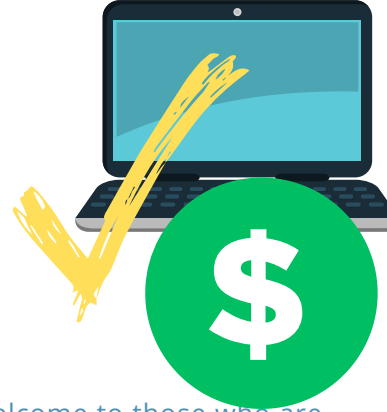


MONROE ELEMENTARY PTA MEET THE TEAM 2023-2024



Welcome back, Monroe families, and a HUGE welcome to those who are new to Monroe! I am Laura Waggoner, your fearless PTA President for the 2023-2024 school year. As a former Monroe teacher I am thrilled and honored to be serving in this new role. My love for Monroe runs deep. My husband, Josh, and I have Anna Kate in 3rd grade and Ellis in 1st grade. Our youngest, Clara, is starting Pre-K at Southwind.

The PTA exec and committee chairs have been gearing up for an incredible year. There are many different ways to get involved and we need your support. I encourage you to join the PTA. Grandparents, community members, and friends can also join. Watch the Monroe PTA website (MonroePTA.org), Facebook and Instagram accounts throughout the year for announcements and updates on PTA activities and ways to help. Your support allows us to provide resources for the staff and fun events for our students. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions about PTA at monroeptapresident@gmail.com. I look forward to hearing from you!



LAURA WAGGONER -PRESIDENT
monroeptapresident@gmail.com

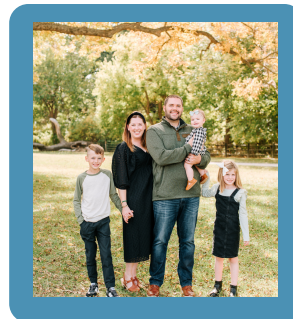
DANIELLE LINDLEY PRESIDENT-ELECT

Cora (3rd), Hayes (Kinder).
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MELINDA ABRAHAMS VP - MEMBERSHIP

Jude, (4th), Lucy (2nd), Annie (2yr)
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STACIE BOYD VP - FUND DEVELOPMENT

Sean Edward (9th), Finley (7th), Annabell (4th), Elin (3rd)
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ASHLEY HAMILTON TREASURER

Charlotte Lee (7th), Knox (5th), Lucy (2nd)
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KAMBER HURST SECRETARY

Liam (6th), Sadie(5th), and Seth(Pre-k)
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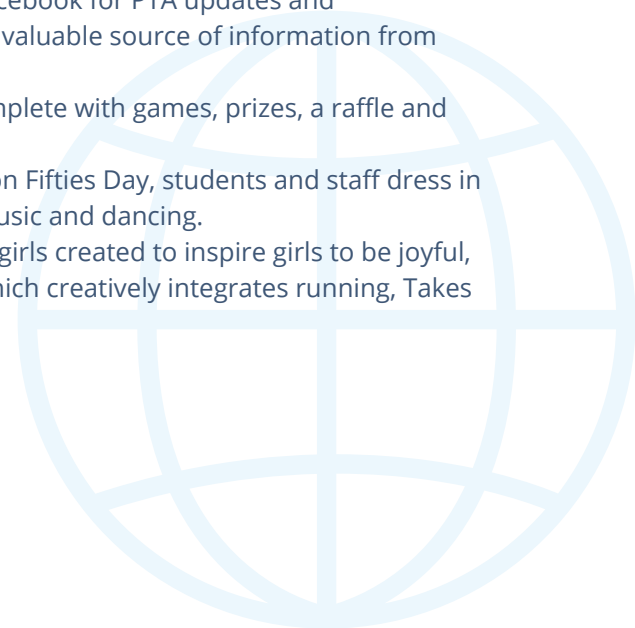
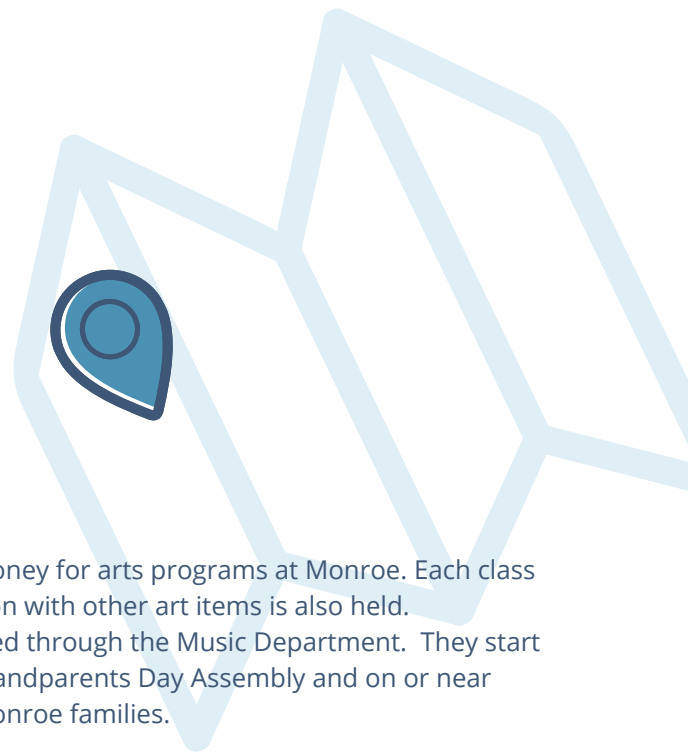
Monroe 4th Grade Teacher
Contact me with your questions about PTA at sbird@normanps.org



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THIS IS YOUR REFERENCE GUIDE TO ALL THINGS MONROE! HOLD ON TO IT SO YOU HAVE THE INFO YOU NEED ALL YEAR LONG. WE'VE DONE OUR BEST TO INCLUDE EVERYTHING WE THINK YOU NEED AND WANT TO KNOW, BUT LET'S FACE IT, NOBODY'S PERFECT AND ALL THINGS IN LIFE ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE! SO KEEP YOUR EYE OUT FOR PEACH JAR ANNOUNCEMENTS, EMAILS, FACEBOOK POSTS, ETC FOR ALL THE SPECIFICS AND UPDATES!

- **Arts Festival** A spring event used to celebrate arts and raise money for arts programs at Monroe. Each class paints a canvas that is auctioned in a live auction. A silent auction with other art items is also held.
- **Assemblies/Good Morning Monroe** Assemblies are coordinated through the Music Department. They start at 7:50 am most Fridays. In September we will hold a special Grandparents Day Assembly and on or near Veteran's Day we hold an assembly to honor Veterans in our Monroe families.
- **Bell Schedule**
 - 7:25 am School is unlocked and students are allowed in the school.
 - 7:50 am Tardy Bell (report to office before going to class)
 - 2:50 pm Afternoon Dismissal
- **Birthdays (Student's)** Check with your student's teacher about classroom birthday celebrations.
- **Book Fair** There are two Book Fairs at Monroe, one in the fall and the other in the spring. They are typically scheduled to coincide with Parent/Teacher Conferences. Details to come in the Mustang Messenger.
- **C.A.R.E.S. Cards** These are given to students by staff throughout the building who "catch" kids demonstrating Cooperation, Awesome Attitude, Respect, Empathy and Self Control. Each week, all the C.A.R.E.S. cards are put in a drawing by grade level and one student from each grade level is recognized as the C.A.R.E.S. card winner of the week.
- **Class Parties** There are 3 designated "Party" Days (Fall, Holiday/Winter, and Valentine/50s Day) Look for emails and sign-up genius for opportunities to help from Classroom Parents.
- **Community Nights** Be sure to mark your calendar for our Community Nights that are scheduled. Make dinner or shopping easy and help out the PTA at the same time. Mention Monroe PTA and the restaurants or stores will donate a portion to the school!
- **Curriculum Nights** Monroe will have curriculum night in the fall. This is a time for parents to hear about grade-specific curriculum, expectations and classroom procedures. Details will be shared in the Mustang Messenger.
- **Facebook** Be sure to LIKE "Monroe Elementary PTA-Norman" on Facebook for PTA updates and information. In addition, the official school page, MonroeCARES, is a valuable source of information from school and district administration.
- **Family Fun Night** In the Spring a fun night for the entire family, complete with games, prizes, a raffle and more!
- **Fifties Day** Held in conjunction with Valentine's parties every year, on Fifties Day, students and staff dress in Fifties style clothes and participate in an assembly with Fifties era music and dancing.
- **Girls on the Run** A 10 week after school program for 3rd-5th grade girls created to inspire girls to be joyful, healthy and confident using a fun, experienced based curriculum which creatively integrates running, Takes place Spring Semester.



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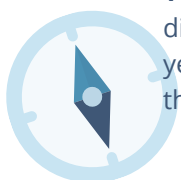
- **Hat Days** These are held monthly on Fridays. Students are permitted to wear a hat if they bring \$1 to donate to the fund our school counselor uses to support families in need at Monroe.
- **Helping Hands** A school wide food drive, food pantry, and clothing/book exchange that takes place during fall and spring P/T conferences as well as at the holidays.
- **Holiday Market** A shopping opportunity for your student to select and purchase holiday gifts for the family. This event is held during the school day. Planning begins in September, with the event in December. Volunteers are needed as shopping and gift-wrapping assistants and cashiers.
- **Holiday Meal** Every year NPS host a Holiday Meal before Thanksgiving Break. Parent Volunteers help serve the students a traditional Holiday Meal including a special treat at the end! This event is currently tentative.
- **Instagram** Follow MonroeMustangPTA on Instagram to see posts about news, activities and events at Monroe.
- **Jog-A-Thon** Held in the fall , this is PTA's main fundraiser for the year. Each child is asked to participate in the event and in fundraising. It's a fun-filled day with a DJ, snacks and laughing!
- **Kindness Week** A national celebration of kindness in late January. At Monroe we observe Kindness Week by encouraging different kind activities each day of the week.
- **Last Day of School** Information on our last day of school activities will be communicated in the Mustang Messenger. This day is filled with fun and celebrations!
- **Library** Each class visits the library on a regular basis and participates in lessons with our librarian.
- **Lunch Times**
 - Pre-K 11:00-11:25
 - Kindergarten 10:45-11:10
 - 1st Grade 11:10-11:35
 - 2nd Grade 11:35-12:00
 - 3rd Grade 12:25-12:50
 - 4th Grade 12:50-1:15
 - 5th Grade 12:00-12:25
- **Manyawi!** 4th and 5th grade global music program, consisting of approx. 40 to 50 students. Meets two days a week to explore music and games from various cultures. Students perform on Monroe's many wonderful world instruments, including our marimbas and tubanos.
- **Make it Neat** Every year before school starts Monroe families meet on a Saturday morning to visit and get our incredible building ready for school. We do yard work, clean and organizing the workroom, and distribute signage and supplies throughout the school.
- **Monroe Cares** Monroe sponsorship campaign to raise money to provide materials needed to maintain a safe and healthy school environment and to provide art enrichment throughout the year.
- **Monroe Champions** A group of community, families, and friends committed to empowering teachers through volunteering in various ways in the classroom, library, gymnasium, and cafeteria. From leading reading groups with students to helping put up a bulletin board and everything in between, we get to come alongside our Monroe teachers and partner with them on a consistent basis to encourage, empower and champion our educators as they invest in our students!
- **Music/PE Days** These classes, referred to as "specials" are on a 3 day rotation: music, music, PE. If a grade level has 4 classes, one class will be split into thirds.
- **Mustang Top 5** This weekly publication is distributed by the PTA. It contains the five hottest pieces of info for you to remember for the coming week. It comes to your email inbox via PeachJar and is also posted on social media.



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- **NPS Mobile App** The Norman Public School District mobile app provides news and info about schools across the district. The free app is available on both Apple and Android devices and gives access to news, calendars, Parent Portal accounts, lunch menus and more. Users can choose to receive push notifications.
- **Parking** Please do not park in the loop at the front of the school at drop-off or pick-up times. This blocks buses and NPS vehicles which transport students. There is parking in both north and south lots as well as on the nearby streets.
- **Peach Jar** Norman Public Schools uses this service to send out school, class and community announcements. Keep your eye out for these throughout the school year.
- **Pumpkin Patch** Held in our Outdoor Classroom, The Pumpkin Patch is a fall themed experience run by volunteers that each class is able to visit. Students play games and pick out a small pumpkin to take home.
- **School Check-In** Parents and visitors must always check-in with the front office for a name tag, even on school party days. Every visitor MUST present his/her Photo ID or digital ID to get a name tag, no exceptions.
- **School Supplies** Each year NPS provides a list of supplies needed for each student. The PTA sells packets of supplies for your convenience. There are many teachers in the school who are not homeroom teachers (music, library, PE, reading, etc.) and in turn, do not receive supplies from students for their classrooms. If you are able, check with them to see if you can help provide basic supplies that might be needed (Kleenex, Clorox wipes, chalk, markers etc.).
- **Signup Genius** This is the method that PTA uses to fill volunteer opportunities throughout the year. The links are posted on our Facebook page and sent via email. Be sure to like our Facebook page and signup for PTA emails! These signups are used for everything from staff appreciation lunches, class parties and everything in between.
- **Special Decorations** Volunteers decorate the the building, classrooms, or gym for different events throughout the school year.
- **Staff Appreciation** PTA sponsors monthly Staff Appreciation meals and treats to pamper our amazing teachers. Each grade level is responsible for a month for lunch and there is a sign-up for the monthly gifts. We also observe a week of appreciating our faculty and staff in early May.
- **Super Stuemky Day** (Formerly known as Super Kid's Day) A fun day in May when all students are involved in a variety of physical (fun) activities. Students will participate with a partner of comparable size and ability. This is an excellent way to provide each student with maximum participation and many successful experiences.
- **Teacher Notebook** There is a "My Favorite Things" notebook in the teacher's workroom, organized by grade and teacher. Each teacher has filled out a form, with his/her favorite things. It's a great resource for gift ideas! This will also be shared via the Mustang Messenger.
- **T-Shirts** Monroe t-shirts are sold several times throughout the year at www.monroeppta.org. Various shirt designs are offered to appeal to students, teachers and parents. Long sleeve and cold weather options are offered later in the fall.
- **Watch D.O.G.S.** (Dads of Great Students) This is a group of male volunteers (dads, granddads, etc.) who volunteer their time at Monroe. Contact Josh Edge at 405.659.8981 or joshmedge@gmail.com.
- **Website** The PTA website is www.monroeppta.org.
- **PTA** The Parent Teacher Association invests in and advocates for quality education. We strive to be a powerful voice for all children, to be a strong advocate for our teachers, and to create a welcoming and vibrant school community for all our families. Please be sure to bookmark our PTA website and check back often for updates! This is a great resource and will hopefully answer many of your questions about Monroe and PTA. www.monroeppta.org
- **Yearbooks** Yearbook orders will be placed during the fall and no extras are ordered. The yearbooks are distributed before school is out in May. Throughout the year, please submit pictures via email to the yearbook committee at monroemustangYearbook@gmail.com. Be sure to identify the activity and grade that is pictured. Watch for information on when and how to order.



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MONROE LOVES TO HAVE VOLUNTEER HELP AND WE WILL HAVE MANY OPPORTUNITIES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR! IT IS PART OF WHAT MAKES OUR SCHOOL SO GREAT. BELOW IS A FRAMEWORK THAT WILL HELP YOU FEEL MORE COMFORTABLE WHILE VOLUNTEERING AT MONROE.

Dress

Just be comfortable. It is great to wear jeans and your Monroe t-shirt if you have one. Don't forget your name tag in the office and wear a smile to add to the positive community.

Parking

There should be plenty of parking in either the north or south parking lots. Please avoid parking in the circle drive. If the lots are full, you may park along the neighborhood streets as long as you do not see a "No Parking" sign or yellow painted curb. The office door is the only door unlocked during the day.

Check In

You must check in the main office every time you enter the school AND make sure to check out when you leave. Every time to check in, you will need your driver's license or mobile ID from the visitor check in system. The office can help you set up your mobile access.

Questions

Check with Ms. Joe at the front desk if you have any questions while volunteering. You may also text or call Laura Waggoner, the PTA President, at 405.609.9512 or contact the committee chair for whom you are working.

Contact

You may contact the PTA president at monroeptapresident@gmail.com or the Monroe Champions coordinator at monroechampions@gmail.com.

Bathrooms

Please do not use the student bathroom while volunteering. There are staff restrooms in the office or right outside the office.

Confidentiality

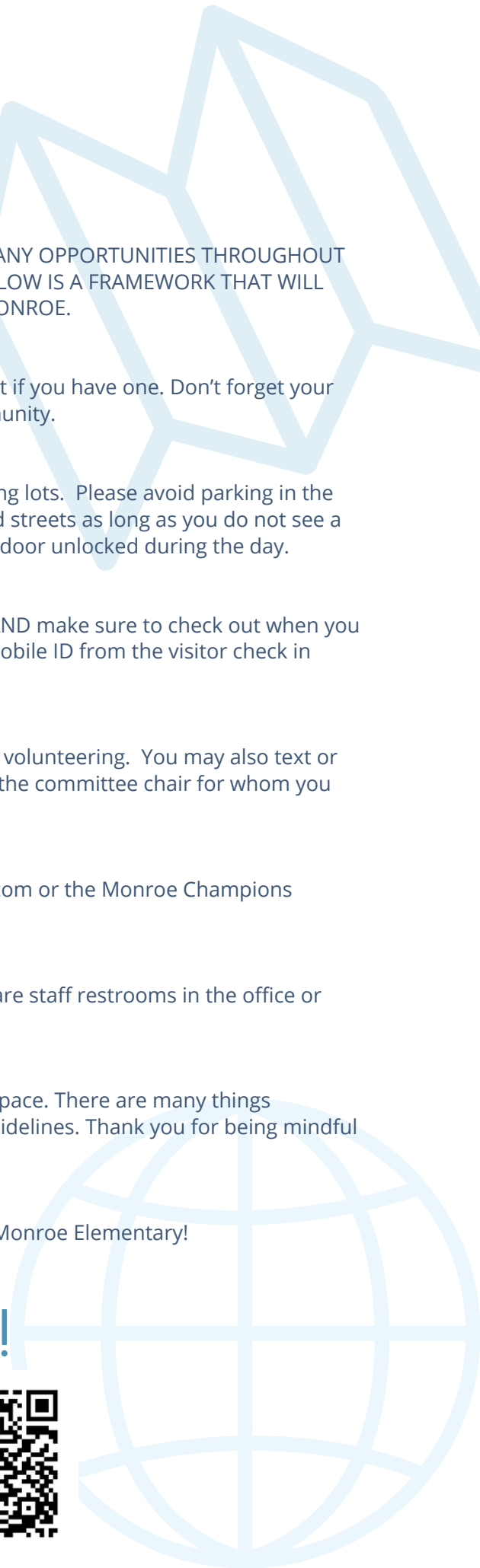
If you see a sign on a door marked "staff only," please respect that space. There are many things happening in all parts of our school that need to be under FERPA guidelines. Thank you for being mindful of this.

Thank you again for volunteering at our school!

We want you to feel welcome and comfortable during your time at Monroe Elementary!

JOIN PTA!

**MEMBERSHIP
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DATES TO REMEMBER

Date	Time	Event	Location
Aug 17	7:50 am-2:50 pm	First Day of School	Monroe
Aug 31	8:30am	Monroe PTA Meeting	Monroe Library
Sept 1, 4, & 5		NO SCHOOL – Labor Day Weekend	
Sept 15	5:30pm	Monroe's 60th Celebration	Monroe Gym/Outside
Sept 25		Monroe Cares Sponsorship due	
Oct 5-6		NO SCHOOL – Fall Break	
Oct 13		Jog-A-Thon	Monroe Park
Oct 26		Parent/Teacher Conferences	
Oct 27		NO SCHOOL – Conferences	
Nov 3		Pumpkin Patch	Outdoor Classroom/Gym
Nov 3	2:00pm	Fall Parties	Classrooms
Nov 6	6:00pm	Monroe PTA Meeting	Monroe Library
Nov 10		Veteran's Day Assembly	TBD
Nov 20-24		No School – Thanksgiving Break	
Dec 11-13		Holiday Market	Monroe Gym
Dec 20	2:00pm	Holiday Class Parties	Classrooms
Dec 21-Jan 3		NO SCHOOL – Winter Break	
Jan 15		NO SCHOOL – MLK Day	
Jan 19	12:00pm	Monroe PTA Meeting	Monroe Library
Jan 30		Class Group/Spring Pictures	Monroe Gym
Feb 15	TBD	50s Day/Valentine's Day Class Parties	Gym/Classrooms
Feb 19		NO SCHOOL – President's Day	
Mar 14-15		Parent/Teacher Conferences	Classrooms
Mar 15		NO SCHOOL – Conferences	
Mar 18-22		NO SCHOOL – Spring Break	
TBD		Family Fun Night	Monroe Gym/Grounds
TBD		Monroe Arts Festival	Monroe
TBD		Super Stuemky Day	Monroe Gym/Grounds
May 6-10		Staff Appreciation Week	
May 8	8:00am	Monroe PTA Meeting	Monroe Library
May 21		5th Grade Graduation	Monroe
May 24		Last Day of School	Monroe

MONROE ELEMENTARY PTA COMMITTEE CHAIRS 2023-2024

EVENTS

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