Drama:

IRA Drama is a great way for students to "get their feet wet" on the stage without it being a frightening experience. Students participate in theatre activities that are designed to help them become more comfortable in front of an audience, while strengthening their creativity and imagination. In the last few weeks of each quarter, drama students start to focus on the process of rehearsing and performing a play. They start learning stage areas and directions, then they progress through the steps of blocking, rehearsing, and finally, doing a performance for the rest of the IRA classes. The students and the instructor have had a great time doing these performances!

8th Grade Electives Drama:

8th grade Drama is a one-semester elective for the 8th grade students. A large part of the semester is spent on improvisation and character work. Students have a great time as they build creative thinking skills and self-confidence, and discover hidden talents.

Monroe Theatre:

The school year began with weekly meetings of the Monroe Theatre Club. We started writing an original T.V. parody entitled, "OMG TV."

With auditions for the school play coming up, the parody had to be put on hold until the spring. Auditions for the school play were held at the beginning of December, and rehearsals began right after the Winter Break.

The flu, severe weather, and many schedule conflicts threatened the rehearsal period, but the actors persevered, and on March 12, 13, and 14, a cast and crew of approximately fifty 6th, 7th and 8th graders produced the comedy, "A Midsummer Night's Teen." The three performances were lively and fun and the Monroe audiences had a great time!

6th grade ~ IRA Computer Literacy:

The purpose of this class is to give students the opportunity to improve their keyboarding skills and begin to learn to use word processing, spreadsheets, presentation software and the Internet safely and effectively. Microsoft Office is used: Word, Excel, and PowerPoint.

7th grade~Technology Exploration:

Gives students the opportunity to practice the intermediate uses and proper formatting in word processing, spreadsheet, presentation, graphic editing, and simple data base manipulation. Microsoft Office is used: Word, Excel, Paint, Publisher, and PowerPoint. Safety, Internet search strategies, and website evaluation are also taught.

8th grade ~ Middle School Information Technology:

Trains students in the advanced uses and proper formatting of word processing, spreadsheet, publication, presentation, and data base software. Microsoft Office is used: Word, Excel, Paint, Publisher, PowerPoint, and Access. Inspiration is introduced and used as a graphic organizer and outline maker. The Internet search strategies are taught to prepare for effective research. A proficiency test is given at the end of the semester. Upon successful completion of this test, students will be able to move into a more advanced level of technology as a freshman in high school.

English Language Learners (ELL)

The English Language Learning program currently has 32 students from 12 countries. The students in the program are organized into five different English levels. Each student follows a class schedule based on his or her level of English. This schedule includes Language Arts, Reading, Math, Science, Social Studies and elective courses. Students also participate in many extracurricular sports, such as wrestling, intramural soccer and intramural floor hockey.

In Science, students have been studying the following units: color and light, the Solar System, classification, and genetics. Students have been studying geography and American history in Social Studies. In Language Arts, students have focused on personal narratives and poetry. Students have also enjoyed studying about real-life stories in reading class.



Spring Book Fair

When: April 22 – April 24
Wednesday & Thursday
7:45 A.M. – 7:00 P.M.
Friday 7:45 – 11:30 A.M.

Where: Monroe LLC

Why: Monroe students love to read!

Stock up for summer reading. . .

NEW THIS YEAR!



- **Summer library checkout** for students now in grades 6 and 7
- Visit the LLC with a parent June 1 -3 between 3 and 7 P.M. to choose your summer reading
- All books due back at August schedule pickup
- **More details to follow!** Including the fine print. . . some limitations and exclusions will apply 😊

it's talent show time!!

The Monroe Talent Show will be at 7pm on the following nights:

- **Thursday, May 14**
- **Friday, May 15**

There will be a show on Saturday, May 16 at 4pm for family of performers only.

Students are entitled to one free ticket as part of the beginning of the year registration fee.

- **Performers MAY NOT receive a free ticket to give to someone else.**
- Students must use the free ticket themselves: they **MAY NOT** give them to someone else.

In order to receive a free ticket, each student must return the below form **signed by a parent** to the drop box in the back of the LLC between Monday, May 4th and Friday, May 8th. Tickets will then be distributed the following week.

Tickets will be sold at lunch starting May 11th and at the door for \$3.00 for students.

Student Name _____

Grade level _____

1st period teacher _____

Please mark **ONE** performance night. (If a student wishes to attend more than one night, he/she must purchase the second ticket at lunch or at the door.)

_____ Thursday 5/14 _____ Friday 5/15

Parent Signature _____

Return to drop box in the LLC between Monday, May 4th & Friday, May 8th.

Eagle Excellence

Physical Education	Stars	Stripes
PE Excellence: Mitch Biegalski Nermin Isic Hannah Neilsen Greg Scandora Zachary Schmid Reilly Stewart	Academic Excellence: Justin Ali Abigail Holaway David Michel Jessica Stroner Kyle Tegtmeyer Brandon Zborowski	Academic Excellence: Emily Daly Erick Diaz Emily Domonkos Valerie England Esther Johnson Ryan Mamlic
Academic Effort: Mary Aldridge Anne Brcka Nicole Gentile Jessalyn Kieta Jeremy Stapleton	Academi Effort: Peter Dalgleish MacKenzie Dease Daniella DeRose Beryl Faustina Tiffany Gaimari Jasmine Gill Deanna Hafenscher Daniel Nisbett Alexander Ryan Zachery Slezak Benjamin Smith Matthew Webber	Academic Effort: Kenzi Carn Nicole Johnson Allie Klatt Jenny Lake Connoe O'Brien Erik Olson
Participation: Christopher Annis Mitch Antonik Justin Carrington Ashley Cross Monica Estrada John Kiely Marco Rosen	Citizenship: Kelly Doran	Academic Improvement: Drew Akers Jonathan Chapman Alexander Jackson Mario Rodriquez
Responsibility: Sarah Bradley Dan Nisbett	Participation: Michael Hands Jennifer Jirsa	Outstanding Effort and Participation: Cody Trevoy
Respect: Sarah Ackenhusen Valerie England Mackenzie Mason Tara Tsaparis		
Trustworthiness: Drew Maher River Williams		
Fairness: Brittany Marion		
Citizenship: Jasmine Bryant		
Caring: David Michel Staci Papadacos Jamie Pocius		

English Language Learners

Academic Effort:
Hilda Gonzalez

Respect:
Tamana Mohammad Hussain

Participation:
Eli Gonzalez



Eagle Excellence

Band, Orchestra, Chorus & 8 th grade Electives	IRA & Unified Arts	Aviators
<p>Band: Grace Annen Eliza Billingham Ceira Ostberg Kelly Gonzalez Amanda Ngo Josh Granger Valerie England Patrick Query Zach Sinn</p> <p>Orchestra: Micah Volle Josh Yung Alex Sekowski</p> <p>Chorus: Meghan Ross Madeline Ritter Alexander Royer</p> <p>Applied Science & Technology: Bobby Leahy Tyler Mitchell Nick Provencher Bobby Leahy</p> <p>Family & Consumer Science: Mikayla Hartel Connor O'Brien</p> <p>Art: Anna Gibson Hannah Kost Deyson Vuelvas</p> <p>Information Technology: Eduardo Garcia</p>	<p>Art: Marissa McGee Cristy Santana</p> <p>Drama: Ceira Ostberg Kenneth Stang</p> <p>Music: Cole Montejano Jacob Silvinski</p> <p>Computer Literacy: Jakob Andor</p> <p>Technology Exploration: Rosalia Diaz Nick Johnson Monica Tyler</p> <p>Applied Science & Technology: James Blanchard Emily Gingrich Jacob Taschetta</p> <p>Life Skills: Kyle Jednachowski Tia Lindsey Jackie Marro</p>	<p>Academic Excellence: Justin Carrington Oliva Hacker Erin Klage Brian Medendorp Rebecca Rudman</p> <p>Academic Effort: Rod Hooton John Kiely</p> <p>Caring: Mitch Biegalski Alaina Obert Jamie Pocius Abby Simpson</p> <p>Citizenship: Colin Baillie Jack Chambers Stephanie Illarionov</p> <p>Outstanding Participation: Joseph Catanese Nathan Weeder Jessica Wheeler</p> <p>Respect: Kasey Arbogast Matthew Dahlman Heather Rojas</p> <p>Responsibility: Kaitlin Frazier Sydney Gallop Garrett Miller</p> <p>Trustworthiness: Philip Hossu James Jun</p>

Monroe Middle School



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Dear Monroe Families:

Hopefully, spring weather is around the corner as Monroe PTA is once again having a plant sale at Prosek's Greenhouse May 1- 8th. Many of the teams have taken field trips that the PTA has supported- Phantom Tollbooth play at COD for the 6th grade teams and the 7th grade is off to the Shakespeare Theater and the 8th grade team was able to reschedule a play at the Paramount Arts Center. All of these trips complement the curriculum the students have been studying. I hope you were able to enjoy the entertainment provided by our Monroe students during the Family Dinner / Silent Auction. Thank you for your support of the Silent Auction that was held during the evening, the proceeds continue to support some of the programs and activities at Monroe.

Monroe LLC will be having a Spring Book Fair on April 22- 24th. Please stop by the fair to help support the LLC and select some great titles for summer reading.

I would like to welcome the incoming 6th grade students and their families to Monroe Middle School. On behalf of the PTA, I encourage you to join the PTA and remain involved in your student's school. There are opportunities for parent involvement- from volunteering at student registration, volunteering in the LLC, or chairing a PTA committee-such as the annual Magazine Drive, Reflections program, or the Family Dinner/Silent Auction. The PTA meets on the second Thursday in the LLC at 7pm. The next meeting is Thursday, April 9 and the Monroe Counselors will be our guests. Our final PTA meeting is Wed., May 13 and our guests are the PE department. Please join us.

The nominating committee has presented the slate of officers for the 2009-10; please support the officers as they plan for the next year's PTA events. Your input is important, please volunteer where you can.

As the year-end activities promise to keep us busy, I would like to thank all those who volunteer and work to bring it all together. Thank you to all who have helped over the past year.

In closing, congratulations to our 8th graders as they complete their middle school years, best wishes as you head to high school as the class of 2013! Welcome to the incoming 6th graders! I look forward to serving as your PTA president one more year.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Thomas
Monroe Middle School PTA President
arwjm1@sbcglobal.net

PTA BRIEFS:

Monroe PTA Calendar of Events:

QSP Magazine Sale:	Ongoing – order online at QSP.com Monroe’s school code 425052993 Magazines can be great gifts!
Monroe PTA Meeting	Thursday, April 9, 2009 7pm LLC
Monroe PTA Meeting	Wednesday, May 13, 2009 7pm LLC
8 th Grade Dinner	Friday, May 29, 2009 for all 8 th graders hosted by the PTA. Invitations will go home with Progress Reports on May 1st.
8 th Grade Awards	Tentatively Thursday, June 4th . Invitations will go home with the Progress Reports on May 1 st .

On March 18th, each student enjoyed a red, white and blue frosted cupcake courtesy of the Monroe PTA. The cupcake flag has been a tradition at Monroe for a number of years and free cupcakes laid out on a template of the American flag were served during the lunch periods that day. Many thanks to all the bakers and ladies who helped out to make the cupcake flag possible.

Thanks to all the Monroe volunteers that have helped with the Family Dinner and Silent Auction, LLC Volunteers, 8th grade Dinner, 8th grade Awards Program, Middle School Week, Staff Appreciation, Newsletter, Scholarship, Beautification, Hospitality, Cheesecake Sales, Ice Cream Social, Reflections, Registration, Plant Sales and the PTA officers. This is all possible because of the time and enthusiasm of the many PTA volunteers.

*Monroe PTA Committee
Jennifer Thomas, Karen Hyder,
Angella Bendinelli and Judy Ryan*

8th Graders – Mark your calendars!!!
Farewell Dinner – Friday, May 29th In the Monroe Commons (8th grade students only)
8th Grade Recognition Assembly –
TENTATIVELY Thursday, June 4th at 1:30pm at the DuPage County Fairgrounds.
Families are encouraged to attend. Invitations will be sent home May 1st, with Progress Reports

Newsletter Thanks!

Prior to the Monroe Newsletter going on-line, a small group of Moms got together to collate over 700 copies for distribution to all of our students. So a word of thanks is due to all of the Moms who dedicated their time, collating, stapling, folding and taping each and every newsletter in months past. Hats off to: Sara Overstreet, Cheryl Sammer, Joyce Wayhart, Linda Simpson, Beth Shadid, Judi Gonzalez, Colleen Vosberg, Kathy Carrico, Karla Coolidge, Ellen Dimas, Jennifer MacKenzie, Karen Bennett, Nickey King, Kristen Oakley, Linda Maskeri, Beth Majerczyk, Sandy Jolly and Lynn Collier. You were great and we couldn’t have done it without your help.
Brenda Davis

Thanks to all who donated to the Silent Auction from our community. Please support these local businesses that have supported Monroe Middle School PTA.

#1 Nails
6th Grade Teams
Barking Lot
Beth Ruscitti
Blackhawk tickets
Bowling Green Sports Center
Bruss Landscaping
Buikema Ace Hardware
Bulls/White Sox Training Academy
Cab's Wine Bar and Bistro
Carol Stream Ice Rink
Center Ice
Chicago Bulls
Chicago Cubs
Clarice's Salon and Spa
Comedy Shrine
Custom Creations
D.R. Mack Photography
Demiri Hair Stylists
Dimas Family
Fox Bowl
Frank Giranda Salon & Spa
Graham's Chocolate
Hilton Lisle/Naperville
Hip Loops
Holiday Inn
Holly Hocks
Jean Daniel
K&K Cleaning Service
Klein Creek Golf Club
Loiacano Family
M Thomas & Son's Electric
MacKenzie Family
Mamlic Family
Mary Ann Uhen/Mary Kay
Cosmetics
Massage Envy
McAnich Arts Center
Midwest Cyclery
Monroe Middle School

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Morton Arboretum
Mrs. O'Grady
Muldoons
Namaste Salon
Oakfield Family Restaurant
Outback Steakhouse
Pam Cary/Shaklee
Patriots Team
Pioneers Team
Pioneers Team
Planters Pallate
Premier Jewelry
Prosek's Greenhouse
Radiance Med Spa
Rejuvenation Therapeutic Massage
Sally Ocwa
Schaumburg Fliers Baseball
Shanes Deli
Slivinski Family
Southern Living at Home
St. Andrews Golf Course
Stars Team
Stones Jewelry
Stripes Team
Suzette's Creperie
Tasting DeVine
The Ryan Family
Village Links of Glen Ellyn
Wheaton Bowl
Wheaton Drama
Wheaton Meat Co.
Wheaton Nail School
Wheaton Sports Center
Wong Family
Zazu Day Spa
PE Department



District 200

2009 Spring Parenting Seminars

Homework: Laying the Foundation

March 12 12:00PM-1:00PM

Homework, along with the mounting responsibilities that students face, is a factor that contributes to a battleground in some families. Dr. John Glennon, Clinical Psychologist, will present a less painful way to deal with homework and balancing the demands of busy schedules and multiple outside activities.

Improving Interactions with Children on the Spectrum

March 19 12:00PM -1:00PM

Dr. Tim Wahlberg, Clinical Psychologist, will discuss effective ways to communicate with children on the autism spectrum based on how they think and process information. Behavioral strategies will also be explored.

Adolescent Sexuality

April 16 12:00PM -1:00PM

We live in a culture saturated with sexual imagery and storylines. Clinical Psychologist, Dr. Holly Harris, will examine how we can find the right words to communicate our values and provide our teens with education and support.

Raising Self-Reliant Adolescents

April 23 12:00PM-1:00PM

Are parents taking too many of the lumps and bumps out of their kids lives? When the real world isn't the discomfort free-zone kids are accustomed to, they can break down in a myriad of ways. Donna Kozica and Gary Luckey will explore this premise based on the book "A Nation of Wimps" by author Hara Estroff Marano. Come and join us for a lively discussion.

Wheaton Park District Community Center-Kelly Room
1777 Blanchard Road, Wheaton

To register call Mary at (630) 682-2229. **Registration is free.** Please indicate your choice of sessions. If you have questions call Donna Kozica, (630) 682-2165 or Gary Luckey, (630) 784-

