



# Monroe - Message From the Principal

October 24, 2022

This week we have an early release day on Wednesday. While this is an important opportunity for staff to receive professional development, it does mean that students have only a half day of school. Given that it is already an interruption to the normal school day, it is really important that students attend the morning and not lose the whole day if possible. We have noticed a pattern of many absences throughout the district on these half days and we are hoping to improve this. One way we are hoping to encourage better attendance on half days is to try a fun incentive with simple, special things that we will do on these shorter days. We do understand that some absences are unavoidable (sickness, scheduled appointments, etc). Please just consider making attendance on early release days a priority whenever possible. Thanks so much. **We look forward to seeing families at Harvest Lunch this week.**



## HALF DAY HAT DAY!

Wear your favorite hat on  
Wednesday, October 26th.

The class with the best attendance on this day  
gets to help pick the next half day special.



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 10/17**

<p>K</p>	 <p>In Kindergarten we have been playing math games to practice our counting skills. In this game, players roll a cube with numbers on it and cover the snail with that number of dots. We also have been playing War, Go Fish, and Memory.</p>
<p>2/3</p>	 <p>We had a great field trip on Friday to the town hall. This is part of our social studies unit on town government. We met with members of the fire department, the library, and the selectboard. Ask your 2nd and 3rd grade friends about the basement of the town hall! Every student was given a Monroe bicentennial medallion, which was an awesome surprise!</p>
<p>PE</p>	<p>PE has been very exciting and the children have been so enthusiastic at all grade levels. The positive attitude and effort have been inspiring to me and the other children. We continue to work on a variety of strength, endurance and balance activities. I am so proud of all the children with the youth soccer program - got to see a few games and the big tournament at the end of the season. What a giant leap in skill and development from the beginning of the season to the end. Congrats to the Champs Majors Brooks/Monroe well done and keep it up</p>
<p>SEL</p>	<p>At Monroe this week, for grades 4/5 we practiced what it means to write specific steps to achieve a goal. To practice this, students wrote specific steps to get through a course set up in the gym. 2/3 practiced their helpful thoughts. They did this by finding all of the unhelpful thoughts posted up in the gym and then changing them in a way to make them helpful (ex. I can't do this ___to___ I can do this, or I can't do this Yet). K continued talking about what makes them happy and we created a poster about happiness.</p>
<p>Garden</p>	<p>It was an exciting week in garden class! Miss Tracey and Mrs. Norgang's classes adopted a calf! Her name is Glow and she will live at her farm in Turner, but we will get to follow her growth and life at school. Ms. Cianchette's class investigated seeds and roots. The fourth and fifth graders helped fence in our orchard trees out front and checked on our microgreens growing in the greenhouse. We all enjoyed the beautiful fall day!</p>

