

MONROE CITY SCHOOLS

Monthly Matters with Superintendent Moore

October 2026
31st Edition

A Message from Our Superintendent:

Dear Monroe City Schools Faculty and Staff,

It is hard to believe that we are already well into October. As we reflect on our progress, I want to thank each of you for the energy, dedication, and commitment you continue to bring to Monroe City Schools. From our teachers and school leaders to our support staff, district personnel, transportation teams, custodians, food service employees, and every individual who contributes to our schools, your work matters.

While we should celebrate the progress we have made, we must also remember that there is still a lot of work to be done. October provides an important opportunity to reflect, refocus, and respond to what we now know about our students. We must continue strengthening instruction, protecting instructional time, using data to guide our decisions, and providing every student with the support and opportunities needed to succeed.

As we move through the remainder of this semester, I encourage every member of our team to remain committed to a few important priorities:

Protect instructional time. Every minute with our students is valuable.

Maintain high expectations. Our students are capable of excellence when we provide the support and opportunities necessary for them to succeed.

Use data with purpose. Let students' performance guide our next steps and instructional decisions.

Support one another. Strong schools are built by strong teams working toward a common goal.

Celebrate progress while continuing to push forward. Growth deserves recognition, but our work is not finished.

The months ahead will pass just as quickly as the ones behind us. Before we know it, we will be preparing for spring assessments and the close of another school year. Let us approach each day with urgency and purpose, recognizing that every lesson, every interaction, and every decision can positively impact a student.

Thank you for your continued commitment to Monroe City Schools. Let us celebrate our progress while remaining focused on the work ahead.

Every classroom matters. Every student matters. Every day matters.

With appreciation,

Sam L. Moore, III

Superintendent

UPCOMING DATES

OCTOBER 22: PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

OCTOBER 23:
½ DAY PD; NO STUDENTS

NOVEMBER 3:
ELECTION DAY/NO SCHOOL

NOVEMBER 11:
VETERANS' DAY/ NO SCHOOL



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MINNIE RUFFIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

EVERY CHILD, EVERY DAY



MADISON JAMES FOSTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

ONE TEAM. ONE GOAL. ONE CHchampionship.



Thank You!

Minnie Ruffin Elementary and Madison James Foster Elementary are extremely grateful to have been awarded grant funding through the Extra Yard for Teachers and Students initiative!

We extend our sincere appreciation to the **University of Louisiana Monroe**, under the leadership of **President Castille**, and to **Mrs. Carmen Wright, Deputy Athletic Director/SWA**, for their continued commitment to supporting our local schools, teachers, and students.

Supporting teachers means supporting students.

We are grateful for community partners who believe in our schools and understand that educating children is a shared responsibility. Together, we can make a difference for our children.

Jennett Hunter
Principal
Minnie Ruffin Elementary

Lartorre Davis
Instructional Facilitator
Minnie Ruffin Elementary

Dr. Gary Jackson
Principal
Madison James Foster Elementary

April McLaurin
Assistant Principal
Madison James Foster Elementary

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Berg Jones Elementary is extremely grateful for community support from Retired Judge Alvin Sharp and the Brothers of Trinity Lodge #175.





FIRE PREVENTION





Students at Madison James Foster had a very special visit from our local firefighters. They spent time reading to our scholars, teaching them about fire safety, and giving them an up-close look at the fire truck!









Louisiana Blue and Healthy Blue partnered with Operation Warm to provide Carver Elementary students with brand new coats. The initiative supports students by promoting warmth, confidence, and overall well-being, while helping remove barriers that may impact their readiness to learn.



COMMUNITY

MLK Lady Wildcats made history as their first official volleyball team took to the court. This is a new chapter in Wildcat Athletics . We are proud of our players and coaches!



VOLLEYBALL

WE'RE HIRING!

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Child Nutrition Program

Technician positions available

- Martin Luther King Elementary
- Neville High School
- Carver Elementary
- JS Clark Elementary
- Berg Jones Elementary
- Lexington Elementary
- Minnie Ruffin Elementary
- Cypress Point Elementary
- Barkdull Faulk
- Neville Junior High
- MJ. Foster Elementary
- Carroll High

Submit resumes to:
Wanda Shaw, CNP Supervisor
2103 A Roselawn Avenue
Monroe, LA. 71201
(318)325-0601 ext. 3070
wanda.shaw@mcschools.net

FULL-TIME BUS OPERATOR

- Must be at least 21 years of age
- Hold a valid Class A or B CDL with air break, passenger, and school bus endorsement
- Yearly DOT physical
- Pass a federal background check
- Apply by October 30th @ noon

Send resumes or drop off to:
Lonnie Hudson
Bus Barn
2101 Roselawn Ave.
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Join our team!

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SPOTLIGHT



We want to showcase all the wonderful things going on in Monroe City Schools!

We know there are great things going on in our district. Are you aware of a student, employee, or a story that should be featured in the newsletter?

Send an email to deann.taylor@mcschools.net.