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School District of Monroe Spring 2022-2023

MHS Career Exploration Programs Bring Benefits to Our Community

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We greatly appreciate the local businesses that play a key role in providing opportunities for Monroe students to explore future careers. These opportunities also benefit the greater community and our local workforce by exposing students to businesses in our area and providing an understanding of the many careers available here. Providing career exploration opportunities to students through experiential and work-based learning gives students insight into what it will take to reach their career goals, right here in Green County. High school jobs shape students' skills, expectations and habits, and help them make informed decisions about their future.

SOAR

Monroe's Student Occupation & Academic Readiness (SOAR) program provides incentives for students to hold a job and explore careers at local businesses. Companies benefit from a pipeline of new employees and students earn a wage while receiving high school credit. Monroe High School offers credit for junior and senior students who have entry-level jobs, as well as those who are chosen for jobs that require more mentoring and training from employers, like internships and Youth Apprenticeships.

We currently have 42 students in Youth Apprenticeships at 27 different businesses.

After graduation, many of these students will be hired by the businesses that are mentoring them. Others will need more training or further education before they can work in the industry.

Participating in career exploration programs can help businesses directly identify and train potential employees.

Certified Nursing Assistants

One specialized training students can get while they are in high school is Certified Nursing Assistant. CNAs fill many critical roles in our local healthcare businesses. For the 2022-2023 school year, Blackhawk Technical College has offered scholarships for Youth Apprenticeship students to achieve their CNA certification. At the same time, Southwest Wisconsin Workforce Development Board has offered grants for all other students to get their CNA. So far, ten MHS students have taken advantage of these programs. In addition, six will be registered for spring semester CNA classes, and many more are expected to register for summer CNA classes.

LAUNCH

LAUNCH is a new, year-long class where students use the knowledge and skills they are learning in the classroom to solve real world problems proposed by local businesses and organizations. Each trimester, LAUNCH students are assigned to a new team of 3-4 students to tackle an important problem and work

one day a week with a mentor from the business that proposed the project.

During the first trimester, LAUNCH students provided recommendations or solutions to eight projects posed by businesses and organizations. By the end of the school year, students will complete 24 projects (9 in Business Analytics and 15 in Media Solutions).

As we strive to better meet the workforce needs of our community, MHS will add three new strands for the 2023-2024 school year: Behavioral Health, Skilled Building Trades, and 21st Century Design & Development. With additional strands comes the opportunity to work with many different businesses and organizations to address important problems in our community.

The skills students learn from businesses through the SOAR and LAUNCH programs will help develop a skilled workforce that will contribute to the growth and success of our local community.

Senior Vanessa Hartwig is continuing her second year in Youth Apprenticeship at Monroe Truck Equipment. Throughout her junior and senior year, she has also been taking Welding classes at Blackhawk Technical College (BTC). Upon successful completion of her BTC coursework, Vanessa will earn a Technical Diploma in Welding, along with her high school diploma.



Welcome to Kindergarten

Step inside a Kindergarten classroom and you can feel the buzz of excitement and energy. Every moment is filled with new words, numbers, and skills to learn and practice. We had the pleasure of spending a morning with Sheila Anfang's Kindergarten class at Abraham Lincoln recently and had a blast getting to know these little learners! We asked the class to tell us what the best parts of Kindergarten are.



- Reading Kit stories
- Playing Rainbow Tag in gym
- Coloring in Art



- Working with Miss Lantz in WIN groups
- Playing with the kitchen



- Singing concert songs in Music
- Learning tricky words

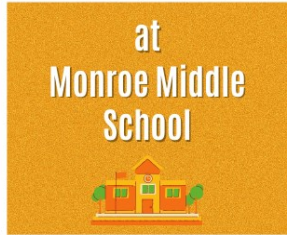
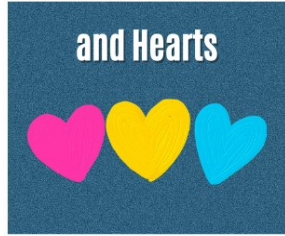


- Learning about Kings and Queens
- Playing outside



What we learned from them:

- Always wear your boots and snowpants at recess in the winter
- Dancing & singing get the wiggles out
- A hello, handshake, high-five, and hug are a great way to start the day!

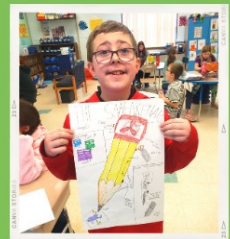


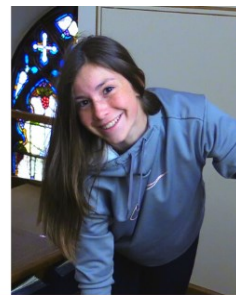
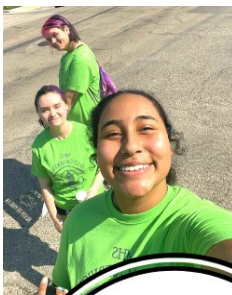
Students at Monroe Middle School know the value of volunteering firsthand. This past winter, they worked on several service projects to help others in our community. During Frosty Fun Day at Monroe Middle School, a group of students made fleece blankets to donate to Family Promise. Mrs. Wiegel's homeroom class created adorable snowman gifts for Backpack Buddies by wrapping popcorn and hot cocoa mix in a hat and mittens. MMS Student Senate held its annual Holiday Party for area seniors. The 40+ attendees were treated to coffee and snacks with performances by the middle school band and choir programs. A big thank you to Mary Soddy who volunteers her time to play piano for our performances. We ❤️ our community!



Elementary English Lesson Sparks Innovation Nation

The new English Language Arts (ELA) curriculum at our elementary schools blends English lessons with Science, History, the Arts, and more! 4th-graders recently learned about inventors and created some cool new ways to solve everyday problems, like putting trash in a garbage can and taking an existing idea and making it better.





MHS Day of Service May 12th, 2023

Monroe Schools Give Back

On May 12th, you will see a flurry of activity in the Monroe area as the students of Monroe High School head into the community for our annual Day of Service. Started in 2014, the Day of Service is a way for our students to give back and connect with our community in a meaningful way. Student crews visit more than 40 sites throughout the city where they do everything from landscaping and painting to cleaning and organizing to picking up trash along our trails and highways. Many of the non-profit organizations we work with use this day to spring clean and take care of some of the jobs there never seems to be time for. A huge thank you to Colony Brands for sponsoring our t-shirts each year and to Lamers Bus Lines for providing free busing services. Thanks also to John and Katie Baumann who greet our students on the morning of the event and send them out into Monroe with the inspiration to DO GOOD.

If your non-profit organization is interested in having a student crew visit your site this year, please contact Tim Brown at 608-328-7047 or email timothybrown@monroe.k12.wi.us

DOS Stats

650+ students
75+ staff members
= over 2150 hours of
Community Service
in ONE DAY

Annual Prom for Pennies Event Delivers Dreams

Prom For Pennies



Initially started by a student, Prom for Pennies has become an important annual event in our community and provides families with an opportunity to purchase new and gently used prom dresses and formalwear for a suggested donation. Nothing is "priced" over \$40, making prom dreams a reality for those on a budget.

MHS senior Atziry Ocampo has helped out with this Junior Optimist event for the last two years and says "My favorite part about Prom for Pennies are the dress sortings and seeing everything that comes in. I also enjoy seeing the smiles on people's faces when they find their perfect dress."

All Prom for Pennies proceeds are donated to the Jacob's SWAG Foundation which provides support to schools and community youth programs with a primary focus on suicide prevention/awareness, bullying, mental health, and helping students make good life choices.



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School District of Monroe Calendar

March 20th - 24th -	No School - Spring Break	May 28th -	MHS Graduation at 1:30pm
March 28th - April 10th -	Summer School Registration	May 29th -	No School - Memorial Day
April 7th -	No School	June 6th -	Last Day of School
May 10th -	MHS Senior Awards Night	June 6th -	Monroe Middle School 8th Grade Recognition Ceremony at 7pm in the MHS PAC
May 11th -	MHS Day of Service	June 13th - June 30th	Summer School
May 19th -	Kindergarten Round-up - No School for current Kindergarten students		



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