

## Monroe Middle School

### OCT. 2009 Newsletter

October 2	Progress Reports (early release)
October 6	Monroe Parent Organization, 7:00 p.m., library
October 7	Site Council, 3:30-5:00 p.m., library
October 9	Statewide Inservice (no school)
October 16	Picture retakes
October 16	Cal Young/Monroe Activity Night at Monroe 6:30-8:30 p.m. \$5 or \$4 w/school id
October 22	End of 1st Explore
October 23	Mid-Trimester Reports (no school)
October 23	WEB, 6th grade Dive-in Movie, 8:45 p.m.
October 26	Beginning of 2nd Explore
October 30	Halloween Social. 1:30-3:00 p.m.
November 3	Parent Conferences, 4:00-8:00 p.m.

## New Format for Monroe Newsletter

The newsletter will be emailed on the first and third Fridays of each month. We believe that this will be a timely way to keep our parents informed. It will consist of an updated calendar for the coming 5 weeks and information about upcoming events at Monroe. Printed copies may be requested in the front office.

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### INTERNATIONAL WALK/BIKE TO SCHOOL DAY

### OCTOBER 7, 2009

Monroe has received an additional \$500 grant from LTD Commuter Solutions organization, **Point2Point**. The campaigns will run between October 5-9 and October 12-16. Our goal again is to promote walking, biking, skating, plus recognizing those students who use the bus system and carpools. I am sure you are aware of the congestions and confusion with the hundreds of cars lining Bailey Lane and clogging the front parking lot. Student location maps and carpool/ walking pool applications are available in the front office or via e-mail upon request. Point2Point will help you work together to establish carpools or other shared duties. Contact Mrs. Betournay or LTD solutions at [point2point@ltd.org](mailto:point2point@ltd.org) for specific needs.

Join millions of students from around the world on **International Walk and Bike To School Day**. Monroe will help celebrate this event by walking as a group on Wednesday October 7, 2009. We will stage the event on the corner of Oakway and Cal Young Roads. Meet in the church parking lot at 8:00 AM for a group picture and a walk to school. Parent/adult volunteers are needed to assist with the bikers. Double tickets and a safety flasher clip on light, Cliff energy bar, shoelaces, and a fresh PEAR will be available to the first 50-60 walkers/bikers.

Walking, biking, bus, and carpools from your own neighborhood will be honored with double tickets and safety light.

Parent volunteers are needed to help hand out tickets during both weeks. If you can help from 8:00 - 8:45 on any day, please contact Mrs. Betournay. Parents driving a carpool will receive a special prize drawing ticket. Parents who volunteer will have their names entered into a drawing with other participating schools for a chance to win a xtracycle, commuter bike conversion kit, or detours backpacks.

## Easy Ways to Get to School

You've got **cool and convenient ways** for your student to get to school. **point2pointsolutions** provides **easy, free services** to help K-12 students and families discover safe, fun, and planet-friendly ways to coordinate daily school trips. **walk or bike**. Kids like extra social time with friends; parents like safety in numbers. We can help you form a walk or bike group. **bus**. Students in grades 6-12 can ride LTD to school for free! Check with your school office. **pool**. Kids like traveling with friends; parents like that carpooling is safe and saves money on gas. We can help you find a carpool partner. **Call 682.6213 or visit [point2pointsolutions.org](http://point2pointsolutions.org).**

# 8th Grade Parents!

## June Trip & Promotion Meeting

### Wednesday, October 21

### 7:00-8:45 p.m.

It is only September, but believe it or not, June events at Monroe sneak up on us very quickly. Every year we depend on parents to help organize our big June events: the 8th grade trip, our promotion ceremony, and the dance. In order for these events to be successful we need parent assistance in the following areas:

#### Trip

- o chaperoning
- o contacting chaperones
- o photographer

#### Ceremony & Dance

- o refreshments organizing
- o diplomas
- o ceremony setup
- o flowers
- o decorating
- o dance takedown

Please attend our first meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 21 in the Monroe library from 7:00 to 7:45. We look forward to seeing you then.

Rich Bowden-Trip team leader: [bowden\\_r@4j.lane.edu](mailto:bowden_r@4j.lane.edu)

Tom Di Liberto-Ceremony and Dance team leader: [diliberto@4j.lane.edu](mailto:diliberto@4j.lane.edu)

## There is a nurse at Monroe

Laurie Rowe is Monroe's school nurse. She is typically at Monroe on Wednesday afternoons and is the regional nurse in the Sheldon area. Please feel free to contact Ms. Rowe at 710-3150 with any health concerns any school day. She is also helpful if you are struggling to get glasses or dental care.

## Parent-Teacher conferences

Parent-Teacher conferences will be Tuesday, November 3rd.

Mark your calendars now for 4pm to 8pm.

Information regarding conferences will be mailed home in October.

## OBOB

## Oregon Battle Of the Books

The Oregon Battle of the Books (OBOB) is a statewide program for reading motivation and comprehension sponsored by the Oregon Association of School Librarians in conjunction with a Library Services and Technology Act grant. The goals are to encourage reading for enjoyment, broaden reading interests, increase reading comprehension, and promote cooperative learning.

## **BATTLE PROCEDURES**

### **Player and Team Guidelines**

Y All students participating must be in grades 6-8 for the current school year.

Y The composition of the team members may not change once the battles have started.

Y Teams consist of four members with one optional alternate, for a total of up to five members.

Y In the event of a situation that is not specifically addressed in the OBOB rules, the decision of the judges is final.

For specific information on rules and competition procedures, please refer to the OBOB web

site: <http://www.oasl.info/OBOB/>

2010 OBOB 6-8 Division titles

1. Adam Canfield of the Slash by Michael Winerip *Mystery/Realistic Fiction*
2. The Alchemyst by Michael Scott *Fantasy*
3. Any Small Goodness by Tony Johnston *Realistic Fiction*
4. The Breadwinner by Deborah Ellis *Realistic Fiction*
5. Chinese Cinderella by Adeline Yen Mah *Non-fiction/Autobiography*
6. Dragon's Keep by Janet Lee Carey *Fantasy*
7. Found by Margaret Peterson Haddix *Science Fiction*
8. Maximum Ride: the Angel Experiment by James Patterson *Science Fiction*
9. Plain Janes by Cecil Castellucci *Realistic Fiction/Graphic Novel*
10. Ranger's Apprentice: Ruins of Gorlan by John Flanagan *Fantasy*
11. Schooled by Gordon Korman *Realistic Fiction*
12. So B. It by Sarah Weeks *Realistic Fiction*
13. Trapped Between the Lash and the Gun by Arvella Whitmore *Historical Fiction*
14. The Wednesday Wars by Gary D. Schmidt *Historical Fiction*
15. The Wild Girls by Pat Murphy *Historical Fiction*
16. Zen And The Art Of Faking It by Jordan Sonnenblick *Realistic Fiction*

Last year we had 12 OBOB teams and we went on to place 5th at the regional competition. This year we are looking to form more teams, we will even have a Teacher team this year. If your student is interested please have them contact Margot in the library or Mary Livermore at 541-338-4380 (home)/ email: [livermore\\_m@4j.lane.edu](mailto:livermore_m@4j.lane.edu) about forming a team.

## **Magazine Sale**

Our magazine sale started off with an exciting assembly on Wednesday, Sept. 30th. We have three turn-in days this year. They are Monday, Oct. 5, Thursday, Oct. 8 and Monday Oct. 12. All orders and money need to be turned in before school from 8:10-9:00 in the cafeteria on these three specific days. Prizes will be given out at that time. Our goal is \$25,000. Money will be used for student and staff requests as decided by student council. We appreciate your support to help us reach our goal.

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