

November 2023

As the autumn days tick by, we move closer toward the coming winter and the many holiday celebrations that happen as a calendar year winds down. It is the perfect time for me to pause and reflect on the first quarter of the school year as a new member of this vibrant Monarch community.

While many will take time on the designated Thanksgiving holiday to offer words of gratitude to their friends and loved ones, I'd like to pass along my own message now to the many that make Monarch School of New England a place of success for the students we serve daily.

So, with full appreciation for the complex layers of collaboration that are necessary for Monarch School of New England to operate each day of every school year I offer the following thanks to:

*Our Students*

For approaching each day ready to embrace opportunities, putting forth maximum efforts using their individual strengths and working hard to move forward with important learning goals.

*Our Students' Families*

For sharing true commitment to your children's success in reaching their greatest potential and communicating honestly all concerns, hopes, and valuable insight from your home environment.

*Our Staff*

For approaching every school day with students' best interest as the priority and collaborating effectively to skillfully plan and promote success in every aspect of their lives.

*Our School District Partners*

For trusting Monarch's expertise to provide your resident student(s) with the best possible education and working with us to ensure they receive a Free and Appropriate Public Education.

*Our Community Partners*

For the countless ways you provide support to our school, staff, and students with generous donations of time, resources, and funds that directly benefit students' growth and achievement.

I realize that these words of thanks cannot fully provide the recognition that is warranted by each of the above. However, it is important that I express my appreciation during this season of gratitude and acknowledge the bountiful contributions that allow the Monarch School of New England to pursue and meet our mission of supporting individuals with disabilities in accomplishing their goals.

Wishing everyone the best Thanksgiving Day and peaceful, joyous times with loved ones!

Jeanette Souther, Executive Director