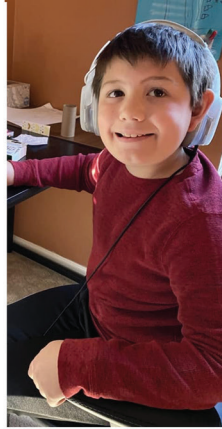


# WE ARE MONROE

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## MISSION

Monroe Public Schools is committed to being the premier education organization in the region.

We are devoted to promoting high expectations for all in a state-of-the-art 21st century curriculum.

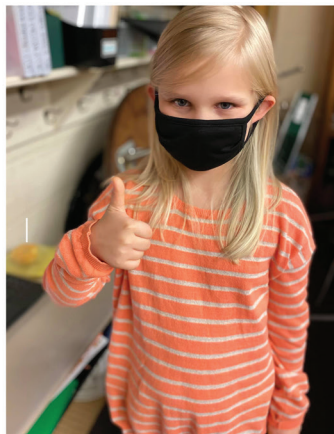
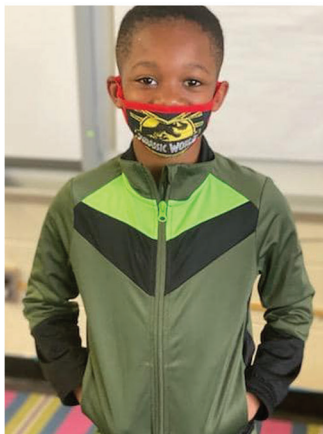
We recognize that all of the students and communities that we serve are our customers, and we promise to make all decisions in their best interest.



The best way to  
find yourself  
is to lose yourself  
in the  
**SERVICE  
OF OTHERS**



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## CORE VALUES

Cultivate Strong  
**RELATIONSHIPS**

**RESPECT** Differences and  
Act in **SERVICE** for All

Advocate for **EQUITY**

Enrich our **COMMUNITY**

Uphold **INTEGRITY**

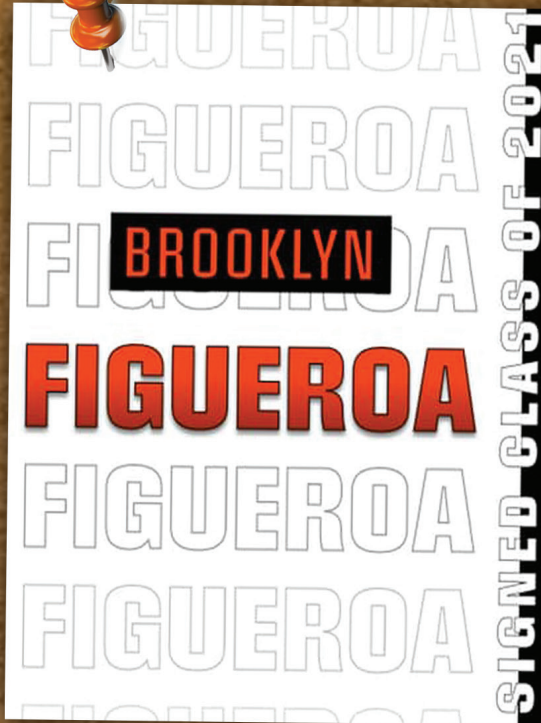
Crave **INNOVATION**

Strive to **ENGAGE**  
Every Learner

**CELEBRATE** and  
be **JOYFUL**



# Monroe Public Schools IN THE NEWS



## Brooklyn signs with Indiana Tech

Congratulations to Monroe High School senior **Brooklyn Figueroa** who has signed with the Women's Wrestling program to be a Warrior at Indiana Tech! She placed 4th in Michigan state competition in 2021 and is a five-time All-American.



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# CHLOE GUNTER

## Chloe signs with Concordia

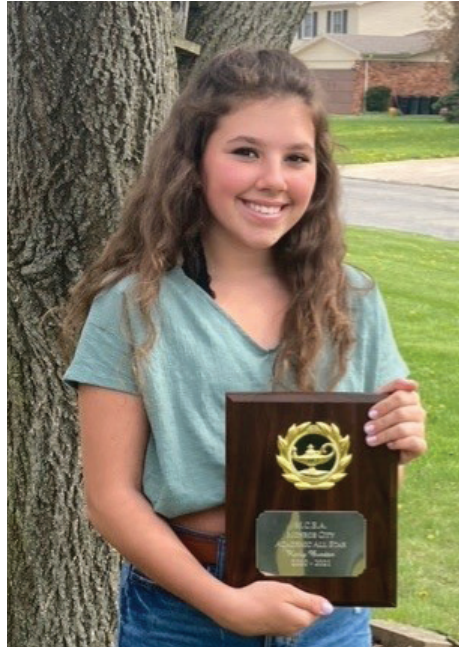
Congratulations to Monroe High School senior **Chloe Gunter** for signing her National Letter of Intent with Concordia University to compete in Cross Country and Track-and-Field as a Cardinal! She plans to study exercise science.

# MCEA Academic All-Stars

## Honored by Monroe County Education Association



**Celena Tamayo**



**Karly Bundon**



**Abbie Rorke**

**The Monroe County Education Association honors an outstanding freshman, sophomore, and junior from each district in the county.**



**Award recipients are lifelong public school students who exhibit exceptional academic achievement and are positive members of the community.**



Monroe High School freshman **Celena Tamayo** has achieved a 4.0 G.P.A. with a rigorous 9th grade schedule including AP History, Math 2, Spanish 2, and a Direct College course. She is a Competitive Cheerleader through Champion Force Athletics and has served as Junior Cheer Coach for Monroe Sapphire Teams. Celena is the daughter of Amber Calderas and Oscar Tamayo.



Sophomore **Karly Bundon** has a 4.0 G.P.A. and is enrolled in Direct College classes. She has been active at Monroe High School with Varsity Cross Country, Track, High School Transition Team, and Freshman Dance Committee. Her leadership and community activities include anti-vaping in schools with Mr. Motyka, tutoring kindergarten classes at Manor Elementary, and volunteering at Custer Kids Club. She babysits regularly for two families. Karly is the daughter of Corey and Emily Bundon.



Junior **Abbie Rorke** is a member of the National Honor Society with a 4.0 G.P.A. Her activities at Monroe High School include Softball, Volleyball, Young Life, and Pep Club. She serves on the Monroe Youth Advisory Council, volunteers at the annual food drive for Oaks of Righteousness, and is employed at Applebees. Abbie is the daughter of Stacie Allen and Chad Rorke.

# SEC ALL-ACADEMIC

## Southeastern Conference Honors Student-Athletes



**Five Monroe High School student-athletes were recognized as SEC All-Academic. Recipients are selected based on their overall academic progress including G.P.A. and SAT score.**

### Dominic Levesque

Founder of a Catholic Youth Group  
1st Place, Medical Math, HOSA regionals  
HOSA President, 2020-2021  
Vice President, 2019-2020  
Wrestler, 2 years  
Altar Server, St. Mary's, 5 yrs.

*Future Plans:*  
Eastern Michigan University  
Premedicine



**GPA: 4.0 / SAT: 1370**

### Mitchell Meier

MASC Board of Delegates, President  
Student Council Exec. Board  
U.S. Presidential Scholar Nominee  
Varsity Soccer, 4 years  
Captain, 2 years  
Young Life Youth Mentor

*Future Plans:*  
University of Michigan  
Business &  
Health Administration



**GPA: 3.97 / SAT: 1330**

### Enzo Mignano

Business Professionals of America: 4X State Qualifier, Leadership Academy Scholar  
Monroe County Student Design Competition  
Trojan Build - Top Prize  
National Honor Society Scholar  
MREACH (U of M) Scholar

*Future Plans:*  
University of Michigan  
Architecture / Urban Design



**GPA: 4.00 / SAT: 1370**

### Emma Scznsy

AP Scholar with Distinction  
National Merit Scholar Commendation  
Varsity Soccer, 3 years  
Varsity Basketball, 2 years  
Monroe High School Drama Club President

*Future Plans:*  
Undecided



**GPA: 4.0 / SAT: 1540**

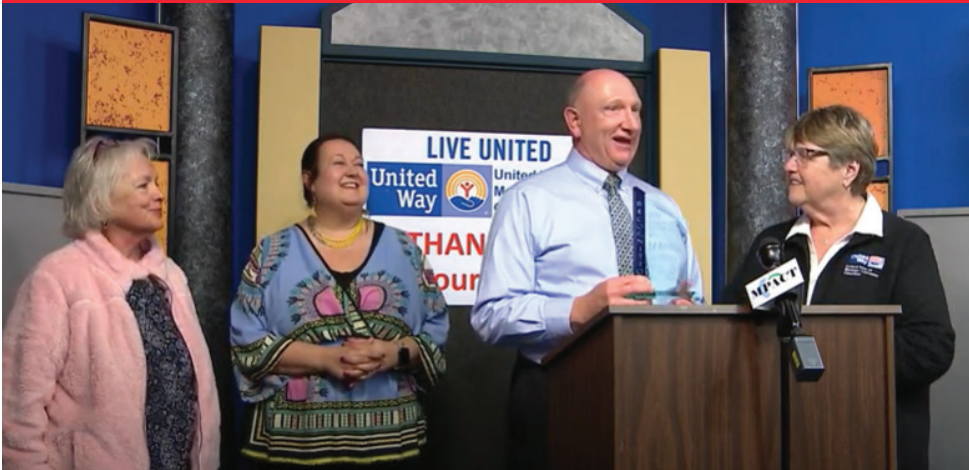
### Jackson Taft

National Merit Finalist  
All State Swimming  
All SEC  
Honor Roll  
National Youth Leadership Conference

*Future Plans:*  
University of Michigan  
Business



**GPA: 3.92 / SAT: 1440**



## Volunteer of the Year

Paula Whitman, Director of Paula’s House, and Lisa Young, Operations Manager of Paula’s House, nominated Ed Ready for the Volunteer of the Year award he received from Connie Carroll, Executive Director of the United Way of Monroe and Lenawee Counties.

# United Way Celebrates Everyday Heroes MPS Employees Honored for Community Service

Two Monroe Public Schools employees were honored as Everyday Heroes by the United Way of Monroe and Lenawee Counties for making a significant difference in the community. **Kyle Reed** was recognized as the Labor Union Hero, and **Ed Ready** was named Volunteer of the Year.

Mr. Ready, an MPS teacher and interventionist, was recognized for tutoring kids at Paula’s House. The long-term transition home allows women in recovery from substance abuse to bring their minor children. When COVID-19 hit and the children were out of school, the moms struggled to help their children with homework and keep them on track. Lisa Young, Operations Manager, said Mr. Ready came all times of the day and got the kids hooked up with their electronics. “He was really committed to trying to help them and keep their lives as normal as possible in a situation that was not normal at all,” Young stated.

“I’m not sure that Mr. Ready realizes what a miracle it was that he came to us,” Director Paula Whitman expressed. “The population of women that we work with and the children – and what they have been through – they are not used to having people run to them. They are used to having people give up on them, and he never has.”

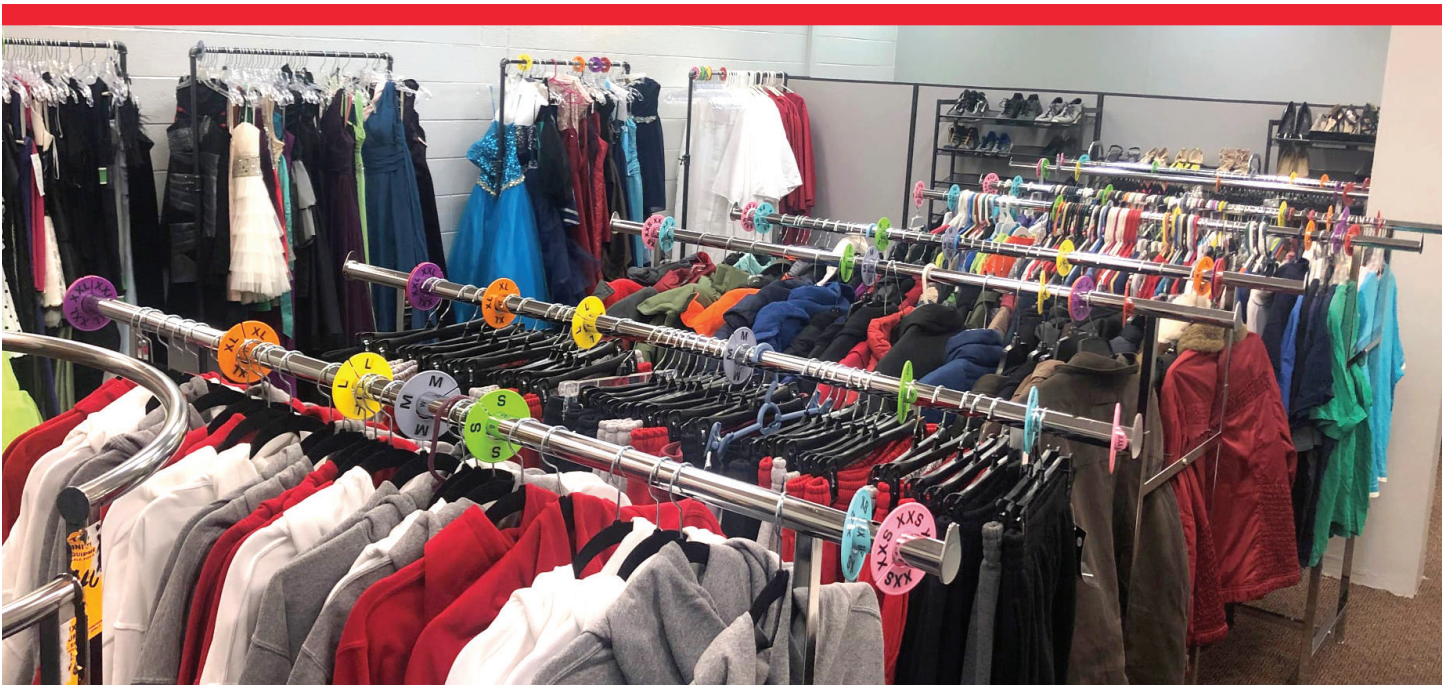
Kyle Reed is an electro-mechanical design teacher at Monroe High School, who teaches students to design, fly, and repair drones. When the pandemic closed school buildings in the spring, he converted his classroom into a production space to create face shields, using the district’s fleet of 3D printers. More than 12,000 face shields were distributed to medical and frontline workers across southeast Michigan.

Mr. Reed thanked the individuals and companies that came together to make the face shield project happen. He also expressed his appreciation to Superintendent Dr. Julie Everly and the MPS Board of Education for supporting the process, the Community Foundation of Monroe, and all who contributed.

“Monroe Public Schools believes in supporting the community that supports us,” Dr. Everly said. “Mr. Reed and Mr. Ready exemplify our core values of enriching our community and acting in service for all. They are wonderful role models for our students, and I am proud of the positive impact they have made in Monroe.”



Jason Matthews, President of the Monroe/ Lenawee AFL-CIO Central Labor Council (right), recognized Kyle Reed as the Labor Union Hero.



## Rotary Transforms Space for MHS Trojan Outfitters

Through the generous donation of funds and hard work from the Rotary Club of Monroe, the clothing closet at Monroe High School has been transformed into MHS Trojan Outfitters.

The clothing is displayed on beautiful new fixtures, there is plenty of storage, and there is even a new private dressing room. Although it now looks like a traditional retail store, the “MHS Trojan Outfitters” features a variety of donated clothing and personal hygiene items provided free for students who need them.



Don Lieto spearheaded the Rotary project which began while he was President. Rotarian Kim Diven, who was also the MHS School Improvement Specialist, saw a need and suggested it. Rotarians Bruce Diven and architect Mark Kohler met with him to explore solutions. The old room was small and stuffed, with many items stored in boxes and crates. The high school allocated a larger room, and the Rotary donated walls, fixtures, paint, labor, sweatpants, shirts, leggings, and hygiene products. Kohler procured the partition. The walls were built in Lieto’s garage, and Dave and Joy Bagnell assisted him with painting. COVID-19 limited participation in painting and installation, but the entire organization was supportive of the initiative and pleased with the outcome. “We wanted to make it a welcoming space, where students would feel comfortable going,” Lieto said, “and we gave them a place where they would like to shop.”

The new space is located in D227, near the Student Services Office. Student Service Providers Ellen Ivey, Jamila Clark, and Naomi Stoner oversee operations and will take students down to “shop the merchandise.” Everything is free; the items are provided to those who need them at no cost.

MHS Trojan Outfitters accepts donations of school-appropriate clothing, shoes, toiletries, spirit wear, prom dresses, and graduation gowns. For additional information, contact: [ivey@monroe.k12.mi.us](mailto:ivey@monroe.k12.mi.us)



Senior Kaelen Wallace helped Director Nichole Shaughnessy plan the Clean-Up Day and write the grant that funded it.



Birdes Jones held the boards steady for her daughter, Lydia, an Arborwood 3rd grader.

## Knabush Center Holds Clean-Up Day

The Knabusch Center hosted a Clean-Up Day on April 24th. Student volunteers picked up litter and debris, built bird houses, assembled pinecone feeders, and placed food and birdseed on the trails.

This was the first year for the event which was funded by a \$750 Global Youth Services Day grant from the Michigan Community Service Commission. Monroe County youth helped a beloved outdoor community space, celebrated Earth Day, and had fun.

Director Nicole Shaughnessy credited Kaelen Wallace, a Monroe High School senior, for helping her write the grant and develop the new initiative. Kaelen will be attending Grand Valley State University in the fall to study natural resource management and is currently completing an Independent Study at the Knabusch Center. She looks forward to helping with a new pheasant project that will teach students about bird development.

The Charles and June Knabusch Mathematics and Science Center at Bolles Harbor is a partnership of the Monroe County Intermediate School District, Monroe Public Schools, and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.



Manor siblings Jovi and Ari Hunley built a birdhouse with their cousin Noah Carveth, a Custer 6th grader.



Freshmen Gwen Braun (Monroe H.S.) and Hailey Harder (Jefferson H.S.) walked the trails picking up litter and trash.

# New Equipment for MHS CTE Programs

## Anatmage Table Provides Virtual Dissection Experience



Imagine an iPad the size of a dining room table. That's how Kari Arnold, who teaches Health Occupation at Monroe High School, described the exciting new equipment her students will be using next fall.

The new Anatmage Table is a 3D anatomy visualization tool that uses advanced technology and images to enable users to do virtual dissection. Students will be able to examine individual body systems and view both healthy bodies and various pathologies.

The life-size table will connect to the program's existing LCD projectors for lectures and can be used lying flat (*as pictured*) or tipped upright.

**State funds allocated for career training enabled MPS to purchase new equipment for Monroe High School's CTE programs that will expand learning opportunities and improve program services.**

## Scissor Rack for Auto Tech

A new Hunter Scissor Rack for the MHS Career Technical Education Automotive Lab connects to the alignment system that was purchased two years ago. The drive-on lift is flush-mount to the floor and features two 6,000-pound capacity swing airjacks to support a 10,000-pound vehicle.

The new system will provide students experience with equipment that is currently used in the automotive industry and that aligns with the National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation (NATEF) standards.

"This is what makes the MHS automotive technology program unique," teacher Bryan Zamorski stated. "Our students get the opportunity to use some of the most advanced equipment and become better prepared for the automotive industry straight out of high school."



**The floor in the automotive technology lab was excavated to provide a precise fit for the new alignment pit system.**





A Telescoping Boom with a 34-foot reach was purchased for the Construction Trades program. The versatile off-road machine will be beneficial in many construction phases at the Trojan Build site, enabling students to safely lift heavy loads and do some work that previously required outside assistance. Teacher Thomas Bell said the new equipment will also enable seniors in MHS construction, welding, and automotive programs to become certified for telescoping and forklifts. "This will be another unique opportunity MHS students have that is not available anywhere else in our county," he stated.

# Trojan Build Design Competition Winners

## MHS Students Take Top Honors in Annual HBA Contest



**1ST PLACE**  
Jaxx Mignano



**2ND PLACE**  
Jacob Smith



**3RD PLACE**  
Lexi Schade



**4TH PLACE**  
Zach Bruck

Monroe High School students took the top four places in the Monroe Home Builders Association Trojan Build design competition, co-sponsored by Kohler Architecture, which recognizes five winners.

Congratulations are extended to:

Jaxx Mignano	1st place	\$200
Jacob Smith	2nd place	\$150
Lexi Schade	3rd place	\$75
Zach Bruck	4th place	\$50

The traveling first place trophy returns to Monroe for another year, and the winning design will be used for Trojan Build #4. The MHS Drafting and Design program is taught by Natalie Mills.



Your child is eligible for **KINDERGARTEN** if:

Your child turns 5 between **Dec. 2, 2020** and **June 15, 2021**.



Your child is eligible for our **YOUNG FIVES** program if:

Your child turns 5 between **June 16, 2021** and **Sept. 1, 2021**.



Your child is eligible to obtain a state waiver to enter our **YOUNG FIVES** program if:

Your child turns 5 between **Sept. 2, 2021** and **Dec. 1, 2021**.

# REGISTER NOW for Kindergarten and Young Fives

Monroe Public Schools



Kindergarten Registration



## The Start of Something BIG!

You and your student are embarking on a wonderful journey, and it all starts here! We are so excited to welcome you into our Monroe Public Schools Family, where we grow, learn, excel, and dream together!

### Registration is **ONLINE** at [www.monroe.k12.mi.us](http://www.monroe.k12.mi.us)

**Student Registration**  
Register **ONLINE** here.



Go to the MPS website and click on the button pictured above OR click directly on the button in this PDF flyer to get step-by-step directions for kindergarten registration. When you have completed the form AND have uploaded ALL documents, submit your form.

## MPS Spectacular Summer Semester

We are very excited to provide our students with an amazing learning opportunity this summer — **DETAILS COMING SOON!**

*The MPS Spectacular Summer Semester is designed around your student's interests and academic needs; stretching every student's reading, writing and math levels. High school students will have the opportunity to earn course credit.*

Each day will be filled with fun and enriching learning opportunities in a camplike atmosphere. Students can look forward to an end of the summer celebration showcasing their work for families! They will have the opportunity to:

- Participate in Summer Camp Enrichment
- Research topics of personal interest through an inquiry cycle
- Choose books and write about their interests
- Engage in Math Games and Science Experiments



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The MPS Board creates policies, establishes spending priorities, and sets and supports district goals. Work in two major areas that occurred in 2020 – learning plans during the pandemic and decisions on bond project priorities – will continue to be a focus in 2021.

## 2021 BOARD of EDUCATION



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## 2021

### Board Calendar

#### May 11

Work Session, 5:30 p.m.  
Board Meeting #8, 7 p.m.

#### May 25

Work Session, 5:30 p.m.  
Board Meeting #9, 7 p.m.

#### June 15

Work Session, 5:30 p.m.  
Board Meeting #10, 7 p.m.

#### June 29

Work Session, 5:30 p.m.  
Board Meeting #11, 7 p.m.

#### July 13

Work Session, 5:30 p.m.  
Board Meeting #12, 7 p.m.

#### August 3

Work Session, 5:30 p.m.  
Board Meeting #13, 7 p.m.

#### August 17

Work Session, 5:30 p.m.  
Board Meeting #14, 7 p.m.

#### August 31

Work Session, 5:30 p.m.  
Board Meeting #15, 7 p.m.

#### September 14

Work Session, 5:30 p.m.  
Board Meeting #16, 7 p.m.



Approved meeting dates for the MPS Board of Education are posted on the website ([www.monroe.k12.mi.us](http://www.monroe.k12.mi.us)) and the exterior wall of the Administration Building, 1275 N. Macomb Street.



## The Monroe County Educational Technology Millage on May 4th is a RENEWAL and will not increase taxes.

Funds generated by the county-wide millage request will be distributed to the listed local school districts based on their K-12 student population.



- Airport Community Schools
- Bedford Public Schools
- Dundee Community Schools
- Ida Public Schools
- Jefferson Schools
- Mason Consolidated Schools
- Monroe County ISD
- Monroe Public Schools
- New Bedford Academy
- Summerfield Schools
- Triumph Academy
- Whiteford Agricultural Schools



### Superintendent's Remarks

As you read this issue of *We Are Monroe*, I hope you share my immense pride in our students, our schools, and our community, as we celebrate achievement, opportunity, and service. Within these pages...



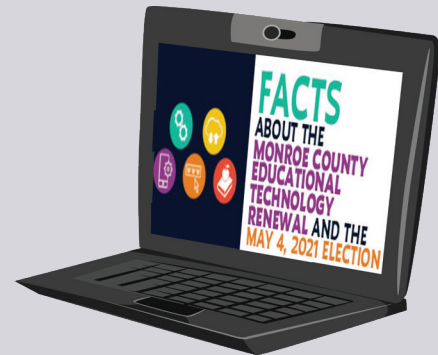
- We honor students who have been recognized for special talents, athletic abilities, and academic excellence, and we lift up their future plans.
- We highlight new equipment purchased with state funding for our career technical educational programs that will offer unique hands-on experiences with industry-recognized and state-of-the-art tools.
- We share details about Kindergarten Registration for the youngest among us, and we announce plans for a Spectacular Summer Semester, filled with exciting learning opportunities for students of all ages.
- Last, but not least, we feature inspiring stories of service by members of our school community who model outreach and volunteerism.

Every day, I am witness to wonderful examples of what makes our school district special — the strong relationships that exist among our students, staff, families, and community. It is the people who are our core strength — those who support and take care of one another. It is each one of you. I am so proud to call this community home.

We are strong. We are connected. We ARE Monroe.

*Julie M. Everly*  
Dr. Julie M. Everly  
Superintendent

### Technology Millage Renewal Tuesday, May 4, 2021



The countywide millage renewal is for educational technology initiatives that support curriculum goals in the schools, across all grades K-12. More information is online [here](#).

**Please remember to vote on May 4.**

### Connect to Monroe Public Schools!

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