



SCHOOL SPIRIT

April 2018

Hi everyone,

Welcome to Spring!!! Sun, cold, wind, rain, snow, fog, ice...repeat. That about sums up the weather in the spring. I think March has had the entire gauntlet of weather. I am happy to move on to April. We are down to two months until the school year comes to an end believe it or not. It has been a good school year and we have accomplished a lot. I wanted to share some current projects with all of you.



The community conversations continue to increase around school facility planning. We have held two Community Meetings (one with a tour of the Middle School) and several School Facilities Committee meetings this semester and continue to sort out school facility options. The idea to "fix it all" will not work because we have learned it is too costly to fix everything in our school district. That is the result of only one bond passing in the last 60 years. We have kicked the can down the road too long so projects have become very expensive. Over the next few weeks we will begin to narrow down the ideas and make one plan with the hopes that the community can get behind it. With community support we will bring that plan to the school board for approval and call for a bond election. We are still aiming for September to hold a school bond election.

We are also very close to sending our end of year surveys out to the staff, students, and parents. These surveys have been developed by teachers and administrators to identify our strengths and challenges at each building. We did this survey last year as a pilot at the middle school level and the results were very helpful in preparation for planning for this school year. The survey should come out during the first two weeks of April and we will share the results with our staff in May.

"In this world, nothing can be said to be certain except death and taxes"... Benjamin Franklin.

That may be true but kudos to the Monticello School Board for lowering school taxes for a second straight year in the Monticello School District. After we publish our budget with the state over the next few weeks the school board will have dropped school property taxes from 14.06 (FY 2017) to 13.21 (FY 2018) and to 12.29 (FY 2019). In addition, they will have dropped our income surtax from 5% (FY 2018) to 4% (FY 2019). If you see a school board member please remember to tell them 'great job'!!!

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-Zimmerman at 319-465-3000, ext. 2115.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Save the Date!

JREC Academy Orientation Wednesday, April 18

High School Auditorium

This is for students who are taking Kirkwood classes next year.

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 24 from 4:00-8:00 PM in the HS Gym. Hope to see you there!

As of today, May 30th is the last day of school! Seniors last day is May 23rd!

9th Grade Orientation for the 2018-19 School Year

Mandatory Attendance for all current 8th graders and their parents

Monday, April 2 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 9th grade.

Shannon Elementary Spring Concert

"Here Comes the Sun"

Thursday, April 26

6:00 PM

High School Gymnasium



7/8 Grade Band Solo Fun Night!

7/8 grade band Solo Fun Night will be held Thursday, April 12 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.



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 join 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

Screening for 2018-19 Kindergarten Students

Vision, hearing, and pre-academic skills assessment for children entering Kindergarten in the fall of 2018 will be held on **Tuesday, April 10th 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 call Sandy Hinrichs at 465-3000, ext. 4114 to make an appointment. This screening is free of charge.



Grand March & Post Prom!

The Post Prom Committee will be hosting a **Grand March on Saturday, April 21st at 4:00 PM in the High School Auditorium**. Students need to check in at 3:45 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 3:15 pm if anyone would like to take photos prior to the Grand March. This year's Post Prom Party will be held at the High School Commons area, gym, auditorium, and wrestling room. This year's entertainment is filled with a variety of activities. We have something for everyone! 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 events will start at 11:30 pm. We are asking for students to arrive no later than 12:15 am. Doors will lock at 12:45 am and will end approximately at 2:30 am. If you have any questions, please contact Carrie Fellinger (cfellinger@anamosa.k12.ia.us), Pam Martensen (jdtile@netins.net), Tammy Sampson (stsampson97@msn.com) or Lisa Mootz (ljmootz@yahoo.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. Students can also drop off both their donation money and post prom fees in the HS office.

PTO News...



Calling all volunteers! We are looking for parents to help with the Walk-a-thon on May 3rd. Contact Taylor Holt @ taylor.holt21@gmail.com if you are interested in helping out.

The Monticello PTO has started collecting new items to raise money. They now collect *Boxtops*, *Project A+ labels found on Tyson brand products*, *Coca-Cola brand bottle caps and codes from fridge packs*, and *Fedoras found on Godfather's Pizza boxes*. These items may be dropped off at either Elementary school anytime during the year. To find out more information on how to help collect these items please visit the Monticello PTO Facebook page.

Spring pictures will be held at the elementary schools April 4th. Our next meeting will be held April 10th at 6:00pm in the Carpenter Library. Hope to see you there!

Monticello School Foundation

Thank You!



The Monticello Community School Foundation would like to thank all those who helped in any way to make the 13th Annual Dinner/Auction such a huge success on March 3rd. Over \$31,000 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**, **Hillside Bar & Grill** for a delicious meal, **The Porch Posse** ladies for a tremendous job, **June Fellingner** for all 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 the cheese trays, **Fareway** for the meat trays, **Winnie Williams** for the punch ingredients, **Culligan Total Water** for the bottled water, and to the **Monticello Chamber** for serving wine. **THANK YOU** to all of the volunteers who helped make the night a great success! We'd also like to thank retiring board member **Creighton Randolph** for his 20+ years on the board.

THANK YOU TO:

- **Jones Regional Medical Center** for the donation of a first aid kit for the HS Band & Choir trip to New York!
- **The Royal Neighbors of America** for donating shorts and sidewalk chalk to Shannon Elementary.
- **Jill Brokaw** for volunteering to listen to 1st graders read this school year!



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 319-465-5425 or via email: tammy.helgens@monticello.k12.ia.us for more information or to register.



Monticello Board of Education Corner...

The Board of Education held their regular meeting on March 26, 2018. In their Board Member Activity Reports they discussed the Community Facility Meeting that was held on March 21st and stated that the preliminary estimates for renovation, additions, or new buildings was a reality check as to what we can afford and what needs to be done. They felt that community support is needed for whatever plan that is approved and we really need to do something soon. The School Facilities Committee is a great representation of our community and there are a lot of different ideas. This is a work in progress. We will get there!

Also at their March meeting they approved the 2018-19 Certified Budget with \$200,000 going to the Management Fund and 2% Instructional Support and PPEL Income Surtax for a general fund levy of \$12.28821 The Board wanted the public to know that we are doing what we can to lower taxes and for the second year in a row our property taxes have decreased and for fiscal year 2019 our income surtax rate will decrease 1%.

If you have any questions, please contact us. Our emails are located on our website at <http://www.monticello.k12.ia.us/district-2/board-of-education-ii/> Have a great month!



The Monticello Parks and Recreation Department is excited to announce that on May 14th, we will be hosting a local event for the Live Healthy Iowa Kids Track Championships. Kids ages 7-14 are eligible to compete in this FREE event. Winners at the local event will advance to the state championships in Marshalltown on Saturday, June 9. Events include the 50 meter dash, 100 meter dash, 200 meter dash, 400 meter dash, 800 meter run, 1600 meter run, 4x100 meter relay, standing long jump, and softball throw. Nearly 50 communities around

Iowa, with approximately 5,000 participants, will compete state wide for the opportunity to advance to the state championships. Don't miss out on this great opportunity. Register by going to <https://www.livehealthyiowakids.org/competitionsites/>

- ⇒ Want to work the hours your kids are in school?
- ⇒ Want summer break off?
- ⇒ Want to work with kids?

We are in need of substitute associates. Associates provide assistance to licensed instructional or support staff in the delivery of 1:1 student specific services/program specific. Serves early childhood special education or K-12 students, school programs or a variety of students. Under the direction of licensed teaching staff, assists to provide instructional social, emotional and behavioral programming which has been designed to meet student specific unique educational needs. Applicant must have a high school diploma, physical, and pass a background check. For questions or to apply contact Becca Harvey at 319-465-3000 ext. 5402 or Becca.harvey@monticello.k12.ia.us or visit the District Office between 8a-4p at 711 South Maple Street, Monticello.

**HELP
WANTED**

Important Dates—Please Mark your Calendars!

April 2—Incoming Freshman Orientation-5:30 @ HS Auditorium—**Mandatory Attendance** for all current 8th graders and their parents

April 9—8th Grade ELP/TAG Student & Parent Meeting in the HS Library

April 10—9:00 AM—**Mandatory** Senior Class Meeting - HS Auditorium (**Very important for seniors to attend**)

April 18—JREC/Kirkwood 2018-19 Orientation—required for those students who are taking Kirkwood classes/academies

April 20—Senior Questionnaire Deadline—turn into the HS office by 3:15 pm

April 21—8-11:00 pm -Prom at the Jones County Youth Development Center

April 24—4:00-8:00 PM—HS Parent Teacher Conferences

May 2—5:00 PM-**Mandatory** driver's ed meeting with students & parents in HS Auditorium (for those taking driver's ed this summer)

May 14—Senior Silver Service hours due in the office to Mr. Lambert by 3:15 pm

May 16—Cap & gown pick up in the HS Office from 2—3:30 pm

May 22—National Honor Society Inductions (7:00 pm) and Honors Night (7:30 pm) —HS Auditorium

May 23—Last day of classes for seniors who have met graduation requirements

May 23—**Mandatory** Commencement Rehearsal for all seniors in the gym—1:00 pm

May 23—Baccalaureate @ St. John's Lutheran Church at 7:00pm

May 27— Commencement at 2:00 PM—HS Gym

May 30—Last day of classes (pending no more weather cancellation days)

From the HS Counseling Office...

We want to recognize seniors for the scholarships and awards they have earned. Seniors are responsible for contacting Mrs. Stenger with this information. If she is contacted no later than Friday, May 18th, she will mention or present those awards. Carmen Stenger can be reached at carmen.stenger@monticello.k12.ia.us. Honors Night is scheduled for **Tuesday, May 22nd** at 7:30 PM

Attention Seniors!!

The scholarship webpage has been renamed - it's now called

"2018 Scholarship Applications"

All high school students are encouraged to check this webpage out for applications for local, state, and national scholarships. It is updated often and deadlines are coming up! Another webpage to check out is the Scholarship Information link and the Other Guidance Information link on the High School Counseling website. See Mrs. Stenger or Mrs. Dirks if you have any questions.

April is Sexual Health Month

It might be the last thing in the world that you want to talk to your children and teens about, but teaching them about sex (and love and healthy relationships) is a crucial job. Here are some tips and advice on how to get the conversation started and how to teach your kids what you want them to know:

- ⇒ Be present and give your full attention
- ⇒ Be clear about your own sexual values and attitudes
- ⇒ Talk with your children early and often about sex, and be specific
- ⇒ Know what your child is watching, reading, and listening to
- ⇒ Encourage your child to think critically
- ⇒ Know your child's friends and their families
- ⇒ Express love and affection early and often
- ⇒ Be supportive and engaged in what interests them
- ⇒ Be courteous and respectful and avoid hurtful teasing
- ⇒ Plan time as a family to engage in fun activities
- ⇒ Help them build self-esteem by mastering skills

For more resources on starting "the talk," please refer to [Eyes Open Iowa](http://www.eyesopeniowa.org/resources/parents/) at <http://www.eyesopeniowa.org/resources/parents/>



Did you know??

Our school facilities information is on our website?

Agendas, minutes, videos, and other information can be found on our website at <http://www.monticello.k12.ia.us/2017-18-school-facilities-committee/>

Our School Facility Committee has been meeting since July and in the last few months they have been meeting with OPN Architects to narrow down our facility options.

Do you have a question or comment about our facilities? **Email us**

facilityquestions@monticello.k12.ia.us

We want your feedback!

Food Service NEWS

Breakfast Menu <small>“USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer”</small> <small>Milk served with meal.</small>				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2	3	4	5	6
	BB muffin or cereal	breakfast pizza or cereal	Cereal or	Cereal
NO SCHOOL	Fruit	Fruit	French toast/syrup	Poptart
	Fruit juice	Fruit juice	Fruit	Fruit
			Fruit juice	Fruit juice
9	10	11	12	13
Cereal or	Cereal bar	Cereal or	Cheese omelet	Cereal
Sausage, egg, cheese, biscuit	Mozzarella cheese stick	Sausage pancake bite w/ SF syrup	English muffin	Poptart
Fruit	Fruit	Fruit	Fruit	Fruit
Fruit juice	Fruit juice	Fruit juice	Fruit juice	Fruit juice
16	17	18	19	20
	Breakfast wrap or cereal	breakfast pizza or cereal	Cereal or	Cereal
NO SCHOOL	Fruit	Fruit	Chocolate chip muffin	Poptart
	Fruit juice	Fruit juice	Fruit	Fruit
			Fruit juice	Fruit juice
23	24	25	26	27
Cereal or	Cereal or	Long John or cereal	Cereal or	Cereal
Rainbow yogurt	Biscuits & gravy	Fruit	Sausage panckes bites	Poptart
Fruit	Fruit	Fruit juice	Fruit	Fruit
Fruit juice	Fruit juice		Fruit juice	Fruit juice
30				
Mini donuts or cereal				
Fruit				
Fruit juice				



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

Lunch Menu				
Choose a salad as an alternate lunch daily (H.S. & M.S. only)				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2	3	4	5	6
	Mini Corn dogs	Country fried steak	Cheeseburger / bun	Stuffed crust Pepperoni pizza
NO SCHOOL	Baked beans	Mashed potatoes	Smiley fries	Lettuce w/ Romaine
	Steamed broccoli	Corn	Glazed carrots	Cucumbers & celery
	Apple sauce	Mandarin Oranges	Apple slices	Blushing pears
		Roll & butter		
9	10	11	12	13
Chicken nuggets	Chicken & noodles	Walking taco	Salisbury steak	Breaded cheese sticks
French fries	Green beans	Seasoned rice	Mashed potatoes & gravy	Lettuce w/ Romaine
Corn	Peaches	Refried beans	Green beans	Baby carrots/dip
Pineapple Tidbid	Bread & butter	Apple sauce	Mixed fruit	Strawberries/bananas
Roll & butter			Roll & butter	
16	17	18	19	20
	Mandarin orange chicken	Pasta w/ meat sauce	Hot dog / bun	Cheese quesadilla
NO SCHOOL	Seasoned rice	Lettuce salad	Baked beans	Baby carrots w/ dip
	Steamed broccoli	Diced pears	French fries	Fresh fruit
	Pineapple tidbits	Garlic toast	Diced peaches	Cake
23	24	25	26	27
Fr Tst w/ syrup	Chicken & gravy over	Pulled pork / Bun	Chili w/ crackers	Sausage pizza
Sausage links	Mashed potatoes	Sweet potato fries	Baby carrots w/ dip	Lettuce w/ spinach
Hashbrown patty	Steamed broccoli	Green beans	Peaches	Carrots/Broccoli/Cauliflower
Mandarin oranges & pineapple	Apple sauce	Mixed fruit	Cinnamon roll	Orange slices
	Roll & butter			Cookie
30				
Deli sandwich				
WG chips			Milk served with meal	
Baby carrots/dip				
Johnny pop frozen juice bar				



Reminder!

If you have a negative balance in your lunch account you are not allowed to purchase any food or drinks from the ala cart. We will be giving any student that has a negative balance of \$20.00 or more, a brown bag lunch. This lunch will include a cheese sandwich, baby carrots, and a carton of white milk.

Please check your family's lunch account and make sure you have a positive balance and sign up to receive emails when your balance is low! If you have any questions, please give me a call at 319-465-3000, ext. 1374. Thank you! - Pat Kelly, Food Service Director



April 2018

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 No School — Teacher Collaboration Day Incoming Freshman Orientation-5:30 @ HS Auditorium B V Golf @ Northeast-4:00 B JV/V Soccer @ Anamosa-5:00	3 Day 4 Iowa Jazz Band Championships— Ames G V/JV Soccer vs Northeast-4:30 B V Track @ Anamosa-4:30 G V Track @ Camanche-4:00	4 Day 5 Elementary Spring Pictures	5 Day 6 B MS Track @ Beckman-4:00 B V Track @ Tipton City Park -4:30 Vocal & Ensemble Practice Night -6:00	6 Day 1 B V/JV Soccer vs Regina-4:00 G V Track @ Beckman—4:30	7 Band & Vocal Solo & Ensemble Contest @ Cascade Boys V Soccer Tournament vs Ed Co @ TBA-8:30
9 Day 2 G V Golf vs Bellevue-4:00 B V Golf @ Bellevue-4:00 G JV Track @ Western Dbq/Epworth-4:15 8th Grade ELP Mtg.-HS Library-5:30	10 Day 3 Kindergarten Screening @ Shannon Mandatory Senior Class Mtg.-9:00 PTO Meeting—6:00 @ Carp. Library B V Soccer vs Bell.Marquette-4:00 G V Soccer vs Bell. Marquette-6:00 B V Track @ DeWitt Central—4:00 G V Track @ Anamosa-4:30	11 Day 4 2:00 Early Dismissal — Prof. Dev Board Work Session -6:00 PM	12 Day 5 7/8 Band Solo Night G V Golf @ N. Scott-Glynns Creek Golf Course-12:00 G V Soccer vs Maquoketa-4:30 G V Track @ Tipton-4:30 B V Track home—4:30	13 Day 6 HS Wrestling Banquet—6:00-Berndes Center HS Bowling Banquet-7:00-HS Commons	14 ACT Testing—8:00 @ MHS Speech/Drama Banquet-5:00-HS Commons
16 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-4:30 G V Track @ Maq. Valley-4:30 B JV Track @ Marion-4:45	17 Day 1 G V Golf @ Camanche-Valley Oaks Golf Club-4:00 B V Golf vs Camanche-4:00 JH B Track @ W. Delaware-4:00 G V Soccer vs Cedar Valley Christian-4:30 B V Track @ Tipton-4:30 B V Soccer vs Cedar Valley Christian -6:00	18 Day 2 JREC Academy Orientation— HS Auditorium & Gym 6:00 & 7:00 	19 Day 3 FFA NE District Ag Mechanics CDE @ Calmar JH G Track@ Maquoketa Valley—4:15 B V Soccer vs Prince of Peace Catholic-4:30 G/B V Track-home-4:30	20 Day 4  Senior Questionnaire due today by 3:15!	21  Grand March —4:00 @ HS Auditorium PROM 8-11 @ Youth Dev. Center Post Prom @ HS Gym—11:30-2:30
23 Day 5 Iowa FFE Leadership Conference-Ames B V Golf vs Cascade-4:00 B V Soccer vs Maquoketa-4:00 G MS Track—Home-4:00 B V Track @ Maq. Valley-4:30 G V Track @ CPU-4:30 Board Meeting—6:00 PM	24 Day 6 Iowa FFE Leadership Conference-Ames HS P/T Conferences-4-8—HS Gym G V Golf @ Cascade-Fillmore Fairways-4:00 JH B Track @ Cascade-4:15 G/B V Track @ Anamosa-4:30	25 Day 1 2:00 Early Dismissal — Prof. Dev	26 Day 2 Shannon Spring Concert—6:00 @ HS Gym JH B Track—Home-4:00 G V Track @ Marion Thomas Park—4:30 B V Track @ Clear Creek Amana-4:45	27 Day 3 Drake Relays	28 Drake Relays G V Soccer @ Northeast-8:30
30 Day 4 G V Golf @ N. Cedar-3/30 Golf & Country Club-4:00 B V Golf vs N. Cedar —4:00 JH G Track @ Beckman-4:00 JH B Track @ Maq. Valley-4:15 G V Soccer vs Marion-4:15 B V Track @ Marion-4:30					

For up to date information, please check our website at www.monticello.k12.ia.us

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