



# SCHOOL SPIRIT

**April 2017** 

Hi everyone,

I wanted to share some information about the Strategic Operating Plan (SOP) that will be presented to the school board in April. This plan has been the result of several months of work collecting data and getting feedback from the staff, parents, and community. This plan will help to guide our district over the next three years in the areas of technology, facilities, teaching/learning, and communication.



The creation of a Strategic Operating Plan does not mean that all the work has been done this year for the next three years. It means that we have identified many tasks that need to be com-

pleted over the next three years to implement improvement in each of the strategic areas. Some of the work was completed this year in preparation for the development of the Strategic Operating Plan but much of the more detailed work is still ahead of us and the Strategic Operating Plan is a roadmap for us to follow so we can all be moving in the same direction.

One area that I wanted to focus on this month was the area of technology. In September we formed a Steering Committee led by our Technology Facilitator, Mr. Curt Tauke. The purpose of this committee was to help to create a shared vision of what technology will look like in the Monticello Community School District in the upcoming years. As a result of many fantastic discussions it is the recommendation of the committee to transition the Monticello Community School District to become a 1:1 district. So what does that mean? This means that the Technology Steering Committee has laid out a plan to transition our school district into a place where each student has a device to use on a daily basis for research, collaboration, creation, problem solving, etc.

There are many steps to this plan. It begins this summer with an update to the infrastructure at the middle school and the high school. Then each campus will be able to wirelessly sustain the use of many devices each day. Then during the 2017-2018 school year we will provide training to our staff and prepare procedures/policies to be able to implement a 1:1 roll out during the 2018-2019 school year. Beginning in the 2018-2019 school year students in grades K-2 will have an iPad that will be for use during the school day. Students in grades 3-6 will have a Chromebook that will be for use during the school day. Students in grades 7-12 will check out a Chromebook that they can use at school or home each day during the school year. This Chromebook will be their responsibility just like a textbook. It is exciting to imagine the types of learning that our students will have access to and what our district will look like in 3-5 years.

Of course this is the short version of the implementation plan. There are many pieces that we will need to come together to prepare our staff, students, and community when we make this transition, including final approval from the school board in April.

As always if you have any questions please feel free to send me an email or give me a call at any time. Thank you for your continued support of the Monticello Community School District.

Sincerely,

Dr. Brian Jaeger, Superintendent brian.jaeger@monticello.k12.ia.us

#### PARENTS! PARENTS! PARENTS!

It is vital that the school district has current and updated information on all students. Please remember to log in to your PowerSchool account and make sure everything is current, including your email address, cell phone #'s, home phone #'s, address, emergency contacts, etc. This is very important, especially for emergency situations. If you need assistance with this, please feel free to call Morgan Murray at the Middle School at 319-465-3575, ext. 2280

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# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Save the Date!

## JREC Academy Orientation Wednesday, April 26

**High School Auditorium** 

Career Academy students will register @ 5:30pm, followed by a presentation at 6, then a orientation at JREC until approximately 7:45.

Arts & Sciences Academy students will register at 6:30pm. followed by a presentation at 7 and an optional tour at JREC.

Students & Parents are required to attend. Invites coming in early April for confirmed Academy pre-registrations.



### **HS CONFERENCES**

High School Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on Tuesday, April 25 from 4:00-8:00 PM in the HS Gym. Hope to see you there!

Shannon Elementary Spring Concert



Thursday, April 27 at 6:00 PM

High School Gym ..............................

As of today, May 26 is the last day of school! Seniors last day is May 24th!

9th Grade Orientation for the 2017-18 School Year

Mandatory Attendance for all current 8th graders and their parents

Monday, April 3 from 5:30-7:00 pm in the High School Auditorium

This is an opportunity to visit the High School and learn about planning for High School. 8th grade students and parents will learn what to expect in 9<sup>th</sup> grade.

## Monticello PTO Fun Run



Saturday, May 13 at 10:30 AM Monticello High School

- \$15.00 Early Registration (Race fee includes t-shirt and bubbles) (through 4/7 at 11:59 PM EDT)
- \$20.00 Registration (t-shirt and bubbles NOT guaranteed) (4/8 at 11:59 PM EDT through the day of the event)
- \$30.00 Registration (5/13 at 12:01 AM EDT through 5/13 at 6:00 PM EDT)

Must register by April 1 to guarantee a t-shirt and bubbles.

Visit https://secure.getmeregistered.com/ get\_information.php?event\_id=126691 for registration information.

Donation packets will come home with PK-4th grade students on April 13th.

For questions, please contact Stacy Campbell at stacy.campbell@monticello.k12.ia.us

#### 7/8 Grade Band Solo Fun Night!

7/8 grade band Solo Fun Night will be held Thursday, April 13 at the middle school from 4:30-7pm. Since this is an individually scheduled event, please contact Mrs. Dobel at jill.dobel@monticello.k12.ia.us if your band student has activities that afternoon/evening that will need to be scheduled around.

#### Free Child Safety ID Event

Sunday, May 21, 2017 10am-4pm ISU Extension Office-Monticello Fairgrounds, 800 North Maple Street Food, Bounce House, and Kids Activities

Parents will receive a kit for each child containing photos, fingerprints, video, a DNA sample, and more that is needed to help keep their child safe. This program is endorsed by the Jones County Sheriff's Office, the Monticello Police Department, and the Jones County Community Partnerships for Protecting Children. For more information about this event contact: ChildID@Anamosa46.org For more information on child safety go to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children website at: http://www.missingkids.com/Home

#### **Post Prom News & Grand March**

The Post Prom Committee will be hosting a Grand March on Saturday, April 22nd at 5:00 PM in the High School Auditorium. Students need to check in at 4:45 pm sharp. Public and family members are welcome. A suggested free will donation of \$1.00 would be appreciated to help with our fundraising efforts for next year. The doors will open at 4:15 pm if anyone would like to take photos prior to the Grand March. This year's Post Prom Party will be held at the Youth Development Center, next to the Berndes Center. This year's entertainment will be GuysInTies (Group Improv). We will be serving snacks and drinks and will have a prize for each MHS Junior and Senior that attends after our entertainment finishes. The improve group will start at 12:30 am. We are asking for students to arrive no later than 12:30 am. Doors will lock at 12:45 am and will end approximately at 3:00 am. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Melchert (mpmelchert62@gmail.com) or Chey Lambert (cheyannalambert@gmail.com). Registration for Post Prom dates will be posted at the school and on the announcements soon. Cost will be \$10 each and will include a t-shirt.



# Monticello School Foundation Thank You!

The Monticello Community School Foundation would like to thank all those who helped in any way to make the 12th Annual Dinner/Auction such a huge success on March 4th. Over \$34,000 was raised! The Foundation appreciates all those who donated items, purchased tickets to attend the dinner and those who bought items during the silent and live auctions. A special thank you to auctioneer Darrell Reyner, to Teddy's Barn & Grill for a delicious meal, The Porch Posse ladies for serving, June Fellinger for all of the decorations, Kevin & Annette Smith for the music and sound system, Nancy Miller's Foods Class for the wonderful desserts, the Jones County Dairy Board for the ice cream and also the cheese trays, Fareway for the meat trays, and Winnie Williams for the punch ingredients, Culligan Total Water for the bottled water, and to the Monticello Chamber for serving wine & soft drinks. THANK YOU to all of the volunteers who helped make the night a great success!

#### **Panther Academy Student Openings!**

Panther Academy currently has openings for students for their before and after school program.

Panther Academy is our before & after school childcare and summer program located at Shannon Elementary. Please contact Director Tammy Helgens at 319-465-6882 or via email: tammy.helgens@monticello.k12.ia.us for more information or to register.

Attention 4th grade parents: In April and May, Mrs. Dobel and Mr. Kowbel will be visiting with 4th grade classrooms at Sacred Heart and Carpenter to begin the process of recruiting members for next year's 5th grade band. There will be a scheduled "video/demonstration day" for each class, musical aptitude quiz, and "instrument matching" time for individuals. It's a great opportunity for students to learn about band, and all students will get to participate regardless if they are planning to do band or not. It's a great time to start discussions at home about the possibility of joining our band family next fall! If you have questions at any time, please contact Mrs. Dobel at jill.dobel@monticello.k12.ia.us

#### From the HS Guidance Office...

It is important to recognize seniors for scholarships that they have been awarded. The awards presented at Honors Night are those we know about. In order to honor all others, seniors need to be responsible for contacting Mrs. Stingley to inform her of any scholarships received. If she is contacted, no later than Friday, May 19th, she will mention or present those awards. Please don't assume that the Guidance Office is aware of all scholarships. Contact Mrs. Stingley at

christi.stingley@monticello.k12.ia.us. Honors Night is scheduled for **Tuesday**, **May 23rd** at 7:30 PM.

#### Screening for 2017-2018 Kindergarten Students

Vision, hearing, and pre-academic skills assessment for children entering Kindergarten in the fall of 2017 will be held on Tuesday, April 11th at Shannon Elementary. If you have already done the Kindergarten Round-Up in January you will be receiving a letter in the mail with your time. If you did not attend the Kindergarten Round-Up, please go online and fill out the forms or stop in the office. Call Sandy Hinrichs at 465-5425 ext. 4114 if you have any questions. This screening is free of charge.

#### Upcoming Treble Makers Events:

The Treble Makers meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 5:30pm at Happy Joe's. NEW MEMBERS are always welcomed! Our remaining meetings for the 2016-2017 year will be: April 18, and May 16.

Vocal Concerts yet this year will be: the Dessert Concert-May 9. Please come out and support the Fine Arts programs!

# Important Dates—Please Mark your Calendars!

April 3—Incoming Freshman Orientation-5:30 @ HS Auditorium—Mandatory Attendance for all current 8<sup>th</sup> graders and their parents

<u>April 11</u>—9:00 AM—\*Senior Class Meeting - HS
Auditorium\* (Very important for seniors to attend)

April 20—Senior Class forms due in the office by 3:00 pm

<u>April 22</u>—9:00 PM-Midnight-Prom at the Community Building

<u>April 25</u>—4:00-8:00 PM—HS Parent Teacher Conferences

May 3—5:00 PM-Mandatory driver's ed meeting with students & parents in HS Auditorium (for those taking driver's ed this summer)

May 15—Senior Silver Service hours due in the office by 3:00pm

May 17—Senior cap & gown pick up, after school at 2:00pm

May 23—7:00 PM—National Honor Society/ followed by Honors Night at 7:30pm—HS Auditorium

May 24—Baccalaureate @ First Presbyterian Church at 7:00pm

May 24—Seniors Last Day; Mandatory Commencement practice at 1:00 PM

May 26—Last day of classes (pending no more weather cancellation days)

May 28- Commencement at 2:00 PM—HS Gym

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#### THANK YOU TO:

- Sandy Stamp for all of her time, a meal, and her home for the CPR/First Aid renewal class for staff.
- Marion Redmond for the large donation of tissues and disinfectant wipes to the Middle School!
- Michele Olson for the rock presentation to the 3rd graders.
- **Sandy Stamp** for playing the violin for the 3rd graders.

Monday	Monday Tuesday Wednesday		Thursday	Friday	
3	4	5	6	7	
Rainbow yogurt	BB muffin	Breakfast pizza	French toast / syrup	**	
Granola	Fruit	Fruit	Fruit	NO SCHOOL	
Fruit	Fruit juice	Fruit juice	Fruit juice		
Fruit juice					
10	11	12	13	14	
Sausage biscuit	Cereal bar	Sausage pancake bite w/ syrup	Cheese omelet		
Fruit	Mozzarella cheese stick	Fruit	English muffin	NO SCHOOL	
Fruit juice	Fruit	Fruit juice	Fruit		
	Fruit juice		Fruit juice		
17	18	19	20	21	
	Breakfast wrap	Breakfast pizza	Chocolate chip muffin	Cereal	
NO SCHOOL	Fruit	Fruit	Fruit	Poptart	
	Fruit juice	Fruit juice	Fruit juice	Fruit	
				Fruit juice	
24	25	26	27	28	
Rainbow yogurt	Biscuits & gravy	Long John	Suasage panckes bites	Cereal	
Granola	Fruit	Fruit	Fruit	Poptart	
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Breakfast—Did you know?
Breakfast is the most important meal of the day. Your body is like a car; if you don't put fuel in, it won't run. Eating breakfast has been proven to show that students have higher test scores, concentrate better in class, reduced absenteeism, and reduced behavior problems. At Monticello Schools we offer breakfast daily at all of our school buildings.

#### Free & Reduced Meals

Did you know that if you have a student that qualifies for free or reduced lunch meals, that includes breakfast AND lunch!



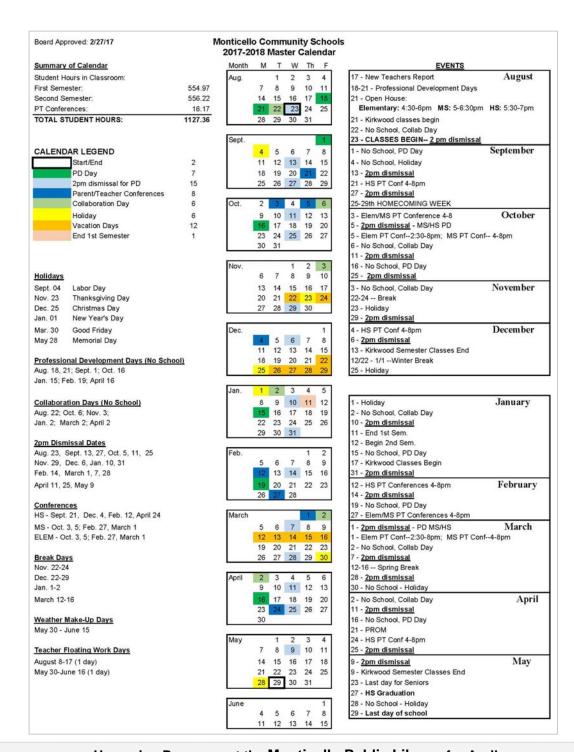
Lunch Me	Milk served with meal			
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3	4	5	6	7
Popcorn chicken	Mini Corn dogs	Country fried steak	Cheeseburger / bun	
Seasoned rice	Baked beans	Mashed potatoes	Smiley fries	
Steamed broccoli	Apple sauce	Mandarin Oranges	Glazed carrots	NO SCHOOL
Peaches	Cookie	Roll & butter	Apple slices	
10	11	12	13	14
Chicken nuggets	Chicken & noodles	Beef taco	Salisbury steak	
French fries	Peas	Seasoned rice	Mashed potatoes & gravy	
Pineapple Tidbid	Peaches	Refried beans	Mixed fruit	NO SCHOOL
Bread & wow butter	Roll & butter	Apple sauce	Roll & butter	
17	18	19	20	21
	Mandarin orange chicken	Pasta w/ meat sauce	Hot dog / bun	Cheese quesadilla
	Seasoned rice	Lettuce salad	Baked beans	Baby carrots w/ dip
NO SCHOOL	Green beans	Diced pears	French fries	Fresh fruit
	Pineapple tidbits	Garlic toast	Diced peaches	Cookie / dessert
24	25	26	27	28
French toast w/ syrup	Breaded chicken / bun	Pulled pork	Chili w/ crackers	Sausage pizza
Sausage links	Vegetable soup / crackers	Sweet potato fries	String cheese	Lettuce w/ spinach
Hashbrown patty	Orange slices	Green beans	Apple sauce	Carrots / Broccoli / Cauliflower
Strawberries & bananas	Frosted cake	Jello w/ fruit	Cinnamon roll	Apple slices

#### Food Service News—Did you know?

The Monticello Community School District has a student wellness policy. The district promotes healthy students by supporting wellness, good nutrition and regular physical activity as a part of the total learning environment. The policy states the following goals that will encourage wellness in students *and* staff:

- Encouraging physical activity, as outlined in the Student Wellness Plan Physical Activity policy.
- ♦ Providing nutrition education and promotion, as outlined in the Student Wellness Plan Nutritional Guidelines policy.
- ♦ Establishing other school-based activities that are designed to promote student and staff wellness, as outlined in the Student Wellness Plan Other Activities to Promote Wellness policy.

The Student Wellness Policy #506.9 can be found on our website at www.monticello.k12.ia.us



#### **Upcoming Programs at the Monticello Public Library for April:**

April 6--6-7:30pm Shumacher Family Bluegrass Band

April 10--3:30-4:30pm STEAM Team Kids 8 & up come explore Science, Technology, Engineering, Art & Math in a hands on

environment

April 12--2-5:00pm Early Out Activities Movie from 2:10-4:00, Coloring for all ages, bring your Pokémon games & cards and

talk Pokémon with your friends.

April 13--3:30-4:30pm After School Brick Building Club- Kids ages 7 & up can join us for themed LEGO® building fun.

April 18--6:00pmPushing the Limits Evening Book Discussion- When the Killing's DoneApril 20--1:30pmPushing the Limits Afternoon Book Discussion- When the Killing's Done

<u>April 20--4-6:00pm</u> US Cellular Tech Class- Learn what your device can do

April 22--10-11:00am Money Smart Week Activities- Kids can join us to build and decorate a kite or decorate a piggy bank.

April 24--6:30pm Author Joy Johnson will be here to discuss her 8 book series The Burned Out Old Broads at Table

Twelve. She will have books for sale.

April 26 Early Dismissal 2:15 -Above & Beyond will provide a snack & present Heart Shaped Pickles- a gentle grief support story

for anyone that has felt sad following the death of someone dear. Early Dismissal movie will follow.

April 27--3:30-4:30pm After School Brick Building Club- Kids ages 7&up can join us for themed LEGO® building fun.

<u>April 27--6:30pm</u> Don Shurr History of Prosthetics program

# April 2017

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	april				State Solo & Ensemble Contest @ Cascade Boys V Soccer Tournament @ Solon—8:00 Band Solo & Ensemble-10:00 FFA Banquet—5:30 @ Jones County Youth Development Center
3 Day 2 G V Golf @ Northeast @ Plum River Golf Course-4:00 B V Golf vs Northeast-4:00 B JV Track @ Anamosa-4:45 Incoming Freshman Orienta- tion-5:30 @ HS Auditorium	4 Day 3 G V Soccer @Northeast-4:30 B V Track @ Anamosa-4:30 G V Track @ Camanche-4:00 lowa Jazz Band Championships- Des Moines - 12:00	5 Day 4 Elementary Spring Pictures	6 Day 5 B MS Track @ Beckman-4:00 B V Track @ Tipton City Park -4:30	7 No School — Teacher Collaboration Day B V Soccer vs Regina-4:30 G V Track @ Beckman—4:30	8 B V Golf @ Ed-Co—Lone Pine Golf Course—8:30 ACT Testing—8:00 @ MHS Speech/Drama Banquet-5:00
FFA lowa Leadership Conference G V Golf @ Bellevue-4:00 B V Golf vs Bellevue-4:00 G JV Track @ Western Dbq./Epworth-4:15	I I Day I Kindergarten Screening @ Shannon FFA lowa Leadership Conference PTO Mtg @ Carpenter—6:00 B V Golf @ Anamosa-4:00 B V Soccer @Bell.Marquette-4:00 B V Track @ DeWitt Central—4:00 G V Track @ Anamosa-4:30	12 Day 2  2:00 Early Dismissal — Prof. Dev  Board Work Session -6:00 PM	13  7/8 Band Solo Night-4:30 G V Golf @ North Scott-12:00 G V Soccer @ Maquoketa-4:30, Boys at 6:00 G V Track @ Tipton-4:30 B V Track-home-4:30	No School — Good Friday	Langer
No School — Prof. Development Day B V Golf @ Beckman-11:00 G MS Track @ Cascade-4:15 G V Soccer vs Mid-Prairie-4:30 B V Soccer vs Mid Prairie-5:30 G V Track @ Maq. Valley-4:30 B JV Track @ Marion-4:45	I 8  Hearing Screenings @ MS G V Golf vs Camanche-4:00 B V Golf @ Camanche-Valley Oaks Golf Club-4:00 B MS Track @ W. Delaware-4:00 G V Soccer @ Cedar Valley Christian-4:30, Boys at 6:00 B V Track @ Tipton—4:30	19 Day 5	G MS Track @ Maq. Valley-4:15 G/B V Track –home-4:30 B V Soccer vs. Prince of Peace Catholic-4:30	21 Day I	22 B V Golf @ West Delaware-Pin Oak Pub & Links-9:00 Grand March -5:00 @ HS Auditorium PROM 9-12 @ Community Building
Pay 2 Hearing Screenings @ HS G V Golf vs Cascade-4:00 B V Golf @ Cascade-Fillmore Fairways-4:00 G MS Track—Home-4:00 B V Track @ Maq. Valley-4:30 G V Track @ CPU-4:45 Board Meeting—6:00 PM	25 Day 3 G V Golf @ Western Dbq- 10:00 HS P/T Conferences-4-8 B MS Track @ Cascade-4:15 G V Track @ Anamosa-4:30	26 Day 4  2:00 Early Dismissal — Prof. Dev  JREC Academy Orientation—HS Auditorium & Gym 6:00 & 7:00	27 Day 5 Shannon Spring Concert— 6:00 @ HS Gym MS B Track -Home—4:00 G V Track @ Marion-4:45 B V Track @ Clear Creek Amana-5:00	Drake Relays  G V Golf @ Maq. Valley- Hart Ridge Golf Course-4:00  B V Golf vs. Maq. Valley-4:00	29 Drake Relays G V Soccer Tournament @ NE -8:30

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