

SCHOOL SPIRIT

February 2018

Hi everyone,

As we begin February I think.....is the worst of winter behind us? I am hopeful that answer is YES, but in the back of my mind I remember that bad weather during the Girls State Basketball Tournament is always likely. So regardless of what the groundhog says this year, when we make it past the tournament (February 26 - March 3) we will see the light at the end of the tunnel.

We continue to move forward with school facilities planning. I know some people think it should go faster and some people think it should go slower. When we started this adventure last summer the plan was to be ready for a bond election by September of 2018. In December, OPN (the Architect/Engineering firm we are working with) began a facility assessment to update the facility assessment we had back in 2012. In January, OPN met with the teaching staff from each building to listen to their feedback and concerns regarding facilities. January 31, at 5pm in the high school auditorium, OPN will be here for a Community Meeting. Their goal is to listen to everyone and understand the feelings and thoughts of the community regarding school facilities. Following the Community Meeting OPN will meet with the School Facility Committee the same night.

Moving forward...all of the feedback they collect and the data from the facility assessment will be used to help our School Facility Committee narrow options. When we can narrow our focus on school facilities we will again look to the community for feedback. Once we get a plan that we feel the community can support we will bring it to the school board for approval. If we stay on schedule that should be about the end of the school year. Then we will work hard this summer and fall, to share facts and information about the future of the Monticello Schools facilities. If all goes as planned, we should be on track for an election in September.

The big picture...there is no way to sugarcoat the fact that it will cost money to make needed school improvements or build new facilities. We are in a position right now that it will probably be cheaper to build something new. School facilities can not be taken for granted, and they do not last forever. It is our responsibility to leave these school facilities in better condition for the next generation. With costs rising each year and the condition of our buildings getting worse the question is....Why not now? We can not afford to kick the can down the road any longer.

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

Sincerely,

Dr. Brian Jaeger, Superintendent



Monticello Board of Education Corner...

The Board of Education at their January 22nd Board Meeting approved the 2018-19 school calendar. The calendar can be found on our website: www.monticello.k12.ia.us. The calendar is very similar to this years' calendar. For the 2018-19 school year all parent-teacher conferences for all schools will be held on the same dates & times. The Board also approved an Early Retirement Incentive Plan for those certified staff that met the District criteria. Due to some scheduling conflicts, our February Board of Education Work Session will be held on Thursday, February 15, 2018

at 5:00pm and the February regular meeting will be held on Monday, February 26, 2018 at 7:00pm. 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 February!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Monticello School District Foundation Gala March 3, 2018



5:30 PM - Berndes Center

The Monticello School District Foundation dinner and auction will be held Saturday, March 3, 2018. Doors open at 5:30 PM at the Berndes Center. This year we will accept debit and credit cards at the Gala and attendees will be able to purchase tickets, make donations, and view items we have for auction on our website:

http://events.readysetauction.com/monticelloschoolfoundation/gala2018. Tickets are \$25 and available from any Foundation Board Member, online, or at any Monticello School Office, or at the District Office. Please consider this note an invitation to purchase a ticket and attend this enjoyable event in support of the children of the Monticello Community School District. If you are interested in donating an item or items for either the silent or live auction, they may be dropped off at the District Office, 711 South Maple Street, between 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM Monday through Friday. Discover the Monticello School Foundation; the ability to help, the passion to deliver.

Free Career, College, and Financial Aid Planning Assistance for Sophomores, Juniors and Parents

The high school counseling office has invited a representative from the lowa College Access Network (ICAN) to provide two free presentations on **career and college planning and financial aid** for sophomores, juniors and their parents on **Monday, February 12th in the High School Auditorium.** The College and Career Planning presentation will occur at 6:00 p.m. and the Financial Aid Night at 7:00 p.m. Please see below for the topics covered in these two presentations. Great night to start planning ahead for your child's future! For more information, contact Carmen Stenger at 465-3000, ext. 1315.

College and Career Planning Topics will include:

- Career Exploration and Assessment
- Academic Preparation and Requirements
- Admission Process and Requirements
- College Selection & Campus Visits
- Application Process
- Understanding Costs Cost of Attendance
- Scholarships
- Successful Transitions

Financial Aid Planning Topics will include:

- Financial Aid Process
- FAFSA Application Review
- Understanding FAFSA Results
- Understanding Costs College Comparisons
- Financial Aid Options
- Scholarships Process
- Where to Go for Help



You're Invited! January 31, 2018 5:00-6:00 pm **High School Auditorium** 850 East Oak Street Monticello, IA Join us for a Community Meeting on the future of our facilities. We want to collect information on ideas from the community related to our school facilities. Open to the public . Meet the staff from OPN Architects · Bring a friend! · We want your input! Monticello Community School District Phone: 319-465-3000 Fax: 319-465-4092 Website:

CONFERENCES

High School Conferences will be held on **February 12** from 4-8 PM and Elementary/MS Conferences will be held on **February 27** from 4-8 PM and on **March 1**—Elementary from 2:30-8 & MS from 4-8 PM

Summer Driver's Ed

Monticello High School will offer one session of summer driver's education. The summer session is scheduled to start approximately Thursday, May 31, 2018 and will conclude approximately Thursday, June 21, 2018 depending on snow make-up dates. The cost is \$320. The informational letter and form will be available in the middle school and high school offices on Thursday, February 15. Return the form to the High School Office by **Thursday, March 1, 2018.**

February Board Work Session & Regular Meeting Date/Time Changes

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Take Note!

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Little Panthers Preschool

For 2018-19, we will have openings in the Little Panthers Preschool. If you are interested in registering your 4-year-old, please pick up an application from the Shannon Elementary School office in February or go to http://www.monticello.k12.ia.us -Shannon Elementary-Little Panther Pre-School

- Applications are available on February 1st and due February 28th.
- Preschool openings are filled through a lottery method.
- Head Start slots and Empowerment Grants are available.

This preschool is an inclusive, full-day program (Monday through Thursday) for students of all needs. Our program offers:

- A certified teacher and para professional
- Large and small group instruction
- Learning Centers
- Developmentally appropriate schedule and activities
- Thematic instruction
- Social Skills Curriculum
- · Breakfast, lunch, milk, and snacks



Statewide Voluntary Preschool Programming for Four-Year-Old Children

For 2018-19, we are expecting to receive state funding to support preschool programming for four-year-old children. Here are some Frequently Asked Questions to help community members gain a better understanding of what this preschool funding means to Monticello.

Which preschools are partners in the MCSD Program? Little Panthers Preschool (Shannon Elementary), Mother Goose Preschool (St. Matthew Church), and Sacred Heart Preschool (Sacred Heart School)

How will the funding be used? There are many assurances (i.e., requirements) that need to be met when using preschool funding. Money will be spent to make sure that these assurances are met. The assurances include (but are not limited to):

- Facility requirements including accessibility and playground guidelines
- · Costs associated with teacher and paraprofessional professional development and certifications
- Paying staff costs for required instruction, program operation, home visits, family nights, and parent/teacher conferences
- · Supplies and Equipment

Which children will this funding support? Funding must be used to support children that turn age four on or before September 15th.

Will my four-year-old receive free preschool? Little Panthers Preschool is a full day program. The program will be 4 full days with a max tuition of \$135.00. Mother Goose Preschool (M-Th, 8:00 am–11:00 pm) and Sacred Heart Preschool (M-Th, 8 am – 11 am or 12 pm – 3:10 pm) are ½ day programs, and they are free.

Will my four-year-old receive transportation to and from preschool? The school district may be able to provide free transportation using an existing bus route. Check with your preschool provider for more information.

Registration?

All three programs are currently taking applications for the 2018-19 school year. To increase your chances of securing a slot, apply to the programs by February 28th, 2018.

Little Panthers Preschool, Shannon Elementary – Stop in on school days to see Sandy Hinrichs or call (319) 465-3000. Mother Goose Preschool, St. Matthew Church – Call (319) 465-5675 or call Ann Eby (319) 465-3476.

Sacred Heart Preschool, Sacred Heart School - Stop in on school days to see JoEllen Schlarmann or call (319) 465-4605

Where can I obtain more information about the Statewide Voluntary Preschool Program for Four-Year-Old Children? You can visit with representatives of the participating preschools and you can visit the lowa Department of Education web site: https://www.educateiowa.gov/pk-12/early-childhood/statewide-voluntary-preschool-program-four-year-old-children

REMINDER!

If your child turns 5 on or before September 15, please stop by Shannon Elementary to register for Kindergarten for the 2018-19 school year. Any questions, call 465-3000, ext. 4114.

Parent Meeting for HS Spanish Trip in 2019

There will be a meeting for interested parents for the Spanish trip to Europe in March of 2019 in Mr. Meshak's room at the High School, room #312, at 5:30pm on Thursday, February 1, 2018.



Nathan Oswald Wins the Monticello Middle School National Geographic Bee

Moves One Step Closer to \$50,000 College Scholarship

By: Laura Schmitt-8th Grade History Teacher

8th grader **Nathan Oswald** won the school-level competition of the National Geographic Bee on January 16, 2018 and a chance at a \$50,000 college scholarship. Nathan will take a test to be submitted for scoring. Up to 100 of the top scorers in each state will be asked to compete in their state bee, which takes place on April 6, 2018. The winner of the state bee will earn a trip to Washington, D.C. for the national champion-ship rounds.

The top ten school finalists to compete included the following students: 5th graders Carson Rickels and River Smith, 6th graders Sienna Hendricks and Kyle Cox, 7th Graders Austin Kurt, Juan Moncada, and Erik Wallerich, and 8th graders Erlin Bell, Elise Kehoe, and Nathan Oswald. Erlin Bell earned 2nd place.

A big thank you goes out to local groups, businesses, and individuals who donated various items so that the finalists would have a small prize. Thank you to Casey's, The Century House, Citizens State Bank, Dutrac, The Edge, Fidelity Bank, Happy Joes Pizza, Kardes, La Hacienda, Legacy Lanes, Wolken Dental, Above and Beyond, and Labarge Painting. I would also like to thank Deb Bowman for acting as the master of ceremonies for the event.

All 5th through 8th grade students at the middle school participated in the preliminary rounds of the bee in their social studies classes to attempt to be finalists.

The National Geographic Society will provide an all-expenses paid trip to Washington, D.C., for state winners to participate in the Bee national championship rounds May 20-23, 2018. The first- place national champion will receive a \$50,000 college scholarship, a life-time membership in the Society, including a subscription to National Geographic magazine, and an all-expenses-paid Lindblad expedition to the Galápagos Islands aboard the new National Geographic Endeavour II. Travel for the trip is provided by Lindblad Expeditions and National Geographic. Second- and third-place finishers will receive \$25,000 and \$10,000 college scholarships, respectively. National Geographic will air the final round of the National Geographic Bee Championship in May 2018. It will air later on public television stations; check local television listings for dates and times. This year marks the 30th anniversary of the National Geographic Bee. The National Geographic Society developed the National Geographic Bee in 1989 in response to concern about the lack of geographic knowledge among young people in the United States. Over three decades, 1,583 state champions have traveled to D.C. to participate in the finals and more than \$1.5 million in college scholarship money has been awarded to winners of the competition by the National Geographic Society. Everyone can test their geography knowledge with the exciting Geo Bee Quiz, an online geography quiz at www.nationalgeographic.org/bee/study/quiz, which poses 10 new questions a day and with the National Geographic has also published an updated National Geographic Bee book: "How to Ace the National Geographic Bee: Official Study Guide, 5th Edition," by Stephen Cunha.

The National Geographic Society is a leading nonprofit that invests in bold people and transformative ideas in the fields of exploration, scientific research, storytelling and education. Through our grants and programs, we aspire to create a community of change, advancing key insights about our planet and probing some of the most pressing scientific questions of our time while ensuring that the next generation is armed with geographic knowledge and global understanding. Our goal is measurable impact: furthering exploration and educating people around the world to inspire solutions for the greater good. For more information, visit www. nationalgeographic.org.

Open Enrollment Timelines

Parents/guardians considering the use of the open enrollment option to enroll their child/ren in a public school district in the State of lowa other than their district of residence should be aware of the following dates: March 1, 2018— Last date for regular open enrollment requests for the 2018-19 school year. September 1, 2018- Last date for open enrollment request for entering kindergarten students. In order to qualify for open enrollment after the March 1st deadline, the student must meet the "good cause" definition for the 2018-19 school year. Good cause relates to: (1) There is a change in district of residence due to: family move, change in marital status, foster care, adoption, or treatment program; (2) Participation in foreign exchange program; (3) Failure of negotiations for reorganization or whole grade sharing; (4) Loss of accreditation or revocation of a private charter school; (5) Pervasive harassment; (6) severe health need (determined by the district). If these circumstances occur after March 1, a parent or guardian may file a "late" open enrollment application. Transportation assistance is available for those who qualify according to income guidelines between contiguous districts. This may be in the form of actual transportation or in the form of a reimbursement. Parents should be aware that open enrollment may result in the loss of athletic eligibility for students in grades 9-12 for varsity competitions for the first 90 school days of transfer. Children will remain on open enrollment status unless the parent/quardian decides to cancel it or the agreement is terminated as a result of the parent/guardian moving, by not sending the child to the requested district or any other circumstance that results in the pupil no longer attending the receiving district. For more information on open enrollment please view the lowa Department of Education website at: https://www.educateiowa.gov/pk-12/options-educational-choice/openenrollment

"You Are More"

Campaign helps empower teens to overcome adversity.

The Area Substance Abuse Council, in partnership with the Jones County Safe & Healthy Youth Coalition and local teens, began kicking off the "You Are More" campaign. During local focus groups, teens report turning to substances to deal with things such as stress, anxiety, and depression. This campaign focuses on empowering youth to know they can reach out for help if they are feeling overwhelmed by the stresses of being a teenager.

The campaign consists of three main messages that help encourage teens to overcome these very issues with a focus on resiliency skills and seeking help. During focus groups with youth, it was identified that along with using social media, youth also turned to the internet to find guidance but were struggling with the abundance of information not completely focused at youth their age. From these conversations a teen webpage was developed that includes topics that teens felt are most relevant with what they are dealing with, as well as a place where teens can share personal stories about overcoming adversity and receiving support from our community members. This webpage can be found at www.asac.us/ teens. Along with the webpage, messages to both parents and teens will be available on our new Instagram account. You can follow the campaign by liking "asac_iowa". For more information about the "You Are More" Campaign, please call Amy Doerrfeld with ASAC Prevention Services at (319) 390-1884 ext. 206 or by email at adoerrfeld@asac.us.







THANK YOU TO:

- Jolene Kramer for her donation of shoes to the Middle School.
- Dr. Phil Hanna for volunteering his time doing the heart dissection with the 5th graders!
- All Eastern lowa BBQ for its monetary donation to the band program.
- Darcey Spensley for donating coats, boots, & scarves to the Middle
- **Megan Schmit** for donating 240 paint brushes to Shannon Elementary.
- Mary Brand for her contributions to help Carpenter families.
- Steve & Kim Carlson for their donation to the drama department.
- Accent Construction for use of their skid loader for dirt fill at the track.

PARENTS! PARENTS! PARENTS!

It is vital that the school district has current and updated information on students. Please remember to log in to your PowerSchool account and make sure everything is current, including your cell phone #'s, home phone #'s, email addresses, mailing address, emergency contacts, etc. This is very important, especially for emergency situations. If you need assistance, please feel free to call Morgan Murray-Zimmerman at 319-465-3000, ext. 2115.

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February 2018			Milk served with meal		
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
			1	2	
			French toast/syrup	Cereal	
			Fruit	Poptart	
			Fruit juice	Fruit	
				Fruit juice	
5	6	7	8	g	
Sausage,egg,cheese biscuit	Cereal bar	Sausage pancake bite w/ SF syrup	Breakfast Bosco	Cereal	
Fruit	Mozzarella cheese stick	Fruit	Fruit	Poptart	
Fruit juice	Fruit	Fruit juice	Fruit juice	Fruit	
	Fruit juice			Fruit juice	
12	13	14	15	16	
Waffle sticks w/ syrup	Breakfast wrap	Mini donuts	Chocolate chip muffin	Cereal	
Fruit	Fruit	Fruit	Fruit	Poptart	
Fruit juice	Fruit juice	Fruit juice	Fruit juice	Fruit	
				Fruit juice	
19	20	21	22	25	
	Breakfast Bosco	Long John	Sausage panckes bites	Cereal	
NO SCHOOL	Fruit	Fruit	Fruit	Poptart	
	Fruit juice	Fruit juice	Fruit juice	Fruit	
				Fruit juice	
26	27	28			
Mini donuts	Cereal bar	Breakfast pizza			
Fruit	Mozzarella cheese stick	Fruit			
Fruit juice	Fruit	Fruit juice			
	Fruit juice				

Lunch M				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1	2
			Hamburger/bun	Stuffed crust Pepperoni pizza
		Smiley fries		Lettuce w/ Romaine
			Glazed carrots	Green beans
	Apple slices		Blushing pears	
5	6	7	8	9
Chicken nuggets	Chicken & noodles	Beef taco w/ shell	Salisbury steak	Breaded cheese sticks
French fries	Grean beans	Seasoned rice	Mashed potatoes & gravy	Lettuce w/ Romaine
Pineapple Tidbits	Peaches	Refried beans	Mixed fruit	Baby carrots/dip
Roll & butter	Bread & butter	Apple sauce Roll & butter		Strawberries/bananas
12	13	14	15	16
BBQ Rib/bun	Mandarin orange chicken	Macaroni & cheese	Hot dog/bun	Cheese quesadilla
Augratin potatoes	Seasoned rice	Smoked sausage	Baked beans	Baby carrots w/ dip
Corn	Green beans	Steamed Broccoli	French fries	Fresh fruit
Mandarin oranges	Pineapple tidbits	Mixed fruit	Diced peaches	Frosted cake
19	20	21	22	23
	Breaded chicken/bun	Pulled pork	Chili w/ crackers	Cheese pizza
	Vegetable soup/crackers	Sweet potato fries	Baby carrots w/ dip	Lettuce w/ spinach
NO SCHOOL	Orange slices	Green beans	Apple sauce	Carrots/Broccoli/Cauliflo wer
	Cookie	Mixed fruit	Cinnamon roll	Apple slices
26	27	28		
Deli sandwich	Chicken strips	Breaded Pork/bun		
WG chips	Mashed potatoes & gravy	Seasoned potato cubes		
Baby carrots/dip	Pineapple/mandarin oranges	Baked beans		
Side Kick Frozen/juice	Roll & butter	Diced peaches		

February 2018

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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5 Day 3 7 BBB vs Bellevue—4:15 8 BBB @ Bellevue—4:15 9/10 BBB vs Mt. Vernon-6:30 10 BBB vs Mt. Vernon-8:00 State Vocal Jazz Contest @ Maq. Valley	9/10/JV/V BBB vs Bellevue— 4:30 G/B Varsity Bowling @ Cascade—2:30	7 Day 5 FFE NE District Degree & Proficiency Review	8 Day 6 7/8 BBB @ Camanche—4:15 9/10 BBB vs West Liberty-4:30 10 BBB vs West Liberty-4:30 JV/V BBB vs West Liberty—6:00	9 Day I 7/8 BBB vs Maq. Valley-4:00 WPA Dance—HS Commons- 8-I I	District Wrestling @ DeWitt Central-12:00 Girls Basketball Regionals –7:00 vs Solon – Home
I 2 ICAN College and Career Planning MTG-6:00 @ HS Auditorium ICAN Financial Aid Information— 7:00pm @ HS Auditorium 4-8 PM HS Parent Teacher Conferences Boys Basketball Districts-7:00 @ TBA	7/8 BBB vs Cascade—4:15	2:00 Early Dismissal — Prof. Dev	HS NAEP Assessments 7 BBB vs North Cedar—4:15 8 BBB @ North Cedar—Stanwood—4:15 Board Work Session 5:00 PM	16 Day 6	All-State Large Group Speech @ Ames-8:00 Young Musicians Honor Band
	20 Day I BPA State Leadership Conference-Des Moines ational FFA Week	21 Day 2	22 Day 3 7 BBB @ Northeast-4:15 8 BBB vs Northeast-4:15 MS/HS Jazz Concert— 7:00—HS Auditorium	Coe Jazz Summit	24 Individual District Speech @ Tipton Dance Marathon
26 Board Meeting—7:00 PM	27 Pay 6 Elementary & MS Parent Teacher Conferences 4- 8pm	28 Day I			EE 11811

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