



James Monroe Elementary

February 2022

Monroe's **PAWS**itive Behaviors - **P**=Personal Best,
A=Accountability, **W**=Wise Choices, **S**=Show Respect

"Things work out best for those who make the best of how things work out." -- John Wooden



Principal's Message:

Mighty Monroe Families! We are all excited about the upcoming month of February. Not only is it the shortest month of the year...hehe...but February brings Valentine's Day, Black History Month, and many special holidays where it gives students and staff a day or two off from school!

Here at Monroe we are continuing our PAWSitive behaviors and expectations, where students earn PAWS tickets if they are "caught being good!" They then turn in the tickets for a chance to win weekly prizes in their classrooms, then again in the cafeteria during lunch! ALL staff members are able to give PAWS tickets to any student on campus! It is a wonderful incentive for students who are displaying PAWSitive behaviors and meeting class and school expectations.

Event in Kindergarten!

"The 100-day Challenge"

The 100-day Challenge is a celebration of the 100th day of school, and it is used as a way to teach kindergarten children how to count to 100, because counting to 100 is a big deal for kindergarten students.

Activities include stacking 100 cups, eating 100 things, designs with 100 pennies, and just about anything to help students count to 100.

As a project, students were to glue 100 items to a manila folder.

These are fun and innovative ways to help students here at Monroe learned to count to 100 and recognize the 100th day of school.



Upcoming Events for February!

- 2/1 - First Day of February!
- 2/2 - 4th Grade Awards Assembly @ 1:00 pm
- 2/3 - Picture Retakes!

1st Grade Awards Assembly @ 1:00 pm

- 2/4 - SPIRIT DAY! Wear your "Monroe Gear" or Red or Blue
5th Grade Awards Assembly @ 9:00 am
Flag Football at Monroe @ 1:00 pm



- 2/8 - Good News Club on campus @ 2:45 pm
- 2/9 - "Crunch" with Councilwoman Anita Evans
- 2/10 - Discovery Center on Site for Grade 3
- 2/11 - Spirit Day and Flag Football. ETAA @ Monroe from 1:00 - 2:15 p.m.

Progress Reports Due!



- 2/14 - NO SCHOOL!
- 2/15 - Good News Club on campus @ 2:45 pm

- **2/16 - Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) Meeting @ 6:00 pm**
- **2/17 - Superintendent Lile to visit James Monroe School!**
- **2/18 - NO SCHOOL! - Holiday**
- **2/21 - NO SCHOOL! - Holiday**
- **2/22 - Good News Club on campus @ 2:45 pm**
- **2/23 - Cheer Championships @ MSHS**
- **2/25 - Flag Football Championships (more info. To come)**

Student of the Month Celebration for February!

- **2/28 - District English Advisory Committee (DELAC) Meeting @ 6:00 pm**



Black History Month

February is Black History Month. This month-long observance in the US and Canada is a chance to celebrate Black achievement. Interestingly enough, the field of Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) was developed by a black college professor.

Dr. James Comer was the first African-American to become a full professor at the Yale School of Medicine. Since 1976, he has served as the Maurice Falk Professor of Child Psychiatry at the Yale Child Study Center and the Associate Dean at the Yale School of Medicine.

His pivotal research paved the way for the eventual emergence of social-emotional learning. SEL is the process through which people acquire and apply the knowledge, skills, and attitudes to develop healthy identities, manage emotions and achieve personal and collective goals, feel and show empathy for others, establish and maintain supportive relationships, and make responsible and caring decisions. In Madera Unified, Kindergarten-Eighth Grade students receive weekly SEL instruction through our board-adopted core curriculum: *Second Step*. Thank you Dr. Cromer for over 45 years of work to advance these important social-skills.



Monroe Health & Wellness

WEEK 2/7-2/10

EATING HEALTHY ON A BUDGET



- **Grocery game plan**
 - o Planning before heading to the store can help you get organized, save money, and choose healthy options.

- **Shop smart to fill your cart**
 - o To get the most for your dollar, follow the tips in this section as you shop at your favorite food store.
 - o [Tips for Every Aisle](#)

- **Prepare healthy meals**
 - o Whether you're cooking for your family or making a quick snack for yourself, it's easy to make it healthy.
 - o [Quick and Easy Meals](#)

