



**MONROE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT #70**

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Dear Monroe Parents:

Thank you to all parents and families who were very supportive over the last few months. There is still quite a bit of uncertainty about the opening of school in the fall. Monroe will be planning for a few different scenarios regarding the opening of school but are hopeful that the school year will start on time with everyone present and in-person. We will be sure to communicate information when it becomes available.

In looking at options for eighth grade graduation we are planning for two options. Both options will take place on June 29<sup>th</sup> (Monday) at Monroe. Our first option is an outdoor graduation in the evening with basic social distancing practices implemented. If weather does not cooperate or if we are mandated to do so it will be moved inside. Please note that if it is inside there will likely be limited participation of family members. Exact details of graduation will be completed next week and sent out.

Monroe has a few summer projects we are looking at completing. Our new gymnasium project is finally getting under way and you should start to see quite a bit of activity next week. The expected completion date is December of 2020. We have also joined a consortium to bring high speed internet into our building. This process is free for Monroe and also offers us free monthly internet for five years. Monroe also received a maintenance grant in the amount of \$50,000 which is being used for a partial roof replacement. We are waiting to bid this project until we actually receive the money from the state but expect completion in late summer or fall. With the construction projects going on and COVID, our playground is closed with the exception of use by our Little Flyers program. The track is open unless closed temporarily due to the gym construction.

Attached is a document with some of the important fourth quarter skills / standards typically covered the last nine weeks. The teachers have also documented IXL lessons that correspond to those skills. Some of the IXL skills could have been completed already but it would be a good review for parents who wish to keep their kids somewhat engaged academically over the summer. Thank you for your continued support of Monroe School.

Sincerely,

Dr. Darrick Reiley  
Superintendent