



# James Monroe Elementary School

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**Jeannette McNeil, Principal**



*“Our community is inclusive, engaged, and collaborative; providing a safe, equitable, and rigorous learning environment, promoting resiliency and success for all.”*

## January 2018-2019 Eagle Eye Newsletter

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**Spirit Day is every Friday (Wear your Monroe T-shirt and Sweatshirts)**

**Every Monday is College Gear day in SLUSD and at Monroe.**

**Wear your college gear on Mondays.**

### December

- December 17-January 11      Otis Spunkmeyer Cookies PTO Fundraiser
- December 20, Thursday      Stuffed Animal Day
- December 20, Thursday      Early Dismissal: TK-K 11:40 am & 1-5 1:50 pm.
- December 21, Friday      NO SCHOOL, Planning Day
- December 24-January 4      NO SCHOOL, Winter Break

### January/February

- January 1, Tuesday      Papa Murphy’s Fundraiser (Greenhouse Marketplace)
- January 8, Tuesday      PTO/Dad’s Club Mtg, 6:00 pm
- January 16, Wednesday      Project Based Learning Community Sharing, 8:15am
- First School Store, 1:50 pm
- January 21, Monday      NO SCHOOL, Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- January 28-February 1      Spirit Week
- January 28, Monday      Hat Day
- January 29, Tuesday      Crazy Sock Day
- January 30, Wednesday      Sports Team Day
- January 31, Thursday      Twins Day
- February 1, Friday      Spirit Day

### Coming Up...

- February 18-22      President’s Week Holiday, NO SCHOOL

**EVERY WEDNESDAY IS EARLY DISMISSAL**  
 TK & Kindergarten: 8:10am - 11:40am    &    1st-5th: 8:10am - 1:50pm

Greetings James Monroe Families,

Thank you to our amazing PTO and all the parents who volunteered, making our Winter Celebration a special evening for the kids. We raised almost \$2,000.00 on our basket raffle, thanks to so many families donating and participating!

Thursday, December 20th is an early dismissal day. Friday, December 21st there is no school for students. Please plan accordingly.

School resumes after Winter Break on Monday, January 7th.

**Looking ahead, January 16th we will be opening our school for visitors, to share Projects in each classroom. This is part of a District Initiative, Project Based Learning. Project Based Learning is a teaching method in which students gain knowledge and skills by working for an extended period of time to investigate and respond to an authentic, engaging, and complex question, problem, or challenge. Please plan to spend the first hour of the morning, 8:15-9:15, with us at James Monroe, on Wednesday, January 16th so that we can share our projects with you.**

We have started our next fundraiser. We will be selling Otis Spunkmeyer cookies! The items purchased will arrive by Valentine's Day, so order generously! Every child who sells from the catalog will receive a special penguin keychain. Our goal is that every family sell at least \$20.00 worth of items for this fundraiser. All proceeds go to support our kids, and help pay for field trips at Monroe!

**Please do not pull into the parking lot unless you have a disabled placard. This is for the safety of the children, and the entire community. Thank you.**

Respectfully,

Jeannette McNeil, principal

### **Volunteers**

A new application must be submitted every year. This is a board policy and everyone must comply whether you are volunteering one hour or every day. Please note that you may be asked to provide a current Tuberculosis (TB) screening and LiveScan Fingerprints dependent on the number of hours you plan to volunteer.

### **Reporting Absences**

If your child is absent, you should always clear absences within 48 hours by either calling the attendance line 510-618-4341, sending a note to the office, or an email to: [lgomez@slusd.us](mailto:lgomez@slusd.us) / [talonzo@slusd.us](mailto:talonzo@slusd.us). After three days of absences, you are required to provide a doctor's note to the office. **Tardy:** Any student not in class by 8:10 am will be marked tardy. If coming in after 8:10 am you will need to pass by the office and get yellow late pass date stamped by the office. If a parent/guardian picks up their child early from school for an appointment, we need a doctor's note to verify the appointment the next day.

### **STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS**

Welcome back from Winter Break! Happy New Year 2019! On Stuffed Animal Day there were many lovely stuffed animals. The holiday guesstimate was very fun. Our first School Store will be on Wednesday, January 16th, at 1:50 PM. Spirit Week will be January 28 - February 1st. Monday = Hat Day 1/28, Tuesday = Crazy Sock Day 1/29, Wednesday = Sports Team Day 1/30, Thursday = Twin's Day 1/31, Friday = Monroe Spirit Day 2/1  
Submitted by Juliana Li, Vice President