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School District of Monroe Summer 2023-2024

District Highlights



By *Rodney Figueroa*
Superintendent

*Dear School District of
Monroe Residents,*

Support for our children and young adults within our communities and schools continues to be one of many bright lights in our part of the state. Completing a school year and preparing for the start of the next requires significant long and short-range planning and preparation. Summer is a break for some, but there is a great deal of work being completed behind the scenes to help make the next school year the best for our students.

In Monroe, our Summer School offerings start a week after the regular school year is completed. We had about 1,000 students attend this year's summer session to continue learning and share many experiences they would not have the time to do in the regular school year.

Renovations and updates are going at full speed in Abraham Lincoln Elementary School. The demolition is complete and the redesign of some spaces and HVAC upgrades are underway.

Abe will have similar updates to the ones completed at Parkside and Northside in the previous few years. Abe will serve as a one-section elementary in Monroe, similar to a small school district, but have the advantage of a medium to large district resources to provide exposure to art, music, PE, and technology. With the updates, Abe is positioned to grow in the future. The Abe staff have worked hard to make their school one of the best in our state and will continue to be a high-achieving school in our District as all of our elementaries are.

Ground has been broken at the new high school campus off of 31st Ave near Northside Elementary School. By the time you read this, fencing will be up, construction trailers will be placed, many of the areas that had to be graded will be ready for the next steps, and some of the foundations and footings will be in place. We hope to have the main building walls up in early fall. The Board of Education will be reviewing and awarding bids for the many areas of the project through the summer and fall. The project is on schedule and at budget. Please visit Monroe Schools.com for ongoing project information.

In July or early August, the District will host a session to discuss legacy areas the community would like to see represented at the new campus. For example, an Arch which has stood at the high school Office entrance since the current HS has been built, the black and white State Championship Team Pictures in the M-Room, the Armed Services Memorial Benches, etc.

The completion of the school year is also our time to say goodbye to the senior class. The Class of 2024 and their leadership will be missed, but they are ready to begin to make their way beyond high school. They have taken advantage of what our schools and community have offered and will become our future community members and leaders. Each graduate has a district and community which is proud of them and wants all to succeed regardless of their direction.

*Our best for their best,
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District Breaks Ground on New High School

Thank you to everyone who joined us on May 14th, 2024 at our Groundbreaking Ceremony for the new Monroe High School!

It was exciting to have our students be part of the program with the MHS Choir singing the national anthem, the MHS Band playing the school song, and cookies provided by the MHS Life Skills class.

Students representing grades 6-9 were also invited to turn the first shovels of dirt for their future school. They will be among the first students to attend and graduate at the new building.

Sitework has begun and we can't wait to watch the new high school take shape!



Students Learn Hands on Skills

Monroe High School debuted a new Skilled Building Trades class this year as part of our innovative LAUNCH program. Open to Juniors and Seniors, the class combines problem-based, hands-on learning with traditional coursework in Math for the Trades and Light Building Construction.

In partnership with the Green County Development Corporation (GCDC) and SSM Health Monroe Hospital, students gained real-life construction experience while renovating a house generously donated by SSM Health. Throughout the process, students worked with local contractors as mentors and were led by MHS Technical Education teacher Chuck Lynch and MHS Math teacher Braden Rindy.

On Wednesday, May 15th, they celebrated all their hard work with an Open House and recognition ceremony. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of this project! Attendees were invited to tour the house and talk to the students about the renovations they made.

Next year, the Skilled Building Trades class will continue to partner with GCDC and build a two-bedroom house on land donated by the City of Monroe. Projects like these help to bring much-needed housing to our community!



Pictured L-R: Brian Hay, Lance Riese, Caden Ouidinot, Trent Newcomer, Donavon Guth, Jacob Flom, Jace Daughanbaugh, Owen Douglas, Tony Wolf, Kevin Carpenter (GCDC General Contractor), Joe Rufenaucht, Preston Krauss, Chuck Lynch (Tech Ed Teacher), Braden Rindy (Math for Trades teacher)

Renovation Project Underway at Abraham Lincoln

Take a drive past Abe and you'll see a lot of activity! As soon as our students and staff left the building for the summer, CG Schmidt got to work on improvements at Abraham Lincoln Elementary.

Similar to the updates previously made at Parkside and Northside, Abe will be getting a new HVAC system and mechanical and electrical upgrades. Some of the existing bathrooms will also be updated and remodeled to make them more accessible.

Demolition work on the second floor is complete and demo work continues on the first floor. CG Schmidt is scheduled to substantially complete the project on or near August 7th, 2024. Once this project is complete, all of our elementary schools will have been renovated within the last 5 years.



Did You Know?



Abraham Lincoln Elementary:



Has 132 Students



The Average Class Size is 22 Students



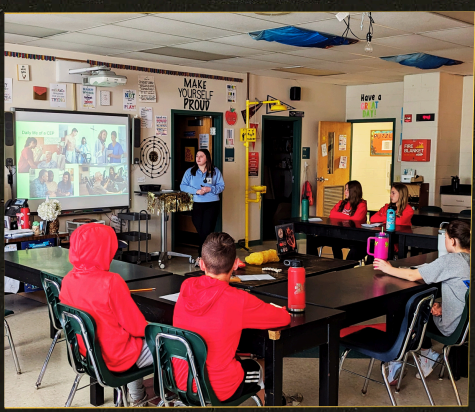
The Special Education Staff to Student Ratio is 1:8



The Overall Staff to Student Ratio is 1:5.56



There is both a Math and a Reading Interventionist to serve all students



Career Day at Parkside and Monroe Middle School

Each year, Parkside Elementary hosts a spectacular Career Day! Students have the opportunity to explore a wide variety of career options which this year included personal trainer, nurse, law enforcement, firefighter, local government, dental hygienist, nutritionist, veterinarian, and more. This year students selected three presentations to attend based on their interests. Thank you to all the wonderful community members who took time out of their workday to teach our students about their fascinating careers! They enjoyed learning about all the different jobs and getting a chance to try out some equipment.

Monroe Middle School 7th and 8th-grade students also had a chance to test-drive careers with their own Career Day featuring over 50 presenters providing insights into various professions and career paths. Our 6th graders also engaged in exciting activities focused on career exploration, communication skills, and problem-solving strategies.

It was a day filled with inspiration, fun, and learning, preparing our students for their bright futures ahead! Thank you to all our presenters who made this event possible!



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MHS Fine Arts Festival Fun

Monroe High School held its biennial Fine Arts Festival this year. Students had the opportunity to experience art in many different ways including painting, stand-up comedy, stage combat, writing, performances, and so much more.

Thank you to all the artists and creatives who shared their time and talent with our students! Thank you also to the many organizations and individuals who donated funds to support this year's programming.

We also must thank our amazing team of Fine Arts Festival student workers. For two days, MHS Art Club members offered hospitality to our visiting artists, assisted with anything they needed, and solved problems as they came up. We could not have hosted the Fine Arts Festival without their teamwork.

Lastly, thank you to MHS staff members Susan Anderson and Jan Douglas who put in many, many hours planning two spectacular days of performances, workshops, and demonstrations for our students.



Behind the Scenes with Our Fine Arts Festival One-Act Play Student Directors



Trevor Klarer - MHS Junior

Complaint Department and Lemonade

Hardest Part of Directing - "Working around everyone's schedules."

What Surprised You? - "The amount of work from all aspects of theatre to put on a show."

Career Plans - Theatrical Lighting Designer

Ashton Klemm - MHS Junior

Good Cop, Bad Cop

Hardest Part of Directing - "Trying to be as productive as possible in the short amount of practice time."

What Surprised You? - "How much attention outside of school it would require."

Career Plans - Screenwriter

Northside Team Takes 1st in Race to Read

Each year, our 4th and 5th graders have the opportunity to participate in Race to Read, a competition where students read books during the school year and then compete as teams answering questions about what they read.

Several teams from Abraham Lincoln, Northside, and Parkside Elementary schools joined the challenge. Congratulations to the Northside team that took home top honors! A Parkside and Northside team tied for 2nd and an Abraham Lincoln team and Parkside team tied for 3rd. Way to go, everyone!

And a HUGE thank you to our volunteers who make this event happen each year!



MHS Musical Receives Five Jerry Awards

Congratulations to our 2024 Jerry Award recipients for Monroe High School's production of "The Addams Family"! The Overture Center for the Arts Jerry Awards program recognizes excellence in high school musical theatre throughout Wisconsin.

Hayden Jackson - Outstanding Lead Performance
as Wednesday Addams

Lilly Cherney - Outstanding Lead Performance
as Morticia Addams

Hudson Davis - Spirit Award

Outstanding Scenic Design - Jenny Bochar and Brenda Davis

Outstanding Costume Design - Jenny Bochar

Hayden, Lilly, and Hudson performed in the Jerry Awards program on the Overture Center stage on Sunday, June 9th!



MHS Behavioral Health Class Hosts 1st Annual Cheesemaker Chase

Monroe High School's Launch Behavioral Health class hosted the first-ever Cheesemaker Chase 5K Run/Walk & Kids Fun Run at Cadiz Springs State Recreation Area on May 11th.

Over 100 runners and walkers participated in the event! With the proceeds, they were able to donate \$500 to Green Haven Family Advocates and start a scholarship fund for a student entering a career in the mental health field.

Thank you to everyone who supported their run/walk! We hope to see you at next year's event!

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School District of Monroe Calendar

Monday - September 2nd - No School /Labor Day

Tuesday, September 3rd - First Day of School 4K-5th, 6th, 9th

Wednesday, September 4th - First Day of School 7th, 8th, 10th-12th

September 22nd- 28th - Homecoming Week

Friday, September 27th - Homecoming Parade at 2pm around the Square



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