

Husky Howler



Principal's Message

Mr. Jared Hardman

Welcome everyone to the 2019-2020 school year at Monroe Elementary. I am so pleased and excited to be your new school principal this year! A little about myself: I grew up in the beautiful towns of Coeur d' Alene and Salmon, Idaho. I moved to Sundance, WY to teach K-12 Spanish after graduating from Brigham Young University-Idaho. I received a Master's Degree in Educational Administration from South Dakota State University. I then accepted the position of Principal at Desert School, which is a K-8 building in Wamsutter, WY, where I worked for four years. My wife received a music degree from Black Hills State University. We currently have three children and have been living in beautiful Green River the past two years and absolutely love it! We have begun to put down roots while immersing ourselves in this wonderful community.

We have a tremendous staff working at Monroe Elementary. I am confident in their abilities to provide a superb education for all of our students. As I mentioned in my welcome message, our school Mission Statement is "Inspiring Learning for All" and our Vision Statement is "Living the Husky Way Every Day." The Husky Way is about being responsible, respectful and being safe.

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Mission:

Inspire Learning for All

Vision:
Living the Husky Way Every Day

Ten Important Study Habits

Mrs. Hemker

Sometimes students have homework to reinforce new understandings or practice new procedures. Homework can help move the information or sequences of new learning from short-term to long-term memory, which enables retention and remembrance of what kids have learned. Sometimes students have homework to complete what they did not finish during the work time provided in class. Often they are able to get it done more easily at home where they are not distracted by all the same-age friends that surround them in class.

Parents and students have shared plenty of feedback over the years about habits and strategies that help them complete schoolwork at home. Dr. R. M. Cash and Free Spirit Publishing note the following ten suggestions as particularly helpful:

(Note- #7 and #10 are really only needed until you discover the combination that works best for you. For example, I like the background noise of a radio or TV while I study (It 'keeps me company'.) but my sister needs it to be totally quiet in order for her to focus during her Study Time.)

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Calendar At A Glance

Sept 2--No school-Labor Day

Sept 3-Bus Expectations assemblies

Sept 5--3rd grade Fossil Butte Field Trip

Sept 6--Kindergarten Grandparents Day @ 9:15-10 am

Sept 9--PTO Meeting-@3:45 p.m. in Teacher's Lounge

Sept 10--School board meeting @ 7 pm Central Office

Sept 13--Color Run Reward for summer readers@-2:25 on playground

Sept 19--School Pictures

Sept 25--Wellness Day

Sept 25--Early Out for students @ 1pm

Welcome!

K1 Special Education Staff

Hip, Hip, Hooray!!
It's back to School
Come in from the park
Come in from the pool!
Gather your Paper, your Pencils, your Glue!
There's lots of learning we're going to do!
We'll be there to greet you with a Smile on our face
You'll see that School is a very special place!
The first few days were Awesome!
It was great to see all the new and old faces!
Let's have a Wonderful and Positive school year!



THE MONROE HUSKY WAY.....

Monroe Huskies are focused on LEARNING by being.....

RESPONSIBLE

- Do your best and make it better; even when no one is watching.

RESPECTFUL

- Follow the Golden Rule. Treat others the way you want to be treated.

Value yourself, others, and your surroundings.

SAFE

- Think First, Act Wisely, and Model appropriate choices.

"HUSKY WAY, EVERY DAY!"





Ten Important Study Habits cont.

- 1. Set a regular and specific study time** of 20 minutes or more that can stay the same each day. For example, maybe 6:00-6:30 every evening is a time slot you can count on being at home. Even if there is no schoolwork to complete or assigned homework to do, read something interesting from any book, magazine or web site. You can even reread or review information from a school text. Right before bedtime is not good timing because your brain might be too tired or the study might overstimulate your thinking and make it harder to fall asleep.
- 2. Find or create a space** where there are few distractions, such as noise, clutter, other people, or fascinating visuals like family photographs or favorite artwork.
- 3. Manage time** well. Get the hardest work done first and finish up with the easiest work. Remember to devote some time on the homework for each class.
- 4. Organize yourself and materials.** Use file folders, boxes, drawers, computer files or jump drives. Use a method that works well for you.
- 5. Know your preferred style of learning,** taking advantage of your brain's preferences for auditory or visual information, and tactile (hands-on) or kinesthetic (body movement) involvement in the process.
- 6. Take a 2-3 minute break** every 20 minutes to stretch, get a glass of water, rest your eyes, or be off-task for just a short time.
- 7. Self-regulate!** Are you wasting time? Daydreaming? Procrastinating? If you aren't using the time well, adjust your ABCs by asking, answering, and acting upon these three questions:
 - What am I feeling right now? Why? What can I do to feel better about what needs to be done?
 - What am I doing now? What should I be doing now? What will I do to get this work done?
 - What thoughts are going through my mind now? How can I adjust the way I am thinking about the work that needs to be done?
- 8. Plan to ask for help.** Identify a person, website, or materials that you can rely upon when you run into difficulties.
- 9. Assess yourself after you complete your study.** Write down any questions you have for a teacher on your next school day.
- 10. Reflect on your study time** with these questions:
 - What motivated/ didn't motivate me during my study time? How can I feel better about my next study time?
 - What distracted me during today's study time? How did I manage my time and stay organized? What will I do better next time?
 - How did today's study time help me become a better learner? What tools and strategies did I use during study time? What will I try using next time?



Principal's Message cont.

It is important that we reinforce the Husky Way to help our students find success in their future. We will continue to develop as a strong team here at Monroe Elementary and work hard to make our school a positive experience for all. Our goal is that every student feels successful, safe and secure.

This year we are embracing a new reading curriculum, *Fountas and Pinnell Classroom*. We will focus on the following areas: Interactive Read-Aloud, Guided Reading, Book Clubs and Shared Reading. These instructional practices will be the core of our reading instruction in every classroom every day.

We look forward to working with your students and celebrating their successes while they attend Monroe Elementary School.

PTO News

Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year at Monroe Elementary!! We want to kick off the year in a great way and are excited to announce that we are going to celebrate the students who read over 700 minutes during the summer with a terrific Color Run. This will take place in our playground on September 13th at 2:25 pm. Such a color blast to start the school year!!!

We encourage our Monroe parents to join us at PTO meetings which are held monthly at 3:45 in the teacher's lounge. The September meeting will be on the 9th. We will have a movie and snacks for your kids. Come and share your knowledge and input!



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2019-2020 - Meeting Dates

Sep. 9	Oct. 7
Nov. 4	Dec. 2
Jan. 6	Feb. 3
Mar. 2	Apr. 13

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