



SCHOOL SPIRIT

December 2016

Hello everyone,

In this newsletter I want to write about a topic that is a challenge (or will be a challenge) to all of us, teenagers. I have had the opportunity to work directly with teenagers since 1992 when I took my first assistant high school baseball coaching position at Dubuque Senior High School. If I told you that 24 years of working with teenagers makes me understand every teenager, I would be lying. I have known for years that teenagers struggle with understanding their roles in situations and often behave differently around different adults. They can be unpredictable, emotional, and angry at times. Are they different today than when we were teenagers? Or when our parents were teenagers? Consider this quote about teenagers:



“The children now love luxury. They have bad manners, contempt for authority and show disrespect for elders...and they love chatter in place of exercise.”

To put this in perspective, this quote came from Socrates about 2400 years ago. This quote could be still used today however there are some changes to society that have had an influence on how are teens operate today.

Let's look at some current trends to get a better idea of what makes a teenager today.

1. A generation ago teens tuned in to MTV to watch the latest music videos and get the “411” on fashion. MTV is ~~dying~~ dead (so is the expression “411”). Music is still popular among teens and they listen to many different types of music. Teens download music from iTunes or stream from YouTube, Pandora, or the most popular music site among teens, Spotify.
2. In addition to music, Netflix is very popular among teens who will, “binge-watch” seasons or an entire series in a few weeks.
3. Facebook is OUT. Teens would tell you that it is for the, “Old People”. Teens use Facebook to connect with their parents but they use Snapchat, Instagram, and Twitter to connect with their friends. Snapchat is the most popular social media app for teens. One misconception about teens is that technology replaces people but teens see it as the way to connect people.
4. When polled the average the teens received their SMART phone at age 11. Teens spend an average of 6 hours a day on their phones. Teens report that they spend 11 hours a day in front of screens.
5. Teens have FOMO (Fear Of Missing Out). That motivates them to connect with friends often. They don't want to be out of the loop when something happens.

Knowing all of this helps a person understand teens a little better but a bigger question is, “How do I connect with my teen?” Here are some suggestions on how you can make that happen.

1. Eat Together. Make time to eat as a family as much as you can. Talk about something that is interesting to them and be a good listener. Even if you know their facts are confused. If possible have them cook the meal with you. The kitchen is a great place to bond.
2. Share a family interest and create family traditions. In my house we all try and watch the Iowa State Basketball games together. Not only do we cheer together but it gives us something in common we can talk about during the week. My dad used Chicago Cubs baseball games to connect with me. I remember some of our best conversations were related to baseball games.
3. Follow your teens lead and become interested in what they are interested in. Create some one-on-one time as you discuss what they want to discuss. Seize the moment when you can.
4. Do some good together. Volunteer at your church or in the community doing something that makes you both feel good. Community service is a nice lesson to share with your teen.
5. Get to know their friends and welcome them into your home. The better you know your teens friends, the better you know your teen.
6. Control your anger and be flexible. In a world where your teen will think they know everything, pick and choose your battles. Remember, their brains won't be fully developed until age 23-25 so sometimes it is no use arguing, you can't beat nature.

Just remember that you are not alone. The drama that comes with teenagers will affect all of us who have children. Just remember to take it one day at a time and know that your wonderful child is still in there...only swimming in hormones and building up the confidence to become the wonderful adult you always knew they would be.

As always, please feel free to contact me anytime if you have questions. My email address is brian.jaeger@monticello.k12.ia.us.

Brian Jaeger

UPCOMING EVENTS

****ATTENTION Parents of 10th & 11th Graders****

All 10th & 11th graders and their parents are invited to attend a meeting on December 5th at 7:30 p.m. to learn about taking Advanced Placement, Kirkwood Academies, and PSEO Courses during their Junior and/or Senior year. This meeting will be held in the High School Auditorium. Lots of information will be presented, please plan on attending!

High School WINTER CONCERTS

High School Winter Vocal Concert

Monday, December 12

High School Auditorium

7:00 PM

High School Band Concert

Tuesday, December 20

High School Auditorium

7:00 PM

Come join the Monticello High School Concert Band as we play some wonderful classical and holiday tunes! Admission is \$5. See you there!

The December Board of Education Work Session will be **Wednesday, December 7** and the Board Meeting will be **Monday, December 19 at 6:00 PM** in the Board room.

Speech Contest Help Needed!!!

Monticello will be hosting a speech contest in January and volunteers are needed. There are several areas you could volunteer. Room chair keeps the room running on time, time keeper (just have to know how to run a stopwatch), or concession helper.

Saturday, January 21
shifts available 7 - 11am, 11-2, 2- 5pm

If you are interested in helping please contact Kim Carlson either by phone 465-6597 ext. 1328 or email kim.carlson@monticello.k12.ia.us

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: December 20, January 17, February 21, March 21, April 18, and May 16.

Vocal Concerts yet this year will be: Winter Concert—December 12, Grades 7-12 Concert—February 28, and the Dessert Concert—May 9. Please come out and support the Fine Arts programs!



Carpenter Holiday Concerts to be on KDST

Carpenter Holiday concerts were held in November—listen to them on KDST 99.3 FM on the following dates:

<u>2nd grade</u>	<u>3rd grade</u>
Dec. 2 @ 5:32 PM	Dec. 4 @ 12:25 PM
Dec. 8 @ 7:40 AM	Dec. 9 @ 5:32 PM
Dec. 13 @ 12:25 PM	Dec. 15 @ 7:40 AM
Dec. 18 @ 5:32 PM	Dec. 17 @ 5:32 PM
Dec. 22 @ 5:32 PM	Dec. 20 @ 12:25 PM
	<u>4th grade</u>
	Dec. 5 @ 12:25 PM
	Dec. 10 @ 5:32 PM
	Dec. 16 @ 7:40 AM
	Dec. 21 @ 12:25 PM



****Winter Break****

Winter break is December 23—January 2. No School on January 3rd—Teacher Collaboration Day. **School will resume on Wednesday, January 4th!** Enjoy the holidays!!

VISION SCREENING FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES K-5

Vision screenings have started and will be done on all students in grades K-5 this year. If your child does not pass the vision testing, one of the school nurses will be contacting the parents. Contact a school nurse with questions!



2017-18 Kindergarten Round Up Scheduled

Kindergarten Round Up for students entering Kindergarten in the fall of 2017 is scheduled for Monday, January 9th thru Friday January 13, 2017 at Shannon School from 7:30 AM. to 4:00 PM. At this time parents will be asked to complete some information forms. A health form, dental form, physical form (with lead screening) and immunization card will be provided.

Completed immunizations and a dental exam are required by law for all students entering Kindergarten. Some of the series of vaccines take six (6) months to complete. Start now to make sure all needed immunizations are completed before your child starts school in the fall. 2017-18 Kindergarten students do not need to attend this special Round Up event.

Students must turn 5 years of age on or before September 15, 2017 to attend Kindergarten.

If you have any questions please call Sandy Hinrichs at 319-465-5425 ext. 4114.

Prizes for Geography Bee Needed!

-by Laura Schmitt

The middle school will once again be participating in the National Geographic Bee. The preliminary rounds will take place in individual classrooms in the 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grades. Ten finalists will be selected and a school wide final bee will be held in January. The winner of the school-wide bee will have the opportunity to take a test for a chance to qualify for the state bee in April. Businesses and individuals in the past have donated gift certificates, prizes, and money to purchase prizes for the top ten finalists. I am again looking for help to get prizes for these individuals. If you are interested in helping, please contact me at the middle school 465-3575 ext. 2180, email laura.schmitt@monticello.k12.ia.us, or mail your contribution to me at the middle school. Thank you!

**From the High School Guidance Office...**

Juniors and seniors...Get connected now to the dream career you will enjoy tomorrow! Make a wise investment in your future today by exploring career options through the Workplace Learning Connection Job Shadow program. These experiences can help you make those important future education and career decisions. Please see Mrs. Stingley if you are interested, want more information about job shadows, or need assistance with the process. Applications are due by December 22nd! For more information, go to www.workplace-learning.org.

Parents of seniors, please double check with your son or daughter to be sure that they have completed the I Have A Plan Iowa Career Guideway before December 19th. If they haven't done so, please remind them to see Mrs. Thompson about this. This is a state-mandated requirement. Thank you!

SENIORS!

Senior and baby pictures for the yearbook are due before winter break begins on Dec. 22. They can be turned in to the high school office window or a high resolution photo may be emailed to Mrs. Woodhouse. Please label them with your name on the back. You may also use the Halverson Photo taken on picture day for a no cost option. If you wish to have a different picture, please submit as soon as possible. We cannot accept them after December 22nd.

A.R. Store Donations Accepted

The Accelerated Reader Store is used as an incentive for 3rd and 4th grade students to spend the points they earn from reading A.R. books throughout the school year. The points they earn can be reimbursed for prizes. If anyone has any items they would be willing to donate for prizes they can send them to Carpenter, please write "For AR Store" on them. Ideas for donations include new or gently used: games, books, toys, mechanical pencils, stuffed animals, pens, jewelry, etc.

December Events at the Monticello Public Library

Family Gingerbread House Making - December 3, 10am-1pm The library will supply the materials necessary for your family to decorate a gingerbread house.

Cookies, Cocoa, & Carols - December 8, 5-8pm Join us to enjoy some holiday goodies, cider, & hot cocoa. We will be singing carols, do holiday crafts, and enjoying some holiday cheer.

Arm Chair Travelers - December 20, 6:30pm Michelle Miossi will share her teaching adventures in Vietnam & Brazil

Early Dismissal Day Activities - December 7, 2:10-5:00 Movie, coloring, & Pokémon fun

After School Brick Building Club - December 8 & 22 for ages 7 & up, 3:30-4:30

STEAM TEAM - December 12 for ages 8 & up 3:30-5:30

Family Story Time Stuffed Animal Sleepover - December 27, 10am & 1pm-Join us for a very special pajama themed story time with your stuffed animal friend. Stuffed animal can enjoy a sleepover here at the library after story time (who knows what mischief they might get into). You will be able to pick them up anytime on December 28 from 9am-8pm.

Movie Day - December 28, - Recently released PG movies will be shown at 10am & 1pm.

Teen-Tween 60 Second Challenge - December 29th 1:00-2:30pm Teens & tweens ages 11 & up can join us for minute to win it type challenges

The library will be closed on these dates to observe the holidays December 23, 24,26,31, & January 2. It will close at 2:00pm on December 30.

For more information on any of these programs visit us at www.monticello.lib.ia.us

Attention Parents and Guardians:

Winter is upon us! As we are in the season for cold weather, we would like to remind you there is no regularly scheduled adult supervision at school buildings before 7:50 AM. (**Exception:** Students that ride the shuttle buses may be on the school site (as necessary) prior to 7:50 a.m. and middle school students should not arrive before 7:45 a.m., doors open at 7:50 a.m.) Except in rainy or sub-zero conditions, buildings are generally not open before 8:00 AM.

Please be certain your children are properly attired for colder temperatures with a winter coat, hat, and gloves. Elementary students also need snow pants and boots for recess.

It is also important for bus riders to have proper winter attire. While it has not happened in recent memory, the possibility exists a bus could break down while on a route. As such it is important the children be warmly dressed in case a bus break down occurs.

Finally, especially for elementary and middle school students, please mark your child's name on their coat, gloves, and hat. District employees (especially bus drivers) regularly find lost articles of clothing, and with no name on the clothing we have no way of returning the items to their owner. Thank you!

THANK YOU TO:

- **Everyone** who helped with the Carpenter Holiday Concerts.
- **The Royal Neighbors of America** for their donation of clothing & supplies to Shannon and Carpenter.
- **Riley Norton and family** for donating stress balls and fidgets to the middle school ER room!
- **The University of Iowa and Debb Thumma** for donating Hawkeye items for prizes in the elementary music classrooms.
- **Virginia Bone from the Beta Nu chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma International** for donating some handmade knitted hats and mittens for the elementary students.
- **Advantage Home Medical and Above and Beyond Home Health Care & Hospice Care** for their donation to the athletic department for team meals for away games!
- **Citizens State Bank** for the donation of cups and napkins for the Transition Topics and Information night.
- **Jones Regional Education Center** for hosting the Transition Topics and Information night.
- **Dubuque Racing Association!** Through Grants given by Dubuque Racing Association, Monticello Schools was able to purchase the following: Music Ace Software for Carpenter Elementary, iPads and Smart Rhythm Software for Shannon Elementary, French Horns for Middle School Band, and Marching Baritones for Monticello High School.

Weather Information



Cancellations and early closing information will be given on the following TV stations: **KCRG TV -Channel 9; KWWL-TV-Channel 7**. The following radio stations will also carry school closing information: **WMT (600 AM); KDST (99.3 FM); KHAK (98.1 FM); KMCH (94.7 FM)**. It will also be posted on our website and Facebook page and sent out via School Messenger.



December Lunch Menu				<i>Milk served with meal</i>	
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
			1	2	
			Cheeseburger / bun	Stuffed crust Pepperoni pizza	
			Smiley fries	Lettuce w/ Romaine	
			Glazed carrots	Fresh Broccoli & Cauliflower	
			Apple slices	Blushing pears	
5	6	7	8	9	
Chicken nuggets	Chicken & noodles	Walking taco's	Salisbury steak	Breaded cheese sticks	
French fries	Peas	Spanish rice	Mashed potatoes &	Lettuce w/ Romaine	
Pineapple Tidbid	Peaches	Refried beans	Mixed fruit	Baby carrots / dip	
Bread & wow butter	Roll & butter	Apple sauce	Roll & butter	Pears	
12	13	14	15	16	
BBQ Rib / bun	Mandarin orange chicken	Roast turkey	Hot dog / bun	Cheese quesadilla	
Augratin potatoes	Seasoned rice	Mashed potatoes &	Baked beans	Baby carrots w/ dip	
Steamed broccoli	Green beans	Corn	French fries	Fresh fruit	
Mandarin oranges	Pineapple tidbits	Fruit salad	Diced peaches	Cookie	
19	20	21	22	23	
French toast w / syrup	Breaded chicken / bun	BBQ pulled pork / bun	Chili w/ crackers		
Sausage links	Vegetable soup /	French fries	String cheese	NO SCHOOL	
Hashbrown patty	Orange slices	Corn	Apple sauce		
Strawberries & bananas	Frosted cake	Jello w/ fruit	Cinnamon roll		
26	27	28	29	30	
NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	

Annual Notices

Equal Employment Opportunity

Parents/Guardians Rights Notification

Parents/Guardians in the Monticello School District have the right to learn about the following qualifications of their child's teacher: state licensure requirements for the grade level and content areas taught, the current licensing status of your child's teacher, and baccalaureate/graduate certification/degree. You may also request the qualifications of an instructional paraprofessional who serves your student in a Title I program or if your school operates a school wide Title 1 program. Parents/ Guardians may request this information from the Superintendent's Office by calling: (319)-465-5963 or send a letter of request to the Superintendent, 711 S. Maple St, Monticello, IA 52310. The Monticello Community School District ensures that parents will be notified in writing in their child has been assigned, or has been taught by a teacher for four or more consecutive weeks by a teacher who is not considered highly qualified.

The district shall provide equal opportunity to all employees and applicants for employment in accordance with all applicable equal opportunity laws, directives and regulations of federal, state, and local governing bodies and agencies. The district shall take affirmative action, consistent with its adopted affirmative action plan, in the recruitment, appointment, assignment and advancement of personnel to accomplish the goals of equal employment opportunity. In keeping with the law, the district shall consider the veteran status of applicants.

The district will select for employment qualified applicants for each position based upon the applicant's qualifications and without regard to the race, color, age, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, physical attributes, physical or mental ability, ancestry, political party preference, political belief, socioeconomic status, familial status, disability, religion, creed, and/or genetic information of the applicant. The district will not discriminate against any individual with respect to compensation, terms, conditions, or privileges of employment because of such individual's race, color, age, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, physical attributes, physical or mental ability, ancestry, political party preference, political belief, socioeconomic status, familial status, disability, religion, creed, and/or genetic information

Employees or applicants for employment having inquiries regarding compliance with equal employment opportunity and affirmative action are directed to contact the affirmative action/equity coordinator: Brent Meier, Middle School Principal, 217 South Maple Street, Monticello, IA 52310. Phone: 319-465-5963.

Inquiries may also be directed, in writing, to the Iowa Civil Rights Department or to the Director of the Region VII Office of Civil Rights, Department of Education, Kansas City, Missouri. Such inquiry or complaint to the state or federal office may be done instead of, or in addition to, an inquiry or complaint at the local level pursuant to the complaint procedures set forth in the board's policies.

Continuous Notice of Nondiscrimination

Students, parents, employees, and others doing business with or performing services for the Monticello Community School District are hereby notified that this school district does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, age, national origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, disability, creed, marital status, gender identity, socio-economic status, physical attributes, physical or mental ability, ancestry, political party preference, political belief, familial status, and genetic information in admission or access to, or treatment in, its programs, activities, and employment practices. There is a grievance procedure for processing complaints of discrimination. If you have questions or a grievance related to this policy, please contact the District's Equity Coordinator, Brent Meier at 217 South Maple Street, Monticello, Iowa, 319-465-5963, brent.meier@monticello.k12.ia.us.

Any person having inquiries concerning the school district's compliance with state and federal laws and regulations concerning discrimination is directed to contact:

Superintendent of Schools
711 South Maple Street, Monticello, Iowa 52310
(319) 465-5963




This individual has been designated by the school district to coordinate the school district's efforts to comply with all state and federal laws and regulations concerning discrimination.

Directory Information

The district may release the following types of directory information to the public without parent or eligible student consent: name, address, telephone number, date and place of birth, e-mail address, grade level, enrollment status, major field of study, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, weight and height of members of athletic teams, dates of attendance, degrees and awards received, the most recent previous educational agency or institution attended by the student, student ID number that is displayed on a student identification card (provided it cannot be solely used to access the student's educational records), user ID or other unique personal identifier that is displayed on a student identification card (provided it cannot be solely used to access the student's educational records), photograph and other likeness, and other similar information. No directory information may be released without parent or eligible student consent if either the information or the manner of circumstances in which it is released would serve to identify a student as handicapped or receiving special education services.

Any parent or eligible student objecting to the public release of directory information must annually file a written objection with the office of the principal of the school. That information objection shall not be publicly released.

December 2016

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Day 5 7/8 GBB vs Camanche—4:15 MS Wr @ Camanche -4:15 V Wr vs N. Cedar-6:00	2 Day 6 JV/V GBB @ West Branch—4:30 JV/V BBB @ West Branch—5:30	3 NEIBA District Honor Band Dan Guilford WR Invitational—HS Gym—10:00 AM
5 Day 1 7/8 GBB @ Cascade—4:15 MS Wr @ Bellevue—4:15 Soph/Junior Kirkwood Mtg-7:30 HS Parent Teacher Conferences 4-8pm—HS Gym	6 Day 2 7 GBB vs Anamosa—4:00 8 GBB @ Anamosa—4:00 JV/V GBB vs Camanche—4:00 JV/V BBB vs Camanche—5:15	7 Day 3 2:00 Early Dismissal — Prof. Dev Board Work Session —6:00 PM	8 Day 4 5/6 Band/Vocal Concert—1:30 7 GBB @ N. Cedar/Stanwood—4:15 8 GBB vs N. Cedar—4:15 MS Wr —Home —4:15 V Wr @ Camanche—6:00 9/10 BBB @ Easton Valley HS-6:30	9 Day 5 JV/V GBB @ N. Cedar-4:00 JV/V BBB @ N. Cedar—5:00	10  V Wr @ Nashua-Plainfield -10:30 9/10 GBB @ Anamosa-11:30 9/10 BBB @ Anamosa -1:00 JV GBB v@ Anamosa—2:30 JV BBB @ Anamosa-4:00 V GBB @ Anamosa-5:30 V BBB @ Anamosa —7:00
12 Day 6 JV Wr @ West Delaware-6:00 HS Vocal Concert—7:00 PM @ HS Auditorium	13 Day 1 Last Day of class @ Kirkwood JV/V GBB @ Regina—4:30 JV/V BBB @ Regina-5:45 7/8 Vocal Concert-7:00 @ MS Auditorium PTO Meeting -6:00 PM @ Carpenter	14 Day 2	15 Day 3 9/10 GBB @ Cascade-6:00 9/10 BBB @ Cascade—7:30 V Wr Home —6:00	16 Day 4 JV/V GBB vs Cascade-4:00 JV/V BBB vs Cascade—5:15	17 JV Wr @Wilton—9:00 V Wr @ Starmont—10:00 JV GBB vs Midland-12:30 JV BBB vs Midland-2:00 V GBB vs Midland—3:30 V BBB vs Midland—5:00
19 Day 5 9/10 BBB vs Wilton —6:30 Board Meeting—6:00 PM	20 Day 6 HS Band Concert—7:00 PM—HS Auditorium	21 Day 1	22 Day 2	23 No School Winter Break	24
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For up to date information, please check our website at www.monticello.k12.ia.us

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