



SCHOOL SPIRIT

March 2016



The Color Fun Run is coming to Monticello!

May 7, 2016

10:30 am

at Monticello High School

This year there will be a short route everyone will run or walk, with the option of doing the route multiple times. The event will begin at 10:30 a.m. with registration starting at 9:30 a.m. The registration fee of **\$15 before March 1, \$20 between March 2 and April 1, and \$30 after April 2** includes a t-shirt and color packet. Registration forms are available at any school office. The money raised from this event will help buy technology needs for Shannon and Carpenter students (iPads, computers, apps, software, etc.). If you have any questions feel free to contact Robyn Ponder at robynponder@gmail.com or 319-480-3670.



Look for the event, Color Fun Run, linked to the Monticello PTO Facebook page to keep up to date with the event happenings. You can also go to www.getmeregistered.com, click on **Search for Events**, and type in **Monticello PTO** to get the link to sign up online. Everyone is welcome, people of all ages!! More information to come!

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, national origin, sex, religion, marital status, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity, socio-economic status, creed, or genetic information in admission or access to, or treatment in, its programs and activities.

The school district does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, age (except students), religion, national origin, creed, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or disability in admission or access to, or in treatment in, its hiring and employment practices.

Any person having inquiries concerning the school district's compliance with state and federal laws and regulations as well as grievance procedures for processing complaints concerning discrimination are directed to contact:

Brent Meier, Middle School Principal

217 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 to shall not be publicly released.

Inspection of Instructional Materials

Parents and other members of the school district community may review instructional materials used by the student. Arrangements to review materials must be made through the appropriate building level administrator.



E-REGISTRATION

Please remember to make corrections in the Monticello Community Schools E-Registration if you experience changes in home or work phone numbers, email addresses, street addresses, etc. It's important that we are able to contact you when necessary. If you have any questions on E-Registration, please contact Morgan Murray at 465-3575, ext. 2280. Thank you!

UPCOMING EVENTS

PTO News

March 3 - Makerspaces and Spheros for students and PTO Meeting for parents from 6:00-7:00 p.m. at Carpenter Elementary

March 31 - Family Math Night at Monticello Berndes Center from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

May 7 - Color Fun-Run at Monticello High School at 10:30 a.m. Sign up now at www.getmeretistered.com and Search Events for Monticello PTO or pick up a registration form at any office in the district. Register early to save money!




MHS presents:

‘Dastardly Deeds at Yoursin Mine’

Spring Play performances will be on Thursday, March 10 and Friday, March 11 at 7:30 PM in the High School Auditorium.

Tickets available at the door. \$5.00 for adults and \$4.00 for students and senior citizens.

 Our 1 school make up day as of 2/26 is:
Tuesday, May 31, 2016
Any additional make up days will be added on after May 31st.
Please mark your calendar!

PARENTS! EPI-PENS update!

You should have received a letter home regarding the new law stating that schools can voluntarily carry Epi-Pens in the case of anaphylactic reactions. If you haven't already done so, please log in to Power School and update the permissions section, as it has been reformatted with the addition of these two medications. We have also broken up the OTC (Over the Counter) meds section into more categories. Please contact Morgan Murray (319) 465-3575 ext 2280 with questions regarding Power School, and contact the school nurses with any questions regarding the Epi Pens and Benadryl. Jen Speltz (319) 465-5425 ext 1327 or Jodi Heinrich (319) 465-3575 ext 2105.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: The date of the MS/HS Jazz Band Concert has been changed. It will be held in conjunction with the High School Concert Band on Thursday, March 3 at 7:00 PM in the High School Auditorium.



Shannon Elementary Spring Concert

Thursday, April 28

6 p.m.

High School Gymnasium



Monticello School District Foundation Gala

Saturday, March 5

5:30 PM - Berndes Center

The Monticello School District Foundation dinner and auction will be held Saturday, March 5 at 5:30 PM at the Berndes Center. Hope to see you there!



From the Guidance Office...

- Make a wise investment in your future today by exploring career options through Workplace Learning Connection's high school internship program! Applications are being accepted now for summer and fall 2016. These experiences can help you make important future education and career decisions. Please see Mrs. Thompson if you are interested or want more information about internships coordinated through Workplace Learning Connection. Applications are due to Mrs. T. by March 24th. For more information, go to www.workplace-learning.org.
- 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 - click on the high school link and choose High School Guidance. Under the Guidance Pages are links to guidance information including local and state scholarships, testing information and other guidance news.

Juniors and Seniors who are interested in applying for National Honor Society, applications will be available in the office and via the school website, starting March 7, 2016. You must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0, and have performed 40 hours of community service to apply. Completed applications will be due March 21st at 3:00pm to the high school office. If you have any questions, please see Mrs. Thompson.

THANK YOU TO:

- **Monticello PTO** for providing meals for staff at conference time.
- To the following parents who chaperoned the 7th grade ski trip: **Carrie Meeks, Jackie Schreiber, Kim Sauser, Tim & Carrie Fellingner, Jeremy Glawatz, Jolene Kramer, Greg Graver, Dionne Corbell**
- **To everyone that purchased books from the Elementary Book Fairs.** You helped the library raise over \$3,000 to help purchase new books!

Screening for 2016-2017 Kindergarten Students

Vision, hearing and pre-academic skills assessment for children entering Kindergarten in the fall of 2016 will be held on Tuesday, April 5th 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 go online and fill out the forms or stop in the office. Call Sandy Hinrichs at 465-5425 ext. 4114 if you have any questions. This screening is free of charge.

Homeless Youth

The Monticello School District Homeless Youth Coordinator is **Denny Folken, Elementary Principal**.

Homeless Coordinator Duties:

- Locate and identify homeless children or youth within the district, whether or not they are enrolled in school 281—IAC 33.3(1)
- Provide evidence the definition of “homeless” is communicated in staff, parent, and student documents (e.g., newsletters and handbooks) (HCY4)
- Post information, at community shelters and other locations in the district where services or assistance is provided to the homeless, regarding the educational rights of homeless children and youth and encouraging homeless children and youth to enroll in the public school (HCY2). 281—IAC 33.3(2)

Definition of Homeless Youth:

If a student is living in any of the following situations, it is considered to be a homeless situation.

In a shelter, motel, vehicle, or campground; on the street; in an abandoned building, trailer, or other inadequate accommodations, or doubled up with friends or relatives because you cannot find or afford housing,


McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act (as it appears in Monticello Schools parent and student handbooks)

Homeless children have the right to:

- Go to school, no matter where you live or how long you have lived there.
- Continue in the school they attended before you became homeless or the school they last attended, if that is your choice and is feasible.
- Receive transportation to the school they attended before your family became homeless or the school they last attended if you or a guardian requests such transportation.
- Attend a school and participate in school programs with children who are not homeless.
- Enroll in school without giving a permanent address.
- Enroll and attend classes while the school arranges for the transfer of school and immunization records or any other documents required for enrollment.
- Enroll and attend classes in the school of your choice even while the school and you seek to resolve a dispute over enrolling your children.
- Receive the same special programs and services, if needed, as provided to all other children served in these programs.
- Receive transportation to school and to school programs. When you move, you should do the following:

Contact the school district’s local liaison for homeless education (Denny Folken, Shannon and Carpenter School Elementary Principal 319-465-5963) for help in enrolling your child in a new school or arranging for your child to continue in his or her former school.

(Or someone at a shelter, social services office, or the school can direct you to the person you need to contact.) Contact the school and provide any information you think will assist the teachers in helping your child adjust to new circumstances. Ask the local liaison for homeless education, the shelter provider, or a social worker for assistance with clothing and supplies, if needed.

| Lunch Menu <small>“USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer”</small> | | | | |
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| March 2016 | | | | <i>Milk served with meal</i> |
| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| | Mandarin orange chicken | Pizza | Grilled chicken / bun | |
| | Seasoned rice | Tossed salad w/ dressing | Seasoned potato cubes | NO SCHOOL |
| | Pineapple tidbits | Fresh baby carrots / dip | Green beans | |
| | Roll & butter | Side kick / Frozen juice | Fresh fruit | |
| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| Chicken & gravy | Pasta w/ meat sauce | Breaded chicken / bun | Pulled pork / bun | French tst w/ syrup |
| Mashed potatoes | Tossed salad w/ dressing | Sweet potato fries | French fries | Sausage |
| Mixed vegetable | Pears | Green beans | Baked beans | Hash brown patty |
| Apple sauce | Bread stick | Apple slices | Tropical fruit | Strawberries & bananas |
| WG Roll & butter | | | | |
| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| NO SCHOOL | NO SCHOOL | NO SCHOOL | NO SCHOOL | NO SCHOOL |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| Salisbury Steak | BBQ Rib / bun | Chicken & noodles | Cheese quesadilla | |
| Mashed potatoes & gravy | Augratin potatoes | Green beans | Tossed salad w/ dressing | NO SCHOOL |
| Mandarin oranges | Baked beans | Blushing pears | Fresh broccoli / dip | |
| WG roll & butter | Pineapple tidbits | Bread stick | Jello w/ fruit | |
| | Frosted cake | | | |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | |
| Meatball sub | Chili w/ crackers | Chicken strips | Deli sandwich |  |
| Seasoned potato cubes | Fresh baby carrots/ dip | Mashed potatoes & gravy | WG chips | |
| Broccoli w/ cheese sauce | Apple sauce | Pineapple / mand. oranges | Fresh broccoli /dip | |
| Orange slices | Cinnamon roll | WG roll & butter | Side kick / frozen juice | |



Spring Break is
March 14-18! Enjoy!

March 2016

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|--|--|--|--|---|
| | 1 <small>Day 1</small> 7-12 Vocal Concert in HS Gym—7:00 PM | 2 <small>Day 2</small> 2:00 Early Dismissal — Prof. Dev | 3 <small>Day 3</small> PTO Meeting @ Carpenter- 6:00 MS/HS Jazz & HS Concert Band in HS Gym—7:00 PM | 4 No School—Teacher Collaboration Day | 5 NEIBA Jazz Contest @ Hudson MCS D Foundation Dinner & Auction—5:30 PM @ Berndes Center |
| Girls State Basketball | | | | | |
| 7 <small>Day 4</small> | 8 <small>Day 5</small> 5-8 Band Concert—7:00—MS Auditorium | 9 <small>Day 6</small> NEIBA Large Group Band Festival @ Dbq Roosevelt—8:00 Board Work Session -6:00 PM | 10 <small>Day 1</small> Play—7:30 PM | 11 <small>Day 2</small> Play—7:30 PM | 12 State Individual Speech @ North Scott —8:00 NE District FFA Convention @ Van Horne—8:00 |
| Boys State Basketball | | | | | |
| 14 | 15 Boys V Track @ ISU Leid Rec Center—4:00 | 16 | 17 | 18 Girls V Track vs. Dbq. Wahlert @ U of Dubuque—4:00 | 19 Boys V Track vs. Dbq. Wahlert @ U of Dubuque—4:00 |
| No School—Spring Break | | | | | |
| 21 <small>Day 3</small> National Honor Society Applications are due today! | 22 <small>Day 4</small> | 23 <small>Day 5</small> | 24 <small>Day 6</small> Boys/Girls V Conf Track Meet @ Cornell College—4:30 | 25 No School—Good Friday | 26 Boys V Track @ Cornell College—11:00 |
| 28 <small>Day 1</small> Board Meeting—6:00 PM | 29 <small>Day 2</small> | 30 <small>Day 3</small> | 31 <small>Day 4</small> Boys V Track @ Cascade-4:30 PTO Family Math Night @ Berndes Center-5:30-7:30 | | |

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

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