



MOUNTAINEER MESSENGER

Monroe Middle School

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From Your Principal Welcome Back!

I hope that each of you had a marvelous and relaxing summer. The teachers have been working hard taking classes, meeting and preparing for a great year of learning.

SCHOOL SAFETY

Student Drop off and pick up is in the main parking lot only. Please remember to drive slowly and watch out for children. We have a limited space so please also be patient.

All walkers are required to use the crosswalks and wait for our crossing guards to manage the traffic. Crossing guards are stationed on Main St. and Kelsey. Please talk to your students about walking safely.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES - Don't forget that you need to have your Volunteer Packet filled out each year – these can be picked up in the office.

Volunteers: As your children reach middle school they still very much need your involvement however it might look different that it did in elementary school. We have several opportunities for parents to chaperone activities after school, go on field trips, help in the Library and help teachers in the classroom. You might also have a special talent or experience that could be shared with students. Please contact the office or your child's teacher for other opportunities.

PTA: We are currently looking for parents to serve as PTA officers. Please contact Mrs. Boyle or one of the office staff.

NEW TEACHERS

At this time we are pleased to welcome three familiar faces to Monroe Middle School. First Irene Beazley will be teaching Reading and a 7th grade Block. For the past few years Ms. Beazley has been working at the district level as a teacher on special assignment. We also welcome back Pamela Lamb to teach Computer Applications and Drama. Ms. Lamb will continue to teach part time at the high school as well. New to our building will be Jonathan Watts, most recently the band director at PPM. He will also be teaching at the high school.

We look forward to meeting all of our new students and welcoming back the old. Enjoy the rest of the summer and see you soon.

Linda Boyle

Tdap & Chickenpox (varicella) vaccine is required for students entering 6th grade! Students entering sixth grade are required to indicate proof of receiving the Tdap vaccination if it has been five years since receiving a tetanus-containing vaccine (DTaP, DT, or Td). In addition sixth grade students are required to have received varicella vaccine or have had the illness chickenpox. Please provide the date your child received both vaccines and/or the approximate date your child had the chickenpox.

If students do not meet this requirement on or before the first day of school parents will be contacted to pick up their student on the first day of school.



Calendar



September 8
September 9
September 10
September 23

Ice Cream Social 6:30 - 8:00
6th Graders begin school
All grades attend
Picture Day

Class times begin at 8:00 and dismiss at 2:30

EMERGENCY FORMS

Included with this newsletter are the Emergency Contact Information Update and Student Medical Alert Update forms. We need current information so that we can contact you in case of an unexpected illness or injury. Please return by Friday, September 18.

BREAKFAST BEFORE SCHOOL/ LUNCH PROGRAM

Breakfast will be served before school at 7:30 and a Nutritional Break mid morning. Lunch costs \$2.75. Milk or juice may be purchased separately for 40¢. Lunch is 30 minutes. An application for free or reduced price meals will be enclosed with the district's calendar mailing.

SCHOOL PICTURES

School pictures will be taken by Dorian Studios September 23. More information will be sent home with your student. School pictures are paid for on the day they are taken, with the money given directly to the photographer.

Retakes are scheduled for October 28.

Attention 7th and 8th graders!

FALL SPORTS INFO

2009/2010 Athletic Packets Available in the office

All athletes need to have the following to be cleared to play sports:

1. ASB fee paid - \$25
2. Athletic Packet
3. Insurance
4. Current Physical - good for 13 months
5. All fines paid
6. Pay-to-Play fees paid \$40

All athletes must be cleared before they can practice!
Office Hours for Sports Clearances Mon - Fri 8-11 & 12 - 3

Sport	Practice Begins	Practice Times
8th grade Football	August 31	5:30
Cross Country	September 3 @ PPM	2:40
Fast Pitch	August 31	3:00



MEDICATION AT SCHOOL

If your child needs to have medication dispensed from the health room this year, please have your health care provider complete an Authorization for Administration of Oral Medication at School form. These can be obtained in the school office or health room. Bring the completed form and medication in an original and properly labeled container to the school nurse. Please call the health room at 360-804-4232 if you have questions.

ATTENTION PARENTS:

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NEWSLETTER ON LINE

You can find our school's newsletter on the web at www.monroe.wednet.edu. We encourage you to use this. Also, if you would like a newsletter mailed to you, please call the office to let us know.

Monroe Middle School ~ 2009 - 2010 Fee Payment Form

Student Name _____			
Last	First	Middle Initial	
Telephone: _____		Grade: 6	7 8

- ASB Card (required for sports and activities)\$25.00
- Yearbook sales through September.....\$25.00
(Increases to \$30.00 effective 1/1/2010)

If your students schedule indicates they are in Art or Tech Ed class 1st term, fees can be paid by mail or in person in the office. All of these fees are for projects that are created by and become the personal property of the student.

- ART (per semester)\$20.00
- TECH ED.....\$24.00

Please make checks payable to Monroe Middle School and mail to:
Monroe Middle School
351 Short Columbia
Monroe, WA 98272

Receipts will be available in the MMS Office.

Total Enclosed: _____
