



SCHOOL SPIRIT

March 2017

Hi everyone,

Welcome to March!!! March brings us to the beginning of the final lap, the big finale, the home stretch....the final quarter of the 2016-2017 school year. If we were all running a mile around our track we would have one lap left to go!!! It is always harder to finish that final lap than it is to finish the first lap. The closer we get to the end of the year and as the weather gets warmer students can lose their focus and their priorities can be everywhere else except school. This is not unique to this generation or to Monticello Schools specifically. You probably have heard this called names like spring fever or senioritis. This is just something that can happen to students in the spring.



What can we do? Over my career as a coach, teacher, principal, and now superintendent, I always use the same phrase, "FINISH STRONG!" In the last lap of our race if we start to walk toward the finish line we will let ourselves down. The payoff for a strong finish is mostly inside of ourselves with a sense of pride and accomplishment. However, a strong finish can payoff in a better grade point average, special recognition, or positive reinforcement by teachers and parents. I know it is not easy to stay focused the closer we get to the end of the school year, but the idea of "FINISHING STRONG" is the kind of skill that employers look for in young people entering the workforce today. Think about it....if you are hiring someone for a position, you want the best person you can get....one that has showed how they can overcome obstacles and adversity. You want the person who can "FINISH STRONG".

I guess the point of all this is that if we want our kids to be the best and "FINISH STRONG" we need to coach them to the finish. I hope by now you have established routines and limitations for your children at home and that the system you have is working. As we close in on the end of the year, it is time to revisit systems and procedures at home that make our students effective and efficient. It is time to pull out your best motivational speech like Denzel Washington in *Remember the Titans*, before they play for the state championship. Establish some positive rewards and praise your child when they "FINISH STRONG". Help them to maintain their focus. Teach your children to take pride in finishing the last week of the year with as much emotion, energy, and enthusiasm as they had in the first week of the school year. I know this is easier said than done, but think of the long term benefits for your child to teach them this skill that will last a lifetime.

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

Sincerely,

Dr. Brian Jaeger, Superintendent
brian.jaeger@monticello.k12.ia.us

PARENTS! PARENTS! PARENTS!

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 address, cell phone #'s, home phone #'s, address, emergency contacts, etc. This is very important, especially for emergency situations. If you need assistance with this, please feel free to call Morgan Murray at the Middle School at 319-465-3575, ext. 2280

UPCOMING EVENTS

High School Band Concert



March 9 at 7:00pm

HS Auditorium

Come see the High School Concert Band on Thursday, March 9th at 7pm play Disney tunes such as "The Bare Necessities" and "Highlights from Brave!" Admission is \$5 and all proceeds directly benefit the students. This would be a great show to bring your kids to. We look forward to seeing you there!



Monticello School District Foundation Gala

Saturday, March 4

5:30 PM - Berndes Center



The Monticello School District Foundation dinner and auction will be held Saturday, March 4 at 5:30 PM at the Berndes Center. Hope to see you there!



Panther Academy Student Openings!

Panther Academy currently has openings for students for their before and after school program. Panther Academy is our before & after school childcare and summer program located at Shannon Elementary. Please contact Director Tammy Helgens at 319-465-6882 or via email: tammy.helgens@monticello.k12.ia.us for more information or to register.

Screening for 2017-2018 Kindergarten Students

Vision, hearing, and pre-academic skills assessment for children entering Kindergarten in the fall of 2017 will be held on Tuesday, April 11th 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.



MHS presents:

"Father of the Bride"

Spring Play performances will be on Thursday, **March 2** and Friday, **March 3** at 7:00 PM in the High School Auditorium.

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

THE STORY: Mr. Banks is shocked when his daughter Kay announces her engagement out of nowhere. But when Buckley and Kay's "simple wedding" with a few friends turns into a large affair, the trouble really begins. The guest list gets longer, a caterer is called, florists, furniture movers, and dressmakers take over and the Banks household is in turmoil, and in debt! When Kay calls off the wedding, everyone's patience snaps.

Save the date...

PTO Fun Run

Saturday, May 13 at 10:00 AM

Monticello High School

It will not be a color run this year. For questions, please contact Stacy Campbell at stacy.campbell@monticello.k12.ia.us or 319-465-3552, ext. 3123. More information to come!

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: March 21, April 18, and May 16.

Vocal Concerts yet this year will be: the Dessert Concert-May 9. Please come out and support the Fine Arts programs!



NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATION—Annual Notice

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.

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 2017 and are due by Friday, March 24. These experiences can help you make important future education and career decisions. Please see Mrs. Stingley if you are interested or want more information about internships coordinated through Workplace Learning Connection. 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.

My Academic Plan (MAP) is our new career exploration and decision making system created by ISU for Iowa's middle and high school students. MAP guides students through a series of steps which allow them to:

1. Identify their own unique interests, work values, and skills through simple online inventories.
2. Explore career options which best match their interests, work values, and skills.
3. Plan their high school course schedule with their career goals in mind.
4. Explore college majors or training programs which prepare them for their intended career, and then identify a college or training program which best fits them.

MAP is not a one-time exercise. Because students will go through many changes in grades 8-12, MAP is designed for them to return frequently to reassess their own interests, values, and skills; to re-explore career options; and to update their academic information as they progress through each term of high school. MAP will even send them automated email messages to encourage them to return and update their information.

MAP provides students with multiple resources for improving their:

- GPA
- ACT scores
- scholarship eligibility
- college and career readiness
- employability

MAP also provides helpful information concerning scholarships, financial aid, and military/vocational/apprenticeship options.

Breakfast Menu <small>"USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer"</small>				
March 2017				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1	2	3
		Breakfast pizza	French toast / syrup	Cereal
		Fruit	Fruit	Poptart
		Fruit juice	Fruit juice	Fruit
				Fruit juice
6	7	8	9	10
Sausage biscuit	Cereal bar	Sausage pancake bites w/ syrup	Cheese omelet	Cereal
Fruit	Mozzarella cheese stick	Fruit	English muffin	Poptart
Fruit juice	Fruit	Fruit juice	Fruit	Fruit
	Fruit juice		Fruit juice	Fruit juice
13	14	15	16	17
NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL
Spring Break	Spring Break	Spring Break	Spring Break	Spring Break
20	21	22	23	24
Rainbow yogurt	Biscuits & gravy	Long John	Sausage panckes bites	Cereal
Granola	Fruit	Fruit	Fruit	Poptart
Fruit	Fruit juice	Fruit juice	Fruit juice	Fruit
Fruit juice				Fruit juice
27	28	29	30	31
Mini donuts	Cereal bar	Breakfast pizza	Waffles w/ syrup	Cereal
Fruit	Mozzarella cheese stick	Fruit	Fruit	Poptart
Fruit juice	Fruit	Fruit juice	Fruit juice	Fruit
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National School Breakfast Week

March 6-10, 2017

Did you know? Breakfast is the most important meal of the day. Your body is like a car; if you don't put fuel in, it won't run. Eating breakfast has been proven to show that students have higher test scores, concentrate better in class, reduced absenteeism, and reduced behavior problems. At Monticello Schools we offer breakfast daily at all of our school buildings.

Free & Reduced Meals

Did you know that if you have a student that qualifies for free or reduced lunch meals, that includes breakfast AND lunch!

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 1, 2017. 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 22nd at 3:00pm to the high school office. If you have any questions, please see Mrs. Stingley.

Lunch Menu <small>"USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer"</small>				
March 2017				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1	2	3
		Macaroni & cheese	Country fried steak	Cheese pizza
		Smokie links	Mashed potatoes	Lettuce w/ Romaine
		Mixed fruit	Mandarin Oranges	Green beans
		Bread & butter	Roll & butter	Blushing pears
6	7	8	9	10
Chicken nuggets	Chicken & noodles	Beef taco	Salisbury steak	Breaded cheese sticks
French fries	Green beans	Seasoned rice	Mashed potatoes & gravy	Lettuce w/ Romaine
Pineapple Tidbit	Peaches	Refried beans	Mixed fruit	Baby carrots / dip
Bread & wow butter	Roll & butter	Apple sauce	Roll & butter	Strawberries / bananas
13	14	15	16	17
NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL
Spring Break	Spring Break	Spring Break	Spring Break	Spring Break
20	21	22	23	24
French toast sticks/ syrup	Breaded chicken / bun	BBQ rib / bun	Chili w/ crackers	Cheese pizza
Sausage links	Vegetable soup / crackers	French fries	String cheese	Lettuce w/ spinach
Hashbrown patty	Orange slices	Green beans	Apple sauce	Carrots / Broccoli / Cauliflower
Pineapple / mandarin oranges	Frosted cake	Jello w/ fruit	Cinnamon roll	Apple slices
27	28	29	30	31
Deli sandwich	Chicken strips	Breaded Pork / bun	Chicken & gravy/Biscuit	Breaded cheese sticks
WG chips	Mashed potatoes & gravy	Seasoned potato cubes	Steamed broccoli	Lettuce w/ dressing
Baby carrots / dip	Pineapple/mandarin oranges	Baked beans	Mixed fruit	Fresh vegetables
Orange slices	Roll & butter	Diced peaches	Dessert	Strawberries / bananas

Attention Parents:

The Iowa Department of Public Health has made changes to the Iowa Immunization law for the start of the 2017-2018 school year. This change requires that all students entering 7th grade have both a Meningococcal vaccine and a Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Pertussis/whooping cough) booster before school starts this August. This change also requires all students entering 12th grade have 2 doses of Meningococcal vaccine if born after September 15th, 1999; or 1 dose if received when the student is 16 years of age or older.

The Tdap requirement has been put in place since the 2013-2014 school year and requires a booster dose of Tetanus, Diphtheria, and acellular Pertussis containing vaccine for students entering 7th grade, *regardless of the interval since the last Tetanus/Diphtheria containing vaccine. Pertussis (whooping cough) is a very contagious disease that causes violent coughing fits that make it hard to breathe.*

Meningococcal disease is a life threatening illness that is caused by bacteria that infects the brain, blood, and spinal cord. It easily spreads in crowded settings. The vaccine will be required prior to both the 7th and 12th grades.

All students entering 7th grade must have proof of having both the Meningococcal and the Tdap vaccines **before school starts in August**, unless the student has a Certificate of Immunization Exemption. All students entering 12th grade must have proof of having at least 1 dose of the Meningococcal vaccine **before school starts in August**, unless the student has a Certificate of Immunization Exemption.

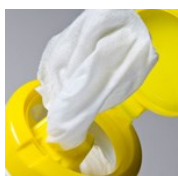
There will be **no grace/extension period** for the implementation of this requirement.

Now is a great time for your child to receive these immunization requirements and beat the back-to-school rush by making an appointment today.

If you have questions, do not hesitate to contact me at [319-465-3575, ext. 2105](tel:319-465-3575) or jodi.heinrich@monticello.k12.ia.us

Thank you for your time and attention to this requirement,

Jodi Heinrich, RN
Monticello Middle School/High School Nurse



ITEMS NEEDED!

We are low on wipes and tissues and are accepting any donations of HAND SANITIZER WIPES, CLOROX WIPES AND TISSUES. Feel free to send them with your child or drop them off at any school office.

Thank you!



THANK YOU TO:

- **Monticello PTO** for providing meals for staff at conference time.
- The following parents who donated food for conferences at the high school: **Courtney Hinrichs, Angie Beitz, Julie Welter, and Josie Zanker.**
- **The Royal Neighbors of America** for their donation to Shannon Elementary.
- **David Husmann and Christian & Becky Bell** for volunteering their time & supplies for the CPR/First Aid renewal class.
- **Don & Jerri Starry** for donating quilting supplies to the Family Consumer Sciences Department.

Homeless Youth—Annual Notice

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.

Directory Information—Annual Notice

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.





Inspection of Instructional Materials—Annual Notice

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.



Spring Break is
March 13-17! Enjoy!

March 2017

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 <small>Day 2</small>	2 <small>Day 3</small> Play—7:00 PM	3 <small>Day 4</small> Play—7:00 PM	4 NEIBA Jazz Fest here MCSD Foundation Dinner & Auction—5:30 PM @ Berndes Center
6 <small>Day 5</small> National School Breakfast Week! March 6-10	7 <small>Day 6</small> 5-8 Band Concert— 7:00—MS Auditorium	8 <small>Day 1</small> NEIBA MS Large Group Festival 2:00 Early Dismissal — Prof. Dev Board Work Session -6:00 PM	9 <small>Day 2</small> HS Spring Band Concert- HS Auditorium—7:00	10 <small>Day 3</small>	11  State Individual Speech @ Vinton-Shellsburg — 8:00 NE District FFA Convention - here
13 ←	14 Boys V Track @ ISU Leid Rec Center—4:00	15	16	17  Girls V Track vs. Dbq. Wahlert @ U of Dubu- que—4:00	18 Boys V Track vs. Dbq. Wahlert @ U of Dubu- que—4:00
No School—Spring Break →					
20 <small>Day 4</small>	21 <small>Day 5</small> 	22 <small>Day 6</small> Pre-ACT testing, all 10th graders, 8:00-11:00. National Honor Society Appli- cations are due today!	23 <small>Day 1</small> Boys/Girls V Conf Track Meet @ Cornell Col- lege—4:30	24 <small>Day 2</small> End of 3rd Quarter	25 Boys V Track @ Cornell College—11:00
27 <small>Day 3</small> All-State Festival Individual Events Speech @ UNI Board Meeting— 6:00 PM	28 <small>Day 4</small> IGNITE Assembly 7th- 12th Grades – 1:10pm— HS Auditorium	29 <small>Day 5</small> 2:00 Early Dismissal — Prof. Dev	30 <small>Day 6</small> Boys V Track @ Cascade- 4:15 Solo & Ensemble Practice Night	31 <small>Day 1</small> Boys V Soccer vs Anamosa—4:00	

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

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