

# Monroe - Message From the Principal



March 6, 2023



This week looks much quieter as far as the weather is concerned so hopefully we will get in the full week. Last week we celebrated Read Across America Day. It was a lot of fun and in some schools the fun was spread out over several days. We also used this reading focus to kick off our annual Bikes For Books program at most schools (Monroe School will be starting soon). Classroom teachers are responsible for determining the appropriate criteria for students to earn a slip to get their name in the drawing. Students are encouraged to read as much as possible to get their names in the drawing multiple times. Later in the spring we will hold an assembly to draw the winning names from each classroom and students will receive a free bike, helmet, and t-shirt, all sponsored by the local Mason lodges.

Currently Monroe students are participating in a read-a-thon to support the Gesner Park project. Between this and the upcoming Bikes For Books opportunity, students will be doing a lot of amazing reading!



Reminders this week include:

Please send your child to school dressed appropriately for the weather with jackets, hats, mittens, snow pants, boots, etc.

Veronica Kupferman and Jennifer Tibbetts are inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting if you are interested in volunteering here in RSU 3. Please take a moment to email Veronica at [vkupferman@rsu3.org](mailto:vkupferman@rsu3.org) if you are planning to attend this meeting. Thank you!

Topic: Volunteer Awareness/Orientation

Time: March 7, 2023 at 10:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting <https://rsu3-org.zoom.us/j/84148070259>



Meeting ID: 841 4807 0259

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 2/27**

K	<p>Kindergarten students had a great time with their Guest Readers on Read Across America Day. They welcomed Michael Norgang, Mike Schaab, and Ashlee Stubbs into the classroom, and loved Michael's owl calls, Mike's mirror poem, and Ashlee's story about being a caring friend.</p>
1	<p>In first grade we had a very busy week. We celebrated Read Across America and Dr. Suess's Birthday. We made cat in the hat crowns and wore them while our guest readers read to us. Our guest readers were: Andrea, Joe Isgro, Rick Hillman. Thank you so much for spending your morning in our school!</p>
2/3	<p>2nd &amp; 3rd graders had a great Read Across America day. Students enjoyed our guest readers in the morning. We had extra time throughout the day to get cozy with their own books, as you can see here:</p> 
4/5	<p>The Gulf of Maine trip for grade 5 is coming up soon, (3/23). Be on the lookout for the permission slips that were sent home this week. The class is also very excited about the reading fundraiser for the new playground at Gesner Park. Information was also sent home this week. Read Across America and Dr. Seuss's birthday (3/2) the students enjoyed our volunteers coming in to read to them and Dr. Seuss trivia. Thank you, Joe Isgro and Rick Hillman!</p>
Music	<p>Rock band started with fifth graders. Students have chosen between guitar, bass, drums and keys. They are currently learning their first chords on harmonizing instruments and percussionists have started working on the back beat. Next week we will meet for our first full band practice. In general music we have started experimenting in band lab. Students are independently using loops to compose their own music.</p>
SEL	<p><b>This week 2-3 and 4-5 got into groups for an upcoming project and brainstormed some challenges that might come up that we will work through together as a class.</b></p>
Garden	<p><b>What an exciting week! We tapped maple trees! We put in eight taps on maples around our school yard that we identified last fall. The sap will be collected daily by the students, and in a couple of weeks, we will boil it down outside at school! If you have any dry wood you'd like to donate, we'll be collecting it on the lower tar, by the basketball hoops. Please put it in or near the small metal shed (by the other large shed). Thanks so much!</b></p> 



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