



# SCHOOL SPIRIT

January 2014

Parents, Guardians, and Community Members,

The time for the annual Monticello Schools Foundation Gala is fast approaching. This combination dinner and auction is the Foundation's major fundraiser.

Since 1992, the Monticello Schools Foundation has donated over \$500,000 to Monticello school projects. Donations by the Foundation have funded either wholly or in part:

- Digital televisions at Shannon and Carpenter Elementary
- Overhaul of the High School Band Contra-Bass Clarinet
- Playground equipment at Carpenter Elementary
- Funding for the outdoor classroom, shelter, and other projects at the Sports Complex at the High School
- Portable Science Lab for the Middle School
- Treadmills for the High School fitness program
- Table saw for the Industrial Tech Department at the High School
- LCD projection devices for the High School science department
- Books for the ELP program
- Presentations by guest authors and musicians in the elementary schools
- CPR training dolls for the High School
- Middle School Applied Technology Lab
- Sound system for the High School auditorium
- Band uniforms
- Donation to the Accelerated Reader program
- Elementary and Middle School library books
- Automatic External Defibrillator for the High School
- Enclosed trailer for hauling equipment, band instruments, etc.
- SmartBoards and Mimeo devices in all school buildings
- iPads in the elementary
- Therapy dog training for the elementary
- Field Trip Expenses
- Weight room equipment at the high school
- Land donated by Roman & Rosemary Welter for harvest of trees
- Other projects too numerous to list here



Weight room equipment at the High School



Land donated by Roman & Rosemary Welter for harvest of trees.

*(Photos courtesy of the Monticello Express)*

The dinner and auction will be held Saturday, March 1, 2014 at the Berndes Center. 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. Tickets are available from any Foundation Board Member, at any Monticello School Office, or at the District Office.

If you are interested in donating an item or items for either the silent or live auction, such items may be dropped off at the District Office, 711 South Maple Street, between 7:30 AM and 4:00 PM Monday through Friday.

Sincerely,

Chris Anderson  
Superintendent

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Middle School Geography

### Bee

The Middle School Geography Bee will be held on Monday, January 13, 2014 at 9:45 AM in the MS auditorium. Anyone interested is invited to attend. Top winners from each grade will compete to see who the school champion will be!



## PTO Math Family Night!

The Monticello PTO in conjunction with the Elementary teachers will be having a Math Family Night on Thursday, January 23rd from 5-7 PM at the Berndes Center. More information to follow. Come join the fun!



## Dessert Concert

The 2014 Dessert Concert will be Thursday, January 30th at 7:30 PM at the Berndes Center. Mark your calendars!

## T.T.T. Skating

Bring your students to the Berndes Center on Friday, January 10 for scootering and skating. Support T.T.T. as they raise funds to send girls to camp. The cost is \$3 for fun from 7-9:00 PM. Concessions available.

## **2014-15 Preschool Information**

### 2014-15 Mother Goose Preschool Registration Information

Mother Goose Preschool will enroll children for 2014-15 beginning February 1st. Applications will be available at Mother Goose Preschool. Tuition for three-year-olds is \$95 per month. A Statewide Voluntary Preschool allocation may cover the tuition for children who are four by September 15th. Watch the February issue of the *School Spirit* for additional information.

### Openings are available for Sacred Heart Preschool for the 2014-2015 school year.

If you are interested, please call Sacred Heart at [319-465-4605](tel:319-465-4605). We have two sections of 3 year-olds. One is M & W from 8:00-10:50 a.m and the other is T & Th from 8:00-10:50 a.m. That tuition is \$90 per month. If your child turns four by Sept. 15, 2014, tuition is paid by the State of Iowa. If your child is five, tuition will be \$120/month. This program also has two sections. One is 8:00-10:50 a.m. M-Th and the other is 12:00-2:50 p.m.



### 2014-15 Little Panthers Preschool Registration Information

Openings in the Little Panthers Preschool are available for 2014-15. If you are interested in registering your three or four year old, applications will be available from the Shannon School office on February 1st. Preschool openings are filled through a lottery method; once your child is enrolled, you may retain a spot for the following year-if your child is not moving to kindergarten. If your child was on the waiting list for 2013-14, you must reregister in February of 2014. Tuition is tentatively set at \$370/month and this includes: breakfast, lunch, milk and snacks. If your child turns four by September 15th, a Statewide Voluntary Preschool allocation may lower your child's tuition to \$170/month. More information will be available in the February issue of the *School Spirit*.

## **2014-15 Kindergarten Round Up Scheduled**



Kindergarten Round Up for students entering kindergarten in the fall of 2014 is scheduled for **Wednesday, January 8th & Thursday, January 9th at Shannon School from 9:30 AM. to 4:00 PM.** At this time parents will be asked to complete some information forms. A health form, dental form 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. 2014-15 kindergarten students **do not** need to attend this special Round Up event. Students must turn 5 years of age by September 15, 2014 to attend kindergarten. If you have any questions, please call Sandy Hinrichs at 465-5425, ext. 4114.

## **District Speech Contest**

Once again, Monticello will be hosting the District Speech Contest on Saturday, **January 25, 2014**. Over 3,000 students will be competing in categories such as One Act, Choral Reading, Readers Theater, Ensemble Acting, Solo and Group Mime, Radio Broadcasting, TV News, Musical Theater, Short Film, and Group Improv. The public is welcomed at this event and a \$3.00 donation at the door is encouraged. Come and watch our talented students as they try to earn their way to State!

## **Volunteers Needed!!**



Volunteers are needed to help with the District Speech Contest. We are looking for volunteers to help in the rooms. You could be a timer or an announcer or help with the concession stand. Can't work the entire day? Not a problem, we can work with any and all schedules. If you are interested please email Kelli Turnis Osterkamp at [kelli.turnis@monticello.k12.ia.us](mailto:kelli.turnis@monticello.k12.ia.us) or leave a message at the high school. Thank you!

### From the Guidance Office...

All students, including juniors and especially seniors should be checking the Guidance Office News webpage for updated information on College Visit Days, the guidance office calendar, scholarship information and specific scholarships with attached applications, and other guidance office information. Go to the school's website at [www.monticello.k12.ia.us](http://www.monticello.k12.ia.us) - click on the downloads icon and click Guidance Office News under the guidance heading. These webpages are updated daily and with the college application and scholarship deadlines season arriving, it's an easy solution to finding the local and state scholarships and college information you need.

#### Attention Parents of Seniors!

If your son/daughter is planning to attend college, you need to apply for financial aid. The 2014-2015 FAFSA will be available beginning January 1, 2014, and your student's FAFSA needs to be completed **BEFORE** the school's financial aid priority deadline. Each school has their own deadline so be sure to check this out. The Iowa College Access Network (ICAN) can help but their appointment times in January and February fill up quickly. To ensure your students get their FAFSA completed on time, have them call ICAN at [\(877\) 272-4692](tel:877-272-4692) and schedule an appointment with an ICAN expert. Appointments typically take between 30-45 minutes and ICAN will have extended hours at each Student Success Center to assist customers. And best of all, this service is FREE! To help your students prepare [click here](#) for a list of the documents and information they need to complete the FAFSA form. If you have any questions, or to help students schedule an appointment, please call [\(877\) 272-4692](tel:877-272-4692) today.

8th graders will start the process of high school registration in January. If parents have questions about the registration process feel free to contact Angela Bibb, Middle School Counselor, at 465-5963, ext. 2215.

### THANK YOU TO:

- **Kaylee Rabineau, Steph Isaac, Judy Hayen, Joan Dailey, Aimee Hospodarsky, Debra Brokaw, and Libby Atwood** for donating items to the Carpenter AR store.
- Everyone who helped with the Carpenter Holiday Concerts! A special thank you to **Dennis Dirks** and **Kim Carlson** for getting the stage lights working!

### Activities at The Ross & Elizabeth Baty Public Library

**November 25-January 11-** Winter Reading Program- Chill Out & Read with Winter Reading Bingo for all ages, stop in to library and pick up a game board and return it by January 11th for a prize.

**January 15-** Early Out - Movie 2:15-4:00, Monsters University, Rated G, 104 min.

**January 18-** Beginning Basket Weaving with Joy. Registration required, class limited to 12, \$5 fee for supplies. Deadline to register January 4.

**January 20-** Program by Brad Mormann, Jones County Conservation Director 7pm.

**January 29-** Early Out - Craft 2:00-5:00

Visit our website [www.monticello.lib.ia.us](http://www.monticello.lib.ia.us) for more information.


### State Jazz Band Contest to be held at Monticello High School

The State Jazz Band Contest will be held at the high school on Monday, January 27. This event will evaluate the bands on many criteria by three adjudicators. Then immediately, a clinic session with a fourth educator will occur at a separate location. This event will start at approximately 4:00 PM. Of course the MHS Ellington Jazz Ensemble will be participating! More details forthcoming as the event nears. Come out and support these High School Musicians!

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

*Milk served with meal.*



<b>Jan. 6</b> Stuffed crust pizza Steamed broccoli Apple sauce Teddy grahams	<b>Jan. 7</b> Chicken nuggets Mashed potatoes & gravy Diced pears Roll Frosted cake	<b>Jan. 8</b> Pork patty on bun Tater tots Baked beans Diced peaches	<b>Jan. 9</b> Chicken & noodles Corn Fresh apple slices Bread & butter	<b>Jan. 10</b> Grilled cheese sandwich French fries Pineapple tidbits Steamed carrots
<b>Jan. 13</b> Cheeseburger Tater tots Spinach salad Orange slices	<b>Jan. 14</b> Chili w/ crackers Fresh baby carrots Pears Frosted cinnamon roll	<b>Jan. 15</b> Popcorn chicken Seasoned rice Broccoli Normandy Mandarin oranges	<b>Jan. 16</b> Sloppy Joe Seasoned potato cubes Corn Fresh watermelon	<b>Jan. 17</b> Breaded cheese stick Tossed salad Strawberries/bananas Sugar cookie
<b>Jan. 20</b> Breaded chicken sandwich Vegetable soup/crackers Fresh broccoli w/ dip Mixed fruit	<b>Jan. 21</b> Mini Corn Dogs Sweet potato tots Green beans Apple slices	<b>Jan. 22</b> Pasta w/ meat sauce Tossed salad Diced pears Bread stick	<b>Jan. 23</b> BBQ pulled pork sandwich Seasoned potato cubes Baked beans Apple sauce	<b>Jan. 24</b> Sausage pizza Broccoli salad Fresh baby carrots/celery Mandarin oranges Chocolate brownie
<b>Jan. 27</b> French toast sticks Sausage links Cinnamon spiced apples Juice cup	<b>Jan. 28</b> Hot dog French fries Baked beans Mixed fruit	<b>Jan. 29</b> Deli Sandwich WG Sun chips Fresh baby carrots Orange wedges Cookie	<b>Jan. 30</b> Goulash Tossed salad Glazed carrots Peaches	<b>Jan. 31</b> Beef taco Tater tots Corn Pears 

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 <b>Winter Break—No School</b> 	2 <b>Winter Break—No School</b>	3 <b>No School—Professional Development Day</b> JV G/B BB @ N. Cedar -3:45 V G/B BB @ N. Cedar -6:15	4 9/10 BBB @ Tipton—1:30 JV G/B BB @ Tipton—3:00 V G/B BB @ Tipton—6:30
6 Day 1 <b>School Resumes—Welcome Back!</b> Begin 3rd Qtr/2nd Semester 9/10 BBB @ Ed-Co—6:15	7 Day 2 JV G/B BB @ Cascade—4:30 9/10 B BB @ Cascade—6:00 V G/B BB @ Cascade—6:15 JV/V Wr @ Regina—6:00	8 Day 3 PTO Meeting -6:00 @ Carpenter Library Kindergarten Round Up —9:30-4 @ Shannon <b>Board Work Session—6:00 PM</b>	9 Day 4 Kindergarten Round Up— 9:30-4 @ Shannon 9/10 B BB @ Springville -6:00 JV/V Wrestling @ N. Cedar—6:00	10 Day 5 JV G/B BB vs Bellevue—3:45 V G/B BB vs Bellevue—6:15	11 Little Panther Wrestling Tourney NIEBA Honor Jazz Festival @ CR Kennedy V Wr @ Maq. Valley-9:00 V G BB vs Regina @ US Cellular Center- 1:00 JV B BB vs Durant—6:00 V B BB vs Durant—7:30
13 Day 6 MS Geography Bee—9:45 Dorian Music Festival @ Luther College JV Wr @ CPU—TBA 9/10 BBB vs N. Cedar-6:00	14 Day 1 Student Council Meeting -7:15 AM JV G/B BB vs Camanche—3:45 V G/B BB vs Camanche—6:15	15 Day 2 <b>2:00 Early Dismissal — Prof. Dev</b>	16 Day 3 7/8 BBB vs Northeast-4:00 JV/V Wr Home—6:00	17 Day 4 JV G/B BB @ Northeast-3:45 V G/B BB @ Northeast—6:15	18 MS Honor Band @ Vernon Middle School River Valley Conference Speech Contest V Wr @ Marion—10:30 JV G/B BB @ Maq. Valley-1:00 V G/B BB @ Maq.Valley-4:00
20 Day 5 Panther Players Parents Night—6:30	21 Day 6 Kirkwood/JREC Beginning of Term JV B/G BB @ North Linn-4:45 V G/B BB @ North Linn-6:15	22 Day 1	23 Day 2 PTO Math Family Night 5-7 PM @ Berndes Center 7/8 BBB vs Bellevue-4:00 9/10 BBB vs Regina -6:00 JV/V Wr @ Durant—6:00	24 Day 3 JV G/B BB vs N. Cedar—3:45 V G/ B BB vs N. Cedar—6:15	25 District Large Group Speech Contest—home —8:00 Science Bowl @ Ames V Wr @ Alburnett -10:00
27 Day 4 29th Iowa FFA Legislative Symposium at FFA Enrichment Center State Jazz Contest—here 3:30 Spring Play Auditions—3:30 7/8 BBB @ Camanche-4:00 9/10 BBB vs Ed-Co-6:00 JV Wr @ Dub. Hempstead-6:00 <b>Board Meeting—6:00 PM</b>	28 Day 5 Student Council Mtg—7:15 AM Spring Play Auditions—3:30 and 7:00 JV G/B BB vs Cascade—3:45 7 BBB @ Maq. Valley-4:00 8 BBB vs Maq. Valley—4:00 V G/B BB vs Cascade—6:15	29 Day 6 <b>2:00 Early Dismissal — Prof. Dev</b>	30 Day 1 7/8 BBB vs Cascade-4:00 JV/V Wr Home—6:00 Dessert Concert @ Berndes Center—7:30	31 Day 2 JV G/B BB vs Wilton-3:45 V G/B BB vs Wilton—6:15	

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