

Monroe Messenger
PTA Newsletter
September 2007 Newsletter 1

Dear Students & Families,

Welcome to a new, exciting school year! For those who are new to Monroe, I would like to extend a special welcome. Monroe offers a positive learning atmosphere that welcomes exploration and enhances student growth, both academically and socially. Our mission is to offer opportunities that assist each child in reaching his/her potential. The Monroe staff is dedicated to making school enjoyable and exciting, and most importantly, helping students LEARN!

A home-school partnership is extremely important in the Monroe community; therefore, parental involvement is encouraged and families are welcome in our school. Together, we can make the educational experience of your child a wonderful one. Please feel free to call or stop by anytime.

Sincerely,

Julie Stratman, Principal

Welcome back! Where has the summer gone? It is a new school year at Monroe. There are many things planned for this year. I want to extend the invitation to anyone wanting to volunteer some time at school. Please contact me. It is a wonderful way to get acquainted if you are new to the school. Don't worry. You are not obligated to anything you do not want to do. I would like to get more parents involved at school this year. I want to do everything possible to make sure the kids have the best year ever. Please let me know if you have suggestion that might be fun for the year. Or, maybe you know someone that does something interesting that could come do an assembly for the kids. Monroe has a great group of parents. I hope I get the chance to meet many more of you this year.

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Fundraiser is Coming!!!

Your kids will be coming home with their fundraising packets this Friday. I want to thank the Fundraising Committee, Lori Wiegand and Stephanie Weimer, for all their time and hard work to make this possible. They are using Tri-State as our fundraising company again this year. Tri-State is a Quincy company. I am pleased with what Tri-State has done so far and happy to support a local company with this event. Monroe depends on the money from the Fundraiser for support through the school year. PTA greatly appreciates your participation in the Fundraiser.

PTA Sign Up Sheets

The sign up sheet for helping with PTA committees is coming home in this newsletter. The first one was handed out at registration with all the other papers you received that day. It includes a small explanation of what is needed in a volunteer. It has dates and times of events. If you have any questions about a committee, call me. I would be glad to give you more details. It does not take much to be helpful to a committee. Most of the time, you are signing up for a time slot. Signing up gives the chairperson a list of names to call when it comes time for the event. Just fill out the attached form with whatever interests you and return it to school.

PTA Membership

PTA is parents and teachers working together to plan events to ensure a quality education for the children. There are no rules to follow if you join. You help in anyway you feel able. Some parents may be able to attend meetings, others may not. There are many opportunities to help. Most things that go on at Monroe during the year take volunteers to make possible. PTA members are just an organized group of volunteers willing to come together to keep things going through the year. Your membership is very important to this organization. Please send the included PTA envelope back to school along with \$4.00 for the membership fee per person. PTA is open to anyone, Moms, Dads, Grandparents, etc. PTA is hoping to increase its numbers by 10% this year. Thank you for your support.

Book Fair

Jonita Brunier is in charge of both book fairs during the school year with the help of many volunteers. The first Book Fair is October 17-19. It will be held during Special Person's Days. The location of the Book Fair will be determined as the event gets closer. During this first book fair, the teachers will have lists of books they are "wishing" for their classrooms. Check out those lists while browsing the Book Fair. This year, like always, we have to add tax to the price of items purchased at the Book Fair. PTA is no longer exempt from paying tax at Book Fairs. You might remember this when sending money with your child. Jonita will have more information on the Book Fair and Teacher Wish Lists coming home soon, along with volunteer sheets to come help out during the event. Thank you Jonita for all of your hard work at our book fairs.

Curriculum Night

Curriculum Night is September 6th, following the PTA meeting. This evening allows parents and staff to better know each other. It provides a forum for sharing instructional and management programs available at Monroe. The kindergarten and 1st grade parents meet in their student's classroom at 6:30pm. The 2nd and 3rd grade parents meet in their student's classroom at 7:15pm.

activities. It takes a significant amount of collecting to receive anything of value. As an incentive this year we will continue the prize programs. There will be prizes for the top students collecting and a party monthly for the top class. The instructions for collecting are as follows: Please place all labels, box tops, UPC codes, and A+ labels in individual bags by program. Place your child's name and teacher on each bag. The containers for these programs are located near the entrance of the school by the office. Please deposit bags in the appropriate container. The bags will be collected at the end of each month, counted, and prizes awarded to the top students and class at the beginning of the next month. Let's take advantage of these programs to benefit Monroe School and its students. The collection last year was a big success!!! One note- Campbell's has changed what they collect. They no longer want the front label. They want the UPC. The program will start in September.

Popsicle Pass-out

On the first day of school PTA passed out pop-sicles to all the classrooms. Thank you to Jodi Whitfield, Lori Eaton and Dee Moore for helping to coordinate this. It was nice to have a cool treat to end the long, hot, first day of school!

I want to thank the following people for helping at registration. Gary Haden, Dennis Willingham, Mrs. Carpenter, Beth Eckert, Angie Norris, Lori Wiegand, Michelle Feldberg, Lori Eaton, Janice Pillay, Rachael Petty, Becky Hoebing, Kerri Henderson, Dee Moore, Shelly Arns Debbie Johnson, Gloria Rodenberg, Laura Keane, Amy Triplett, and Laura McReynolds. Thank you for taking time to help at registration.