



# SCHOOL SPIRIT

August 2016

Hello everyone!

I am not sure who made up the phrase, "the lazy days of summer", but I am sure it was not a Monticello Community School District employee. It has been very busy around the district. Repairs are being made, cleaning is being done, and professional development is happening. We have had several students in our buildings this summer attending Panther Academy, Summer School, Open Gyms, Weight Training, and Sports Camps. In the next few weeks all of the summer activities will come to an end and we will kick-off the 16-17 school year.



On August 18th each campus will be hosting an Open House from 5-6:30pm. This is a great opportunity to meet your teachers and walk the campus to be ready for the upcoming school year. Then the first day of school will be August 23rd.

The first day of school has always had a special place in my heart as a student and as a parent. If you think about it, a child only has 13 first days of school in a lifetime, so they are really pretty special occasions. I am the youngest child in my family and it was very hard for my mom to send her baby boy to kindergarten. I remember the evening after my first day of kindergarten, my dad came home from work, put all of his stuff down on the counter and asked me....did you cry today son? I said nope....but the teacher did.

It doesn't matter if your child is starting kindergarten, entering middle school, or returning for their senior year, find something you can do as a family to make the first day of school a special family event. Eat breakfast together, wear a new outfit, plan a family cookout in the evening, get ice cream after school, or just take a picture and remember the moment. Take advantage of this family opportunity and enjoy it together.

So ladies and gentlemen, as we get ready for lift off, please make sure your seat and tray tables are in their upright positions. I know that your teachers, coaches, counselors, and administrators have been working very hard to make the 16-17 school year an amazing experience for each of you. I sincerely hope you can enjoy the first day of school as much as I do.

I hope to see you around at open house or at fall sporting events. As always, please feel free to contact me anytime if you have questions or just want to say hello. My email address is [brian.jaeger@monticello.k12.ia.us](mailto:brian.jaeger@monticello.k12.ia.us).

Brian Jaeger

***Open House @ all schools is  
Thursday, August 18th from  
5:00-6:30 PM***

***2016-17 School Year Begins  
Tuesday, August 23  
with a 2:00 dismissal***

The 2016-17 School Calendar can be found on our website. (Spring Break is scheduled for March 13-17).

WELCOME BACK!

School registration was held August 9. **If you were unable to attend, please e-register AND contact your building secretary or district office to pay.** If you need assistance with e-registration please contact Morgan Murray at [morgan.murray@monticello.k12.ia.us](mailto:morgan.murray@monticello.k12.ia.us) or at 465-5963, ext. 2280. **eRegistration needs to be done by August 15th.** 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, cell phone #'s, home phone #'s, address, emergency contacts, etc. This is very important, especially for emergency situations. **We will be using SchoolMessenger this year for our notification system (no school days, late starts, early dismissals, etc.), which connects to PowerSchool, so you need to make sure you have a VALID EMAIL ADDRESS in PowerSchool.** Thank you!

## Welcome New Staff!

The 2016-17 school year will begin on Tuesday, August 23rd with some new staff members. **Dr. Brian Jaeger** is our new Superintendent. **Katie Andrews** will join the Shannon staff as a Preschool teacher; **Abby Green** will join Carpenter as a 2nd grade teacher; **Tanya Manternach** and **Kayla Schockemoehl** will both join the High School staff as Science teachers. **Sarah (Frisch) Waldorf** will be our new Special Education teacher at the Middle School; **Melody Pasker** will be our MS/HS Media Associate; **Laura Reth** will be an associate at JMRT/HS; **Diane Boczkowski** will be joining our food service staff at Shannon Elementary and **Linda Kelly** will be at Carpenter also as food service staff. Some additional hires are pending Board approval. Welcome to the Monticello Community School District!

### FROM THE NURSES OFFICE...

#### Kindergarten Parents!

All kindergarten immunizations need to be up to date before the first day of school (or a religious or medical exemption filled out), or students cannot attend school. We also need a physical, and dental and lead screening results. If you have any questions, please call Sandy Hinrichs or School Nurse, Jennifer Speltz at 319-465-5963.



Students with SPECIAL DIETS—If your student has any special diet needs, please contact School Nurses, Jennifer Speltz or Jodi Heinrich before school starts so we are better able to care for your children! They can be reached at 319-465-5963. Thank You!

### 2016-17 Bus Routes

We are currently working on the bus routes for this year. Most routes will remain the same as previous years. Bus drivers and bus #'s have stayed the same. Regular bus routes and shuttle routes will be posted on our website soon! Please check back often for updates. If you have any questions on transportation or are in need of transportation this year, please call the Bus Barn at 319-465-4774. Thanks!



**Used Ink Cartridges**—The Middle School will be collecting your used ink cartridges for recycling this year! Feel free to drop them off at any school office.



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**Our District Code is : RDGX**

You must have a valid PowerSchool parent account to access this on your mobile device. For account questions, please contact Morgan Murray at [morgan.murray@monticello.k12.ia.us](mailto:morgan.murray@monticello.k12.ia.us). For more information go to [www.powerschool.com](http://www.powerschool.com)

#### DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Also the middle school & high school student daily announcements are also posted in PowerSchool. You can sign up to receive these via email daily, weekly, every other week or monthly and they are also available on the mobile app. (as well as on our website) Log in today!




### 10th Annual Monticello Panther Golf Tournament

The 10th Annual Monticello Panther Classic Golf Outing is this **Saturday, August 20th at 1:00 PM**. This will be a four person best shot. If you have any questions or wish to sign up yet, please contact Tim Lambert at 465-5963, ext. 1323 or [tim.lambert@monticello.k12.ia.us](mailto:tim.lambert@monticello.k12.ia.us).

### Elementary, Middle School & High School Lunch Menu

*Milk served with meal.*

<u>Aug. 23</u>	<u>Aug. 24</u>	<u>Aug. 25</u>	<u>Aug. 26</u>	<u>Aug. 29</u>
Breaded chicken sandwich French fries Orange slices Cookie	Pulled pork Sweet potato fries Green beans Peaches	Cheeseburger Seasoned potato cubes Corn Diced pears	Sausage pizza Lettuce w/ spinach Carrots/ broccoli/cauliflower Apple slices	Pepperoni pasta Green beans Applesauce Bread stick
<u>Aug. 30</u> Chicken strips Mashed potatoes & gravy Pineapple/mandarin oranges Roll & butter	<u>Aug. 31</u> Breaded pork sandwich Potato wedges Baked beans Diced peaches			

## Annual Notices

### Dental Screenings

All children enrolling in Iowa's elementary or high schools are required to have a dental screening as of July 1, 2008. The purpose of the dental screening is to improve the oral health of Iowa's children. Dental screenings help with early detection and treatment of dental diseases. This requirement applies only to those students entering kindergarten and the ninth grade. The dental screening is to be performed by a dentist or licensed dental hygienist. The dental screening requirements are:

- Kindergarteners to have a screening sometime between age 3 years to four months after their enrollment into Kindergarten
- 9th graders to have a screening that is valid for up to one year prior to their enrollment into 9th grade and up to four months after their enrollment

Iowa's State Dental Screening forms need to have been signed by a dentist or dental hygienist and the form turned into the child's respective school by December 15th of the enrollment into Kindergarten or 9th grade year. If the forms are not turned in, the Monticello School District will have a licensed dental hygienist from the I-SMILE program come in and do FREE dental screenings for that child. If the parent/guardian does not want their child screened, a letter expressing this must be turned into the child's school administrator by January 1st of that school year. The free dental screenings will be conducted during the second semester of the Kindergarten/9th grade enrolling school year.

### Competent Private Instruction

The definition of Competent Private Instruction is any student being taught at home by parents/guardians with or without the assistance of a licensed teacher or the student is enrolled in a non accredited non-public school. It is the responsibility of the parents/guardians to submit notification forms for each child, between the ages of 6 and 16 by September 15th with the resident district. These forms are available in the Superintendent's Office at 711 So. Maple, Monticello, IA.

### Grant Wood Support Services Available

Additional support services are available to assist teachers when concerns arise with students. These services include the building staff, (special education teacher, counselor, nurse, health secretary, etc. and Grant Wood Area Education Agency support staff (psychologist, social worker, consultant, speech-language pathologist, occupational and physical therapists, work experience coordinators and others). Teachers and families may use input on an informal basis or request formal assistance in identifying strategies to address a concern, in carrying out these strategies, or in monitoring individual student progress. These services are available for all students through teacher or parent requests. Working together, we can provide the best education possible for all of our children.

### Multicultural and Gender Fair Education

The education program of the Monticello Community School District revolves around a philosophy of equal educational opportunities and non-discrimination in educational programs and activities. The educational objectives outlined in the board of director's policies are the means whereby the district shall achieve its philosophy. Students will have an equal opportunity for a quality education without discrimination, regardless of their sex, race, color, national origin, religion, creed, age (except for permitting/prohibiting students to engage in certain activities), marital/parental status, sexual orientation, gender identity, genetic information, disability or socioeconomic status.

The education program is free of discrimination and provides equal opportunity for the students. The education program will foster knowledge of and respect and appreciation for the historical and contemporary contribution of diverse cultural groups, including race, color, national origin, gender, disability, religion, creed, and socioeconomic background, to society. Special emphasis is placed on the contributions and perspectives of Asian-Americans, African-Americans, Hispanic Americans, American Indians, European Americans, and persons with disabilities. It will also reflect the wide variety of roles open to both men and women and provide equal opportunity to both sexes.

It shall be the responsibility of the various curriculum development committees and the educational equity/equal employment opportunity/affirmative action coordinator to ensure that relevant and responsive educational opportunities are provided to district students.

### Annual Hearing Screening Parent Notification

Grant Wood AEA will be providing Monticello's annual hearing testing during the upcoming school year. Routine screening is performed in grades ECSE, Kindergarten, Grades 1, 2, and 5. Students in other grades may be tested if there is a known history of ear problems or if the student is new to the school. This is a notification to parents that hearing testing will occur during the school year. Follow up testing may occur periodically if previous hearing test results were not within normal limits. Parents who do not want their child's hearing tested will need to indicate **IN WRITING** to the **SCHOOL** by **August 26th** if they do not want this service. The school will then notify the school audiologist of this request.

### Educational Equity

It is the policy of the Monticello Community School District to provide equal educational and employment opportunities and not to illegally discriminate on the basis of gender, race, color, national origin, religion, creed, age, marital status, socioeconomic status or disability in its educational programs, activities or its employment and personnel policies. Affirmative steps will be taken to integrate students in attendance centers, programs, and classes on the basis of race, national origin, gender, socioeconomic status and disability. Inquiries or grievances related to this policy may be directed to Monticello Community School District, 711 South Maple, Monticello, Iowa 52310. (319) 465-5963; the Director of the Iowa Civil Rights Commission in Des Moines; the Director of the Regional Office of the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission in Milwaukee, Wisconsin; or the Director of the Regional VII Office of the Civil Rights, United States Department of Education in Kansas City, MO. Inquiries may also be directed to the Director, Iowa Department of Education, Grimes State Office Building, Des Moines, IA 50319.

Good luck to all of the fall athletes  
and coaches!

**GO PANTHERS!**



# August 2016

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 	2	3	4	5	6 
8 HS practices begin	9 All Schools Registration from 11am-7pm at the High School	10 Board Work Session—6:00 PM	11	12 	13
15	16 V VB Scrimmage home—5:00	17 Orientation for New Teachers	18 Professional Development Day Open House @ all schools—5-6:30 PM	19 Professional Development Day JV/V FB Scrimmage vs Wahlert—5:30	20 V VB Scrimmage @ Cascade—9:00 Panther Golf Tournament @ Monticello Golf Course-1:00
22 Teachers Collaboration Day Board Meeting—6:00 PM	23 <small>Day 1</small> <b>CLASSES BEGIN</b> 2:00 Early Dismissal — Prof. Dev	24 <small>Day 2</small> 2:00 Early Dismissal — Prof. Dev	25 <small>Day 3</small> 	26 <small>Day 4</small> JV/V FB @ Anamosa—5:00	27 XC @ Cedar Rapids Prairie—4:00 PM Iowa FFA Live-stock/Meats/Milk Quality & products CDE @ ISU V VB Tournament @ Cascade—9:00
29 <small>Day 5</small> Fall Play Auditions—3:30 & 7:00—HS Choir Room	30 <small>Day 6</small> Fall Play Auditions—3:30 — HS Choir Room 9/10/JV VB @ Easton Valley-5:15	31 <small>Day 1</small>			

For up to date information, please go to our website at [www.monticello.k12.ia.us](http://www.monticello.k12.ia.us)

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