



Monroe - Message From the Principal

October 31, 2022

Happy Halloween!!! It was great to see so many families at school events over the last couple of weeks - including our amazing Harvest Lunch as well as recent parent/teacher conferences. Thank you to everyone for supporting both of these important activities. I hope you found the conferences informative and productive in terms of keeping you informed of your student's progress, as well as explaining the many ways that the whole family is a critical component of a child's educational team. I look forward to continuing to work closely with families and we all look forward to more upcoming fun family events.

Below, please find some important reminders as you head out for trick or treating this evening. Have a safe, and fun evening!





Reminders this week include:

- At this time, we are still asking that students be dropped off at the main entrance where a staff member will greet them and escort them inside.
- Daily dismissal time will begin with parent pick ups at 3:00, followed by bus dismissals. Parents are asked to pull up to the entrance and your child will be brought out to meet your car.
- **RSU 3 HAS RECEIVED FREE AT HOME COVID-19 TEST KITS FROM A FEDERAL PROGRAM. EVERY STUDENT AND STAFF MEMBER WHO WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A KIT SHOULD CALL THEIR SCHOOL'S MAIN OFFICE.**

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!

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Check out what's happening at Monroe School ... Week of 10/24

K	Kindergarten students were so excited to have their parents come see the classroom and hear about what we have been doing during Parent-Teacher Conferences. They also loved having family join them for the Harvest Lunch.
2/3	Our class has been learning about town government and local leaders. Students have been connected with a local leader, anyone from a selectboard member to volunteer firefighter to the director of the town library. Students are doing interviews to learn more about leadership and what it takes to be an active community member in a small town. They will start posters about their leaders in class this week.
Art	Students began painting their plaster masks.
PE	What an awesome time at Monroe - the cross-fit/stations was a huge success again - 4-5 and 2-3 crushed the complete body, strength, endurance and flexibility routine. I was so impressed by the effort, positive attitude and perseverance of all of the children. The littles continue to work on locomotor skills while moving safely in a dynamic space. So much to be excited about - great job everyone
Garden	<p>A highlight of the week included harvesting our first round of microgreens from our newly renovated greenhouse! We also harvested lettuce and spinach from our raised beds, all of which was served at our Harvest Lunch. How amazing it is to be harvesting fresh greens in late October!</p> <div data-bbox="431 1129 656 1428">A group of four children are gathered around a wooden raised garden bed. They appear to be planting or tending to small green seedlings in the soil. One child is kneeling and reaching into the bed, while others look on.</div> <div data-bbox="781 1129 1005 1428">A close-up view of a white plastic tray filled with dark soil. Numerous small, vibrant green and red microgreens are growing densely together. The plants have thin stems and small leaves, some showing a reddish tint.</div>

HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS



Top tips to keep your kids safe on Halloween

For parents and children:

- Children under 12 should trick-or-treat and cross streets with an adult.
- Always walk on sidewalks or paths. If there are no sidewalks, walk facing traffic as far to the left as possible.
- Cross the street at corners, observing traffic signals and crosswalks. Parents should remind children to watch for cars that are turning or backing up.
- Look left, right and left again when crossing and keep looking as you cross. Walk, don't run, across the street.

For drivers:

- Slow down and be especially alert in residential neighborhoods. Children are excited on Halloween and may move in unpredictable ways.
- Anticipate heavy pedestrian traffic and turn your headlights on earlier in the day so you can spot children from greater distances.
- Remember that costumes can limit children's visibility and they may not be able to see your vehicle.
- Reduce any distractions inside your car so you can concentrate on the road and your surroundings.

Costumes and Treats

- Decorate costumes and bags with reflective tape or stickers and choose light colored costumes to improve visibility.
- Choose face paint and make-up instead of masks, which can obstruct a child's vision. Look for non-toxic designations when choosing Halloween makeup.
- Avoid carrying sticks, swords, or other sharp objects.
- Have kids carry glow sticks or flashlights in order to see better, as well as to be seen by drivers.
- Liquid in glow sticks is hazardous, so parents should remind children not to chew on or break them.
- Check treats for signs of tampering before allowing children to eat them. Candy should be thrown away if the wrapper is faded or torn, or if the candy is unwrapped.