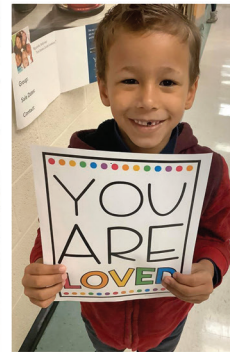
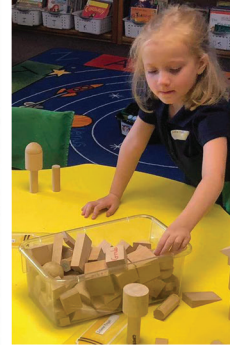


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Monroe Public Schools is committed to being the premier education organization in the region.

We are devoted to promoting high expectations for all in a state-of-the-art 21st century curriculum.

We recognize that all of the students and communities that we serve are our customers, and we promise to make all decisions in their best interest.

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2019 WINNER Battle of the Bands America's Thanksgiving Parade

Monroe High School  Trojan Marching Band

MTB Marches in Detroit, Wins Battle of the Bands

The Monroe High School Trojan Marching Band was selected to march in the 2019 America's Thanksgiving Parade in Detroit.

It is a special honor to be chosen for this prestigious parade which is syndicated to 185 stations across the United States and reaches 65 million viewers.

The Trojan Marching Band won the parade-sponsored Battle of the Bands! ***Congratulations!***



Monroe County Region
Coach of the Year

Congratulations to Monroe High School Soccer Coach Ian Cooke!



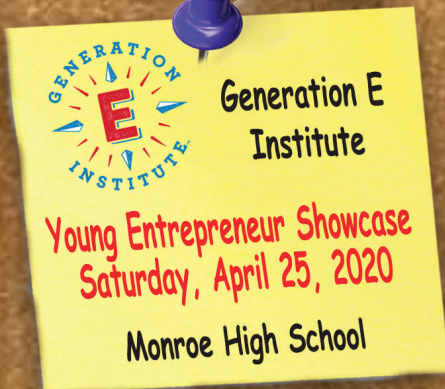
Monroe Public Schools IN THE NEWS



2019 SET SEG Safety Is No Accident Winner

SET SEG Loss Control Representative **Skip Barclay** presented their 2019 Safety Is No Accident Award to **Dr. Julie Everly**, Superintendent, and **Kathy Eighmey**, Executive Director of Business and Finance.

The award recognized Monroe Public Schools' outstanding performance in implementing exemplary safety measures in the school district. MPS had zero claims in the past year.





Security Equipment Upgrades Funded by \$168K Safety Grant

Monroe Public Schools are safer than ever following the August installation of new security equipment. A \$168,583 Competitive School Safety Grant enabled MPS to purchase new audio-video intercom systems and to nearly double the number of doors in the district that utilize electronic locks.

The increased control over building access allowed the district to move from building keys to badges. All doors can now be secured at all times. There is no need to prop them for recess or at any other time, because staff can access them with the badges. In the event of a crisis, the new technology also enables the district to grant law enforcement remote access to their system.

“As a district, we have been proactive utilizing technology to secure entrance to our schools and buildings,” Superintendent Dr. Julie Everly stated. “We had already implemented single access buzzer systems and cameras. The grant allowed us to accelerate our security plans.”



Third graders **Mason Schilling**, **Quinn Wisniewski**, **Chloe Lawson**, and **Isabella Jewell** stand with one of the bluebird houses they constructed last spring as second graders for a habitat unit.

Student Voices

Young Presenters to Board



The Board of Education has been delighted to hear program presentations from some of the district’s youngest students. **Above:** Students shared about a recess mentoring partnership between Orchard Center and Raisinville. **Below:** Arborwood’s Robotics Team gave a presentation on recycling. Four days later, the team took 1st Place in Research at the First Lego Competition in Milan.



International Baccalaureate Boosts Raisinville Enrollment

Enrollment is up more than 5.5% over last year at Raisinville Elementary, the only school in Monroe County which offers the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme.

“The International Baccalaureate has generated interest in Raisinville and our programs,” Principal Scott Hoppert said. “As our students express excitement about the activities they are engaged in, our parents and community are taking notice.”

PYP encompasses a transdisciplinary framework that focuses on the development of the whole child as an inquirer and teaches children to inquire about the world around them, actively involving them in the learning process.

CTE Provides Workforce Training



The Trojan Builds provide students with a unique opportunity to gain hands-on experience constructing homes from the ground up, while creating beautiful homes for community residents.



Trojan Build II

Closing was held in September on the first Trojan Build house constructed by Monroe High School students, and the exterior work is already completed on the program's second home.

Trojan Build II is approximately 1,650 square feet and will feature 2.5 baths, 3 bedrooms, a full basement, a spacious front porch, and a rear deck when it is completed.

The innovative construction projects involve MHS students building the entire home from the ground up. Students frame, add roofing and siding, set windows and doors, trim, do drywall, lay flooring, and build cabinets. Professionals install plumbing, electrical, and HVAC, but the students are responsible for everything else.

The blueprint is also student-created. The winning design from the Monroe County CAD and Architecture Design competition is selected for the builds.

The success of the first project has generated excitement in the community and increased enrollment in the program. Trojan Build II has a team of 45 students, up from 34 last year.



CTE Welding Ambassadors

Monroe High School CTE welding students visited STEAM classes at Monroe Middle School, sharing their experiences and offering the eighth graders an opportunity to try the program's new virtual welding simulator.

Clockwise from top: seniors **Wyatt Head, Drew Slatinsky,** and **Bryan Costello.**



New zSpace Virtual Labs Provide Experiential Learning



At the Eighth Grade Open House, MHS senior **Tara Robinson** demonstrated how zSpace technology enables Health Occupations students to explore human anatomy in intricate detail, including skeletal, muscular, and nervous systems.

Above: MHS sophomore **Juan Gallegos** works on the Quad Copter module, one of the electronics learning units in the zSpace virtual lab.



BPA Leadership Conference

Monroe High School's Business Professionals of America officers **Darby Klemz, Samantha VanDemark,** and **Nini Anderson** attended the BPA Fall Leadership Conference at the Lansing Center.

Creating Community Connections

International Day of Peace Celebration



Students from Monroe Middle School, Monroe High School, and Orchard Center High School represented the district at the Monroe County International Day of Peace Celebration at St. Mary's Park. Participants engaged in interactive learning and role-play activities which encouraged peaceful conflict resolution. The program concluded with the youth joining together to form a giant peace sign.



Student Voices Heard at Monroe Youth Advisory Council

The Monroe Youth Advisory Council is comprised of students from Monroe Public Schools, Monroe Catholic Elementary Schools, and Saint Mary Catholic Central, who meet monthly with City of Monroe leaders to provide a student perspective on policies and initiatives. The 2019-2020 group includes 14 MPS students in grades 6-12.

MHS' Generations of Sound District Tour



Singers in Monroe High School's Generations of Sound performed at every school in the district on December 6th as a preview of the group's annual Madrigal Dinner.

Expanded Meal Programs Benefit Students

Monroe Public Schools began offering free breakfast and lunch to all of the district's students in Fall, 2018. Student participation in both meals increased significantly in the first year. The number of breakfasts served daily grew 8%, and the number of daily lunches jumped from 2,934 to 3,685, an increase of 25%.

MPS continues to look for additional opportunities to expand nutritional offerings for students. An afterschool snack program now supports extended day program offerings at all schools.

In September, in partnership with the YMCA, MPS began serving free dinners at Arborwood North and Waterloo to support new grant-funded afterschool programs.

Dinners are also being piloted at Monroe High School. 1,200 dinners were served district-wide in October, about 68 per day.

Did You Know...? MPS Offers FREE Breakfast At All Schools

School Building	Breakfast
Arborwood North	7:55 – 8:25
Arborwood South	8:00 – 8:40
Custer I	8:20 – 9:00
Custer II	8:40 – 9:10
Manor	8:20 – 8:40
Raisinville	8:20 – 8:45
Riverside	9:20 – 10:00
Waterloo	8:00 – 8:30
Monroe Middle School	7:30 – 7:50
Monroe High School	7:00 – 7:20
Orchard Center	7:25 – 7:45



Calendar

January 1-3

Winter Break continues

January 6

Classes Resume

January 14

Organizational Board Meeting*
Administration Bldg., 7:00 p.m.

January 20

No School
(Martin Luther King Day)

January 29

Half Day for Students
(Teacher PD - afternoon)

January 31

End of First Semester

February 14-17

No School
(Presidents Day)

February 26

Half Day for Students
(Teacher PD - afternoon)

March 13

Half Day for Students
(Teacher Records - afternoon)
End of Second Trimester

March 25

Half Day for Students
(Teacher PD - afternoon)

March 26

Elementary Conferences

2020 Board Calendar

*The Board of Education will establish their 2020 meeting dates at the Organizational Meeting on January 14.

Approved meeting dates are posted on the district's website (www.monroe.k12.mi.us) and on the exterior wall of the Administration Building, 1275 N. Macomb Street.



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Superintendent's Remarks

"Strive to engage every learner" is a core value in our district that is embraced by all. Throughout this issue of *We Are Monroe*, you will see examples of student engagement — in daily learning, career training classes, and extended day activities.



Our initiatives focus on the whole child. We want our students to be healthy, safe, supported, engaged, and challenged. You can read about the award results of the school safety grant and the expansion of our free food service programs. We are also working with our healthcare partners at ProMedica to increase student wellness with plans for an on-campus clinic at Monroe High School.

One of the wonderful things about Monroe is the way we celebrate together, embrace traditions, and support each other. This issue highlights the Monroe Youth Advisory Council and student participation in the International Day of Peace Celebration. MPS music groups have performed at holiday events and venues throughout the community. Our schools have been active with outreach drives for other organizations, and our students have benefitted from the generosity of those who have collected food and warm clothes for them.

Together, **WE ARE MONROE!** I hope you enjoyed the holidays, and I wish all of you an amazing 2020!

Believe. Engage. Excel.

As always,

Dr. Julie M. Everly,
Superintendent

Monroe Public Schools

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