

# Monroe - Message From the Principal



March 14, 2023



Due to the events in our district last week, this is an important time to revisit and reinforce our See Something, Say Something campaign across the district. Throughout this year we have been focusing on our ALICE training and we will continue to do so, in addition to more frequent reviews about the importance of See Something, Say Something. As you are aware from the messages that have been sent out, we will continue to work as a district team, in conjunction with the Waldo County Police Department to support all students in recognizing when and how to speak up and share important information that will help us keep everyone safe, emotionally and physically. I appreciate everyone's support and understanding that this is an important focus for our entire RSU 3 district and beyond.

There are a lot of exciting things happening right now. On Thursday students will get to boil the sap they have been collecting and then sample the yummy maple syrup!



Next week, our 5th graders will go on a special field trip to the Gulf of Maine Research Institute.

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.

**Don't forget that students do not have school on Friday due to a district professional development day for teachers.**

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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<p>K</p> 	<p>Kindergarten performed "Ten in the Bed" during this month's assembly. They had a lot of fun rolling over and falling out of the bed as we counted down from 10 to 1. We are currently learning about subtraction in math, and counting backwards is a great strategy. We have enjoyed listening to many other songs that count backwards, including 5 Little Ducks, 5 Green and Speckled Frogs, and 5 Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed.</p>
<p>2/3</p> 	<p>The sap is running and we are collecting! We are having our sap boil on Thursday the 16th. Thank you to those who have already donated wood! We could use more. It can be up to 3.5 feet long, cut up pallets, junk wood with fasteners... we just need it relatively dry and not painted or pressure treated. Wood drop offs can be made in the small metal shed on the bottom tar, near the church parking lot. You can drive right down to unload as long as it's outside of school hours, as that tar is part of our playground. School runs 7:30 - 3:50. Second and third graders have been bringing in their reading slips to help fund the playground at Gesner. We have more pages of slips if you run out.</p>
<p>4/5</p> 	<p>The students have been working extremely hard this week finishing up reading and writing units before the close of the trimester. We read the book <i>Alone in the Woods</i> and made our summaries of the book then worked on making posters and maps! Students will bring home their informational writing next week. I am so proud of the work they put into their papers and learned a lot of interesting facts about a variety of subjects. In Math, grade four is working on division strategies and grade five is finishing up multiplying decimals. (Any extra help when it comes to calculating price, percentages, and purchasing multiple items per cost would be great practice.) As a school, we made our PAW's goal and we will be having some "camping" fun on Monday 3/13 with a campfire, stories, smores, and frog jumping contest. The students had fun making their campfire during reading buddies using a computer fan, tissue paper, and construction paper.</p>
<p>Music</p>	<p>This week students started working on solfege and practiced sight singing. K-2 started learning <i>Closer to the Heart</i> by Rush and practiced their body percussion. 3-5 did a lyric analysis of Post Malone's <i>Sunflower</i> and continued work with band lab. In rock band, percussionists continue work with their backbeat and guitarists have added a second chord.</p>
<p>SEL</p>	<p>This week at Monroe, 2-5 started their group project work, while learning to work with groups. K-1 continued reading our book and put into practice some problem solving skills.</p>
<p>Garden</p>	<p>The sweet month of March! We added four more maple spiles to our trees this week and learned that it takes 25-40 years for a maple to be mature enough to tap. Now we have a dozen buckets hanging in maples around our schoolyard. We will be boiling it down this Thursday and enjoying it over a little ice cream!</p>



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