



Monument Elementary Eagles

Monument Noticias

“Soaring to New Heights”

Un mensaje del director

Don Francis

¡Feliz Año Nuevo! Una cosa que me encanta sobre enero es la oportunidad de fijar las resoluciones para el año que se aproxima. Algunas de esas resoluciones duran más que otras, pero una se parece siempre más fuerte a través del año: nuestra pasión de ayudar a cada estudiante tener éxito. Nuestro personal de Monument trabaja duro para ayudar a cada estudiante hacer una realidad de ser exitosos. Cuando encontramos desafíos en esta área, encontramos maneras de superar nuestras barreras. Las soluciones vienen a menudo bajo la forma de encontrar maneras de conectar con nuestros estudiantes y de construir una relación de confianzas. Hemos creado algunos programas que nos asisten en estos esfuerzos

Our “intervention”, or “exploratory” block (45 minutes daily) allows us to individualize instruction for our students, either providing extra help or enriching their current learning. Readiness to Learn provides tutoring in the library every morning before school. Our Language Arts and Math Academy programs provide a more challenging curriculum to students above grade level. This program allows us to stretch and challenge students that perhaps wouldn’t experience this in a regular classroom. These students also learn important leadership skills by developing and leading service projects in our community.

We believe in the importance of moving beyond the classroom to help students learn and succeed. Our field trips at each grade level provide for enriching opportunities for all of our students.

Our leadership camp programs also give opportunities to our students to learn valuable skills and provide positive leadership in their homeroom classrooms. This year students have learned teamwork through camping and canoeing skills, have experienced a ropes course, and will go snowshoeing and backpacking to further their experience and leadership skills. Our music program provides enrichment for 120 students in band and choir. There are many other examples of programs and innovations teachers are using to help each student succeed.

We are appreciative of the support we currently receive through a voter approved levy to maintain these programs. These programs make a difference in the lives of our children. As the school district is running a replacement levy, we would hope that each parent would take the opportunity to vote. Levy ballots go out January 21st, with the last day to mail in ballots being February 8th. We feel



4th Grade Parents

Hello 4th grade parents! It is already that time of year to be thinking about the 4th grade field trip! To get ready we will be having a parent meeting to talk about the Spaghetti Feed and to have parents sign-up to volunteer to help out. The meeting will be **Thursday, January 20, at 3:30 in the Library.**

Can’t wait to see you all there!

Safety

Ownership

Academic
Achievement

Respect

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Special notes of Interest:

January

♦ **January 10**

PVC mtg @ 6:00

♦ **January 13**

Winter Learning Festival

♦ **January 17**

NO SCHOOL

Martin Luther King Day

♦ **January 25**

Student of the Month

@ 8:30 Library

♦ **January 28**

NO SCHOOL

Records Day

February

♦ **February 14**

PVC mtg @ 6:00

♦ **February 21**

NO SCHOOL

Presidents’ Day

♦ **February 22**

Student of the Month

@ 8:30 Library

Math Challenge

Problem of the Month:

The mean of 9 numbers is 27. If two of the numbers, 94 and 163, are taken out of the set of 9 numbers, what will be the mean of the remaining 7 numbers?

Solve this problem as a family and bring your strategies and solutions to Miss Bunch. Be one of the first ten families to correctly solve the puzzle and win a prize. Every correct solution will go into a drawing for a grand prize at the end of the year. (Remember to put the names of everyone who worked on the problem on your solution sheet.)

INCLEMENT WEATHER

Quincy School District will notify local radio and TV stations of late start or school closures due to bad weather.

Please make sure your child is dressed warmly during the winter months.

Clubs and Activities at Monument

Math is Cool

Monday's 3-4 PM

Drama

Tuesday's 3-4 PM

Crafts

Thursday's 3-4 PM

Math and Science

Friday's 3-4 PM

Dance

Tues/Thurs 3-4 PM

4th Grade Holiday Cheer



Ms Wright's 4th Grade class performed a Readers' Theater on "How the Grinch Who Stole Christmas", to all the 4th grade classrooms to spread Holiday Cheer. From left – Angel, Jared, Marcus, Ben, Gabriela, Mallory, Silvia, Melanie, and Michael.

From the Counselor

Mrs. Stewart

A few years ago, I was paying bills at the kitchen table. My son came into the room. I was so caught up in what I was doing that I didn't even notice him.

"Mom, can you help me with my algebra problem?" he asked. Without even thinking or looking at it, I passed the problem on to his Dad saying he was smarter at math than I was. My son told me "Never mind," and walked away.

Later that evening when it was time to say good night, he seemed a little put off. When I asked what was wrong, he responded, "Why are you always too busy to help me?"

His words hit me like a ton of bricks. I have been so busy with my job and my concerns that I was ignoring my son's concerns. He also had a job and it was school and his homework was like me paying my bills. I need help at times with my concerns and so does he.

Since that time, I started making an effort to spend some quality time with each of my boys each evening. We have always made it a priority to eat dinner together but I realized they needed one on one time too. For example, someone can do their homework at the kitchen table while I clean up the kitchen. Also, good conversation can happen while you are driving, especially to Wenatchee. Turn off the radio and have a chat. You all will benefit.