

# Monroe - Message From the Principal



May 15, 2023



It was great to see families at our recent RSU 3 Public Safety forum. This evening provided an important opportunity for community members to learn about the many safety protocols and precautions we have in place throughout the district. There were several great questions asked and Superintendent Brown, along with representatives from several agencies involved in school and public safety, did a great job of answering these questions with clarification that as a district we are constantly reviewing and updating our protocols as we continue to learn about best practices. As a reminder, at the elementary level, we practice safety drills and review important messages such as See Something Say Something. We have been utilizing the book I'm Not Scared, I'm Prepared Because I Know All About ALICE. I recently visited classrooms to play a review game with students to see if they remember the important concepts covered in this book. It has been a few months since I initially read this story, but it was amazing to hear the many details that students remembered and could articulate. While these concepts are incredibly important, we will continue to review and practice in a non-threatening way, just as we practice fire drills and other important safety drills. Please continue to check in with your child about this topic and reach out with any questions or concerns.

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 5/8**

K



Thank you, PTO!



In Kindergarten we had a great week! The Scholastic Book Fair was a big success, and the students LOVED their books purchased by the PTO. We also had a lot of fun playing games with the second and third graders while their classmates were taking NWEA tests. Kindergartners have begun their end of the year assessments, and it is so exciting to see how much they have learned this year!

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We have had such a busy week. We Started our A,B,C countdown to the end of school, We have started our year end testing, we did our Bikes for Books awards, (Congratulations to Amara and Braxton for getting Bikes in First Grade!) and we have had a book fair going on. It was so awesome of our PTO to graciously buy a book for every student. A huge thank you! They really love their books.

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Between the book fair, Bikes for Books wrapping up, end of year testing, and a fantastic afternoon spent in the pond, we had a BUSY week! We are planning to return to the pond this week to see what other creatures we can identify. So far we have identified amphibians (adults + eggs), and lot's of invertebrate arthropods such as caddisfly larvae, dragonfly nymphs, backswimmers, a predaceous diving beetle, and an ENORMOUS leech!

4/5



What a beautiful and busy week! We started NWEA testing, & our end of year assessments for reading and spelling. 4/5 rocked the assembly with We Will Rock You by Queen then Zoey and Harry won new bikes from the Bikes for Books program. Thank you to all who took the time to fill out slips! We have not put down our new books from the book fair. Thank you to the PTO for providing a new book for each student! We ended our week by painting special gifts for our loved ones which we earned from our P.A.W.S goal. I had no idea glitter glue was so popular. This upcoming week of 5/15 we will have more NWEA's to complete.



Music

This week, students continued practicing their concert repertoire and experienced improvisation on mallet instruments. We also continued beatboxing, adding the inward k snare to their sound bank and learned about dynamics, beatboxing at piano and forte.

SEL

**This week we practiced more of our S.T.E.P as a way to solve problems.**

Garden



**We got our hands in the soil this week! Our K-1 students planted onions and watered our spinach and radish seedlings. Students in Mrs. Norgang's class explored the pond out back and learned a bit about beavers. Our fourth and fifth graders worked in our greenhouse and orchard. The tulips we planted last fall, so generously donated by Johnny's Selected Seeds, are in full blossom! Spring in the garden is awesome!**



# **RSU 3 Public Forums**

**Please join the RSU 3 Administration for  
our upcoming Public Forums**

**Tuesday, May 9th  
Community Safety Night  
6:00pm**

**\*Presented in partnership with Waldo County  
Sheriff's Office**

**Wednesday, May 17th  
Facilities Evaluation Report  
6:00pm**

**Wednesday, May 24th  
Public Budget Hearing  
6:30pm**

All public forums will be held at the MV Complex