We asked and you answered!

Here is what Monroe parents had to say during our September PIE Night rotations:

Rotation #1:

Dreaming Big:

What does an ideal school look and sound like? What should staff, students, and parents do to maximize student success? What are some things you want to hear your child say when you ask them how their day was at school?

What does an ideal school look and sound like?

- Clean and friendly
- Consistency through grades
- Upgraded playground
- Good communication
- Special needs awareness space

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PIE Feedback, continued...

What should staff, students, and parents do to maximize student success?

• Listen
• Attendance
• Well rested
• Fed
• Prepared for day
• Reading, flashcards, study, checking agenda
• Class dojo
• Plan for individual student needs and teach multiple ways
• Give more time to eat
• Buddy bench
• Less testing

What are some things you want to hear your child say when you ask them how their day was at school?

• Good
• Loves it
• Detail
• Excitement
• Do they have friends
• Something different everyday
• Options to meet needs
• No bullying
• I learned something

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PIE Feedback, continued...

Rotation #2:

Current state:

What are some things you like/liked about Monroe? What are your thoughts/questions about homework? What are your thoughts & questions about i-pad & Chromebook use at school? How can we improve our school?

What are some things you like/liked about Monroe?

- Events where parents and teachers get to talk
- Clubs after school
- Smaller class sizes
- Great reputation
- Sign language class
- Doors are locked
- Kids seem to enjoy combined classrooms
- Welcoming environment
- Spanish class and sign class- some feel Spanish and sign classes should be an option
- Liked the previous structure of the hearing department
- Like that it has the old school feeling
- Like the that is has a library and computer lab
- School is clean

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PIE Feedback, continued...

What are your thoughts/questions about homework?

- No more homework, more things are being done in class compared to outside of school because we need family time
- Like that reading is the only requirement for homework, it is not forced
- Some would like to have the option to have homework, for it to be personalized, and a balance not too much
- No homework equals more passion for learning
- Homework is good if more practice is needed

What are your thoughts & questions about i-pad & Chromebook use at school?

- Is the internet safe for kids, that images and content are filtered
- Too early in elementary school
- It is something that they have to learn how to use

How can we improve our school?

- Get security cameras

Continued
**PIE Feedback, continued...**

**Rotation #3: Sharing the vision:**

**How might we improve two way communication with families?**

*More frequent communication. Suggestions were newsletters, face-to-face, Class Dojo (some did not know that this was). Parents also would like to know Teacher Expectations at the beginning of the year.

**How might we better partner together?**

Childcare for events (!!)  
Boys and Girls Club (they are loving it!)  
Someone said, Follow 504s/IEPs

**What do you need from us or what can you share with us so we can better meet your child/family needs or wishes?**

TIMELY communication, a syllabus of year

**For example, what information might you like to hear at conferences?**

How is my child performing compared to GL peers’ expectations/goals.  
How is my child doing socially? (No sugar coating!)

**What would you like back to school night to look like and what information are you hoping to hear?**

As a new parent “stuff to know” re: lunch accounts, student expectations, and how we will convey information to parents.

**What after school activities would you like to see and what might you be willing to help with?**

Sign up sheets for things they CAN help with. (So they aren’t just “volunteering” they are signing up for something specific.)
SAFE2TELL Colorado. What is it?

Safe2Tell Colorado wants every student to know - telling isn't "snitching." Telling is when you need to keep yourself or someone you know safe from threats, harmful behaviors or dangerous situations.

Not sure if you should use Safe2Tell? If you don't, who will?

We need your help to improve your school and community. By calling, you can help stop a friend from committing suicide, get another student off drugs, or stop a bully from making other people miserable. Safe2Tell Colorado’s tip reporting process is simple. Safe2Tell Colorado provides students, parents, and community members a safe way to report information about any issues that concern their safety or the safety of others. They can be reached by phone, web or text. Every Thompson School District website features an easy to find direct link to SAFE2TELL on the main page. The numbers and links can also be found on the back of every staff and student ID card. Remember, your identity is safe. No one will ask for your name or number. There is no caller id., no call tracing, no call recording and no call forwarding. We only want to hear your concern and try to help.
Upcoming events and activities at Monroe!

Always double check our website calendar for last minute changes to our schedule.
https://www.thompsonschools.org/Page/33

Battle of the Books is coming soon! Practices will be from 3:15 to 4:15 in the library after school on Tuesdays for grades 4/5 and Thursdays for grade 3.
Sign Choir is Wednesday mornings 8:15-9:00am
Student Leadership meet every 4th Monday 7:30-8:00am
Peaceful Warriors meet every Monday 3:15-4:15pm
Making the World Sweeter will meet Mondays 3:15-4:15pm
Zion Kid's Choir meets every Tuesday 3:10-5:00pm
Girls on the Run 3:13-4:45pm every Tuesday and Thursday
Lego Club 3:10-4:40pm every Thursday
Games Club 3:10-4:15pm every Thursday
Face to Face (PTO) meet every 2nd Tuesday from 6:00-7:00pm
Bilingual Face to Face (PTO) meet every 4th Monday from 8:00-9:00am
Monroe Spirit Week is October 29th to November 2nd
Monroe Hearing and Vision Screening is all day Friday, October 26
Monroe Family Night "Trunk or Treat" is Friday, October 26th 5:30-7:30pm
Halloween Parade is October 31st at 2:45
Picture retakes November 2nd, all day
November 5 Open House for Stansberry Families 4:30-6:00pm
November 13 is Chili Night! 5:00-6:00pm
November 14 is Diabetic Awareness day. Wear blue!
November 19th and 20th is Deaf and Hard of Hearing Awareness.
Reading!
Reading to your child is one of the best ways to support them in their learning. If you don’t read with them already, there’s no better time to start than now! You can ask your child’s teacher or librarian for book recommendations.

If you read just one book a day to your child, they will have been read 1825 books by their 5th birthday.

Every Day Counts.
Every Book Counts.

Let’s Celebrate Creativity!

Hello Families!
We have teamed up again with Original Works to offer a very special program. In the next few days, your child will be bringing home their unique artwork. You will then have the opportunity to order a variety of high quality, professionally produced products featuring your child’s masterpiece.

Supporting Your Child, Supporting Your School.

In addition to supporting your child’s creativity, profits earned through each purchase will support art educational initiatives at our school.

Monroe Elementary School Newsletter

SHOWCASE your business throughout Larimer County
Be sure that parents in our communities know about your business.
Enjoy visibility in more than 50 school newsletters each month.

Learn more! Call Joe.
970.420.7163
**Spirit Week is October 26-November 2nd!**

Monday - Mad hatter day (wear a hat)
Tuesday - Team day (wear your favorite sports team gear)
Wednesday - Wacky hair day (make your hair crazy)
Thursday - Throw back day (dress in clothes from a different decade; 50s, 60s, 70s, 80s, 90s)
Friday - Flannel/Fleece day (wear flannel or fleece)

**Halloween is Wednesday October 31st**

Check with your child's teacher about preferences and plans. Students can bring their costume in a backpack. We will change into costumes at 2:00 and our whole school parade begins at 2:45.
### Elementary Lunch
#### October 2018

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