## Monroe - Message From the Principal



January 30, 2023

It's hard to believe that there are only three weeks until February break. These weeks will be busy with new units and instructional plans starting, based on the recent winter benchmark assessments. Students and staff are very excited about the progress that students have made as well as the information gained about next steps. We focus on a growth model and celebrate students' effort and progress while also being aware of the appropriate targets for each grade level so that we can continue to close any gaps. As you communicate with your child and their teacher, be sure to let your child know how proud you are of their hard work and talk through strategies that can be reinforced at home to allow for even more progress. We are very proud of every student and will continue to celebrate effort while also holding students accountable to the appropriate rigor.

It looks like the outside temperature is going to drop drastically towards the end of the week. We will likely have inside recess; however, it is very important that students still dress as warmly as possible for drop off and pick up times, in case of emergencies if we have to leave the building, and just in case the building is a little chillier than normal. Dressing in layers is always a good idea. Students should have appropriate shoes/sneakers to wear inside during the day (no bare/stocking feet or slippers), again, just in case of emergencies.

## Please see the important information below about upcoming substitute teacher training sessions.

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 1/23

K	This week Kindergarten students had a great time playing in all the snow on our playground! They worked very hard on all of our mid-year assessments, and had a lot of fun getting all their energy out in the snow. It is so exciting to see the growth each student has made so far this year.
1	This week the students have really enjoyed learning to sing "Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes" in Japanese. It is something very different for them and they are always eager for our guest musician Mr. Ando to come back and do that song with them to start the lesson. I will send a copy home if they want one.
2/3	We finished the last of the winter assessments this week, wrapping it up with a 45-minute writing prompt assessment. This marked the end of our narrative writing unit. Stories ranged from the time when I discovered a dead chicken, to the biggest Christmas surprise! I'll send home copies of the writing that students did with their mid-year assessment results this week. Overall I am very proud of the hard work and growth that students are showing!!
4/5	Students had a great week! We finished up our Human Body Systems Projects and will start presenting. After learning about their systems we did a diagram to see where they are in our bodies. We had a lot of applications for our student leader program and they are excited and nervous to do interviews and get started.
Garden	Due to the snow day, we didn't have garden class this week.
SEL	Over the next several weeks we will be discussing empathy, as well as continuing working on our acts of kindness.



## SUBSTITUTE TEACHER TRAINING

2 NIGHT SESSIONS

JAN 25TH & FEB 1ST <u>OR</u> MARCH 8TH & 20TH

\$15.00 SUPPLIES FEE

5:30 PM - 8:00 PM

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