

SCHOOL SPIRIT

May 2016



Congratulations Class of 2016!

The Commencement Ceremony for the Monticello Class of 2016 is scheduled for **Sunday, May 29th at 2:00 PM** in the High School Gymnasium. **Congratulations Class of 2016 and Best Wishes in the future!**

School Board Recognition Month



L to R—Dave Melchert, Peg Mere, Bud Johnson, Angie Beitz, and John Schlarmann

The month of May is School Board Recognition Month. Your School Board is working hard to make sure all students succeed. Take a minute and say thanks to the following members of the Monticello Board of Education: Angie Beitz, President, Peg Mere, Vice-President, Bud Johnson, John Schlarmann and Dave Melchert.

Thank you Board members for all you do!



Teacher Appreciation Week is May 2-6 & Nurses Day is May 6

Teacher Appreciation Week is May 2 thru May 6, and Nurses Day is May 6. Please join us in saying thank you to all of our teachers and nurses. The time you spend with students goes further than you know. Thanks for shaping the future of our children. We appreciate *each* and *every* one of you!

More Thank You's!

To make the Monticello School Foundation dinner a successful event, there are always many people to thank. In addition to the "thank you's" in the April School Spirit, the Board would also like to express great thanks and appreciation to JUNE FELLINGER, who generously donates her time, talents, and many decorations for each dinner event. She also spends many hours creating and sewing a quilt for the live auction every year. Her quilts provide a tribute to the students and athletes in Monticello.

THE MONTICELLO EXPRESS plays a vital role in its advertisement of the Foundation dinner through newspaper articles and letters to businesses: local, regional, and national. They also donate all printed materials each year. A huge thank you to The Express and their staff who provide support in many ways!

NANCY MILLER AND HER FOODS CLASS prepared the desserts which were served to our guests. Ice cream was donated and served by the JONES COUNTY DAIRY BOARD. MONTICELLO STUDENTS AND THE PORCH POSSE LADIES helped with both serving and clean up during the dinner. THE MONTICELLO CHAMBER volunteered to provide the wine and pop that evening. CARPENTER STAFF sold ticket chances for the "Ace" ATV donated by KROMMINGA MOTORS & OHNWARD BANK & TRUST. JIM LOES provided the band music that was shown prior to the sale of band uniforms. Many thanks to all of you!

The Foundation would also like to extend a thank you to ROXIE ANDERSON, GRETCHEN KRIEGEL, & JUDY HAYEN who do the "behind the scenes" work to help make the dinner a successful event. To all those involved and again to the many businesses and community members who support this special night for the students of Monticello—

THANK YOU!

WIN AN ACE! As a fundraiser, The Monticello School Foundation is raffling a Polaris Sportsman Ace (MSRP \$7,499), donated by Kromminga Motors, Ohnward Bank & Trust, and Polaris. Tickets are \$20 each, with the drawing to occur on September 23, 2016 at the Homecoming game vs Cascade. Tickets may be purchased at the Monticello School District Office, Ohnward Bank & Trust, or from any School Foundation Board Member. All proceeds from this raffle go to benefit the students in the Monticello School system!



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UPCOMING EVENTS



The Color Fun Run is coming! May 7 at 10:30am Monticello High School

You can still register up until the time of the race, but are not guaranteed a t-shirt or color pack unless you registered before April 2. Sign up online at

www.getmeregistered.com. Search for Monticello PTO. Or registration forms are available in all school offices. If you have any questions, contact Robyn Like Ponder at robynponder@gmail.com or 319-480-3670. Everyone is welcome, people of all ages!!

T-shirts and color packs can be picked up EARLY on May 5 from 3-6pm in the Carpenter gym. If you cannot pick them up then, you can pick them up on race day, at the registration table, starting at 9:30am!



Mark Your Calendar!

Kirkwood for Kids June 27-30

9:00-Noon

Kirkwood Jones Regional Education Center

Grades 1-8. Limited scholarships available. Registration going on now. Forms are due May 27, 2016. Contact Bethany Moore for more information at 465-2301.

Summer Drivers Education will be held June 1-23 Mondays -Thursdays, no Fridays. Mandatory parents meeting will be on Wednesday, May 4 at 5:00 PM in the HS Auditorium.

9th Grade Orientation for the 2016-17 School Year

Mandatory Attendance for all 8th graders and their parents Tuesday, May 17th from 5:30-7:00 pm in the High School Auditorium.

This is an opportunity to visit the High School and learn about planning for High School. 8th grade students and parents will learn what to expect in 9th grade.

Last day of school is May 31st. Enjoy your summer vacation!!!!

Lunch Menu "USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer" May 2016 Milk served with meal Friday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday 3 5 Chicken strips Chili w/ crackers Deli sandwich Pizza NO SCHOOL Mashed potatoes & gravy WG chips Tossed salad Fresh baby carrots/ dip Pineappie / mand. Apple sauce WG roll & butter Cinnamon roll Side kick / frozen juice Ice cream treat 12 13 10 Beef & noodles Breaded chicken / bun Breaded pork / bun Beef taco Popcorn chicken Seasoned rice Steamed proccoll w/ Steamed carrots Baked beans Mandarin Oranges Salad / dressing Mixed fruit Smiley fries WG roll & butter Side Kick/ frozen juice Apple slices Fresh fruit eaches 16 20 Breaded cheese sticks Mini corn dogs Country fried steak Cheeseburger / bun Chicken nuggets Mashed potatoes & gravy Seasoned potato cubes Smiley fries Seasoned potatoes Tossed salad / dressing eaches Baked beans Broccoli w/ cheese sauce Strawberries & bananas Pineapple / mand. oranges WG roll & butter Mixed fruit Pears rosted cake 26 27 25 Chicken & gravy Egg & cheese omelet Mandarin orange chicken Pizza Seasoned potato cubes Tossed salad w/ dressing Mashed potatoes Seasoned rice COOK'S CHOICE Baked beans Fresh baby carrots / dip Broccoli Corn Apple sauce Fresh fruit Pineapple tidbits Side kick / frozen juice WG Roll & butter Roll & butter 30 31 NO SCHOOL COOK'S CHOICE

Important Dates—Please Mark your Calendars!

May 4th - Driver's Ed mandatory meeting with students and parents in high school auditorium 5:00 pm. (for those taking driver's ed this summer)

May 16th - Senior Silver Service hours due in the office by 3:00 pm.

May 17th - 9th grade orientation for the 2016-17 school year at 5:30 in **HS** Auditorium

May 18th - ASPIRE Test for all sophomores.

May 18th - Senior Cap and Gown pick up after school at 2:00 pm.

May 24th - National Honor Society 7:30 pm and Senior Honors Night 8:00 pm in high school auditorium.

May 25th - Baccalaureate @ New Life Church at 7:00 pm.

May 25th - Last day for Seniors.

May 25th - Commencement practice (mandatory) at 1:00 pm.

May 29th - Commencement in high school gym at 2:00 pm.

May 31st—Last day of classes June 1—Summer Drivers Ed begins

PARENTS OF 4TH GRADERS

Beginning band recruitment is underway! Instrument rental night will be held in the High School band room on Tuesday, May 24 from 4-7pm; at that time parents will receive information on summer lessons as well! If you have questions about your child getting started in band, please contact Middle School Band Director, Jill Dobel, at jill.dobel@monticello.k12.ia.us, or call (319) 465-3575 ext. 2165. Attention Seniors! It is important to recognize seniors for scholarships that they have been awarded. The awards presented at Honor's Night are those we know about. In order to honor all others, seniors need to be responsible for contacting Mrs. Thompson in the Guidance Office to inform her of any scholarships received. If she is contacted no later than Friday, May 20th, she will mention or present those awards. Please don't assume that Mrs. Thompson is aware of all scholarships received. You may contact her at christi.thompson@monticello.k12.ia.us. Honor's Night is scheduled for Tuesday, May 24th.

Reminder for Parents of next year's Kindergartners!

Please remember to submit your child's physical, immunization record, lead screening, and dental screening information to the school nurse, Jen Speltz ASAP. Thanks!

PARENTS OF NEXT YEAR'S SENIORS:



Plan now to have senior pictures taken over the summer. Senior year can be very busy. Please be aware that senior pictures and baby pictures for yearbook are due in December of semester one, before winter break. They cannot be accepted after the deadline. Thanks!

AR Store Donations Accepted

If anyone has any items they would be willing to donate to the AR store for prizes they can drop them off at Carpenter. Please label it for the AR store. Ideas include new or gently used: games, books, mechanical pencils, stuffed animals, pens, jewelry, school supplies, etc. Thanks!

THANK YOU TO:

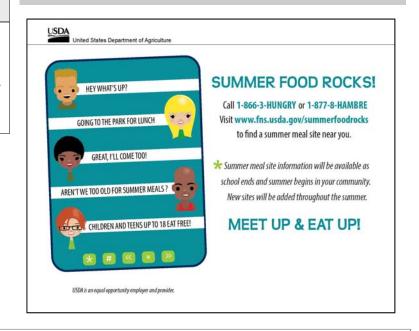
- Everyone who helped at the Shannon Elementary concerts.
- Sue Paulsen, Sheryl White, Above & Beyond and Bob Abeling for their donations to the nurses office.
- Fareway for donating grocery bags to the Middle School for their "Minute-To-Win-It" contest.



Congratulations to Karen Menster and the staff at Panther Academy on receiving a perfect rating after their DHS visit in April!

The Monticello Athletic Boosters are looking for new members for the 2016-2017 School Year!

Our goal is to help promote Monticello Middle and High School Athletic Programs through the purchase of uniforms, equipment and supplies. We are able to meet this in two ways, our Sponsorship Drive each Spring and working Concessions at most of our Middle and High School Athletic Events. The Athletic Boosters meet the first Wednesday of every month during the school year and the first Sunday in June, July, and August at 7pm in the High School Library. Boosters are responsible for attending monthly meetings and working designated concession shifts each sporting season. New members would be asked to start attending meetings in July. It doesn't cost anything to join and you, your spouse, and school age children receive athletic passes for all regular season athletic events. Please contact this year's President Tami Recker by phone 319-480-2107 or email her @ TRecker@mvec.com or stop in any of our stands during any sporting event if you have any questions or are interested in joining.



<u>Asbestos Notification</u>—(Annual Notice)

The Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act of 1986 (referred to as AHERA) was enacted by Congress to determine the extent of and develop solutions for any problems schools may have with asbestos. This notification, education and training of our employees, plans and procedures to minimize the disturbance of asbestos containing materials, and plans for regular surveillance of the asbestos containing materials are a part of our efforts to meet government regulations. A copy of the asbestos management plan is available for your inspection at the Transportation/Buildings Grounds Office at 708 South Maple Street, Monticello, IA.

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The Monticello Community School District has contracted with SchoolMessenger, a leading provider of notification services for parental outreach, emergency broadcasts, student attendance alerts and other communications for education.

The SchoolMessenger system is designed to automatically notify parents for reasons that impact the safety and academic performance of students. SchoolMessenger will extend the district's existing community outreach efforts and emergency preparedness procedures, as well as inform parents of upcoming school events such as statewide testing and parent meetings. As a comprehensive communication tool, SchoolMessenger will contribute to the district's continued efforts to improve communication with its constituents. Information about the upcoming bond issue, community surveys and well as changes in extra-curricular schedules, are just a few examples of how SchoolMessenger can increase the communication between the Monticello School District and parents, students, staff and community members. An automated attendance notification system is part of the SchoolMessenger program. Starting soon, parents will receive an automated phone message from the SchoolMessenger system, when their child is absent and the office personnel have not been contacted with a reason for the absence. This only emphasizes how important it is to have current and accurate information in PowerSchool, since SchoolMessenger pulls all contact information from PowerSchool. Parents will eventually be able to enroll in the SchoolMessenger system to receive text messages and emails in addition to the automated phone calls. More information on this will be shared at a later date. Watch for details on the school website and School Spirit newsletter.

SchoolMessenger will *not* replace current school communication methods, with one exception. The district will discontinue the use of <u>lowa School Alerts</u>. Principals will still be accessible for live visits and will continue to communicate via current methods including paper-based memoranda. The district's acquisition of the SchoolMessenger system is intended to extend its commitment to remain personally connected with parents by offering additional and timely communications.



To all MCSD parents,

As part of our enrollment into the School Messenger Notification System, you can opt in to receive text messages for weather related announcements, school emergencies, general notifications and more. However because of communication regulations, you must choose to receive these text messages. If you do not complete the steps to opt in, you will not get any text alerts from the school.

Step 1: On Friday, May 6 at 2:30 PM, parents of MCSD students will receive a coded text message from 67587. This text will ask you if you would like to receive text messages from the Monticello Community School District.

Step 2: Simply respond with "Y" or Yes to this text message. That's it! This device will now receive text messages from the MCSD.

*If you do NOT want to receive text messages from the MCSD, simply do not respond to the text message.

If you have any questions or problems with School Messenger, please contact Morgan Murray, District Help Desk Personnel at 319.465.3575, ext. 2280.

Application for backpacks and supplies!

The MEA has received a \$500 grant to provide backpacks and supplies for Pre-K through 8th graders in need for the 2016-2017 school year. Please talk to your school counselor if you are in need. Forms are due back by May 15th.

Also, donations of school supplies are being accepted. If you have new school supplies or backpacks to donate to our program, please direct them to Angie Sconsa at the Middle School.

MHS Students Learn About Costa Rica!

From March 10th through the 19th, 15 students and 4 adults traveled to Costa Rica and experienced a variety of climates, food, animals and culture. They visited several National Parks and had some firsts. A few had never flown on a commercial airplane, gone outside of the U.S., and many had never done zip-lining. Other activities included a canopy tram, a crocodile boat tour, white water rafting, kayaking, swimming in the ocean, touring a coffee plantation, hiking in the rainforest, and horseback riding. The group played games with some other students and planted a few trees as part of a reforestation project. Monticello students saw some waterfalls, volcanos, hot springs, and many, many new animals. They had a chance to see a cultural dance while overlooking the capital city at night, and danced a little themselves. They visited Sarchí which is where the famous oxcarts are still made. There is a display in the high school with pictures and souvenirs and coffee.

Mr. Meshak would like to thank the six van drivers for getting us to and from O'Hare airport. They include Rick Beem, Vic Boeding, Doug Kramer, Carrie Johnson, Chris Campbell and Steve McCormick.



From back to front:

Barb McCormick, Dorrean Bohlken, Mike Meshak, Darby Kramer, Elle Boeding, Katelyn Isaac, Hunter Kramer

Molly Brady, Kinsey Johnson, Courtney Campbell, Jessica Welter, Dylan Hayen, Lauren Kurt

Jacqueline Petersen, Sonya McCormick, Shay Stephen, Abigail Beem, Caleb Herman (*not pictured:* Brenda Meshak)

Approved: 4/25/2016

Summary of Calendar

Student Hours in Classroom:

 First Semester:
 554.97

 Second Semester:
 556.23

 PT Conferences:
 13.17

TOTAL STUDENT HOURS: 1124.37

CALENDAR LEGEND

Start/End	
PD Day	7
2 PM out for PD	17
Quarter	
PT Conf.	4
Collaboration Day	6
Holiday	
Vacation Days	
Make-Up Day(s)	

Holidays

Sept. 05	Labor Day
Nov. 24	Thanksgiving Day
Dec. 25	Christmas Day
Jan. 01	New Year's Day
Apr. 14	Good Friday
May 29	Memorial Day

Professional Development Days (No School)

Aug. 18, 19; Sept. 2; Oct. 17 Jan. 16; Feb. 20; Apr. 17

Collaboration Days (No School)

Aug. 22; Oct. 7; Nov. 4 Jan 3; Feb. 3; Apr. 7

2 PM Dismissal Dates

Aug. 23, 24; Sep. 14, 28; Oct. 12 Nov. 9, 30; Dec. 7; Jan. 11 Feb. 1, 22; Mar. 8, 29; Apr. 12, 26 May 3 & 17

Conferences

HS - Sep. 27; Dec. 5; Feb. 2; Apr. 25 Elem / MS - Oct. 4 & 6; Jan. 31; Feb. 2

Break Days

Nov. 23-25 Dec. 23-30 Jan .2 Mar. 13-17

Weather Make-Up Days

May 30 - June 16

Homecoming Week

September 19-24

Monticello Community Schools 2016-2017 Master Calendar

Month	М	Т	W	Th	F
Aug.	1	2	3	4	5
	8	9	10	11	12
	15	16	17	18	19
	22	23	24	25	26
	29	30	31		

Sept.				1	2
	5	6	7	8	9
	12	13	14	15	16
	19	20	21	22	23
	26	27	28	29	30
Oct.	3	4	5	6	7
	10	11	12	13	14
	17	18	19	20	21
	24	25	26	27	28
	31				

Nov.		1	2	3	4
	7	8	9	10	11
	14	15	16	17	18
	21	22	23	24	25
	28	29	30		
Dec.				1	2
	5	6	7	8	9
	12	13	14	15	16
	19	20	21	22	23
	26	27	28	29	30
Jan.	2	3	4	5	6
	9	10	11	12	13
	16	17	18	19	20
	23	24	25	26	27
	30	31			

Feb.			1	2	3
	6	7	8	9	10
	13	14	15	16	17
	20	21	22	23	24
	27	28			
March			1	2	3
	6	7	8	9	10
	13	14	15	16	17
	20	21	22	23	24
	27	28	29	30	31
April	3	4	5	6	7
	10	11	12	13	14
	17	18	19	20	21
	24	25	26	27	28

June	5	6	7	1 8	2
	29	30	31		
	22	23	24	25	26
	15	16	17	18	19
	8	9	10	11	12
May	1	2	3	4	5

EVENTS

August: 8-17 Floating Work Days - Teachers

17 - New Teachers Report

18-19 - Prof. Dev. Day

18 - Open House 5-6:30 PM

22 - No School, Collab Day

22 - Kirkwood classes begin

23 - Classes Start 2 pm dismissal

24 - 2 pm dismissal

September: 2 - No School, PD Day

5 - Holiday

14 -2 pm dismissal

27 - HS PT Conf 4-8 PM

28 - 2 pm dismissal

October: 4 - Elem/MS PT Conference 4-8

6 - Elem/MS PT Conf 4-8 PM

7 -No School, Collab Day

12- 2 pm dismissal

17 - No School, PD Day

26 - End 1st Qtr; 27 - Begin 2nd Qtr

November: 4 - No School, Collab Day

9 - 2 pm dismissal

23-25 - Break

24 - Holiday

30 - 2 pm dismissal

December: 5 - HS PT Conf 4-8 PM

7-2 pm dismissal

13 - Kirkwood Sem. Classes End

12/23-1/2- Winter Break

25 - Holiday

January: 3- No School, Collab Day

11 - End 2nd Qtr / 1st Sem.

11 - 2 pm dismissal

12 - Begin 3rd Qtr / 2nd Sem.

16 - No School, PD Day

17 - Kirkwood Classes Begin

31 - Elem/MS PT Conf 4-8 PM

February: 1 - 2 pm dismissal

2 - Elem/MS/HS PT Conf 4-8 PM

3 - No School, Collab Day

20 - No School, PD Day

22 - 2 pm dismissal

March: 8 - 2 pm dismissal

13-17 - Spring Break

29 - 2 pm dismissal

April: 7 - No School, Collab Day

12- 2 PM dismissal

14 - No School - Holiday

17 - No school, PD Day

25 - HS PT Conf 4-8 PM

26- 2 PM dismissal

May: 3- 2 pm dismissal

9 - Kirkwood Sem. Classes End

17- 2 pm dismissal

26 - Last day of school

28- HS Graduation

29 - No School- Holiday

May 30-June 16: Make-up Days

May 30-June 16: Floating Work Day - Teachers



May 2016



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Q Day I G Golf @ Camanche—4:00 B Golf vs Camanche-4:00 G V/JV Soccer vs Marion-4:15 MS Girls Track @ Beckman-4:15 MS Boys Track @ Maq. Valley-4:15 B V Track @ Marion—4:45	3 Day 2 B V/JV Soccer vs W. Liberty-4:30 G V Track Meet -Home-4:30 B Golf @ NE-4:00 2016-17 Kindergarten Parent/Student Night @ Shannon Gym-7:00 Teacher Appreciation Week	4 Day 3 2:00 Early Dismissal — Prof. Dev Mandatory Summer Drivers Ed Mtg—5:00 PM @ HS Auditorium B V Golf Home-1:00	5 Day 4 Pick up your t-shirt & color packs for the Color Fun Run @ Car- penter Gym from 3-6pm PTO Mtg @ Carpenter Library— 6:00 COED Conference Track Meet @ W. Branch—4:30	6 NO SCHOOL— Teacher Collaboration Day! MS G/B Track @ W. Branch-4:00 NURSES Day!	7 Color Fun Run - 10:30 AM at the High School—sponsored by Monticello PTO IHSMA Band State Large Group @ Tipton -10:00
9 Day 5 G V Golf @ Camanche- TBD Band Round-Up @ High School Gym-7:30	Day 6 Last day of classes @ Kirkwood G Golf Conference Meet @ Saddle- back Ridge Golf Course—9:00 B V Soccer @ Bellevue Marquette— Felderman Park-4:00 COED MS Track Conference Meet @ Camanche—4:00 Dessert Concert—7:30 @ Berndes Center	Board Work Session—6:00 B Golf Conference Meet @ Muscatine Municipal Golf Course-9:00 G Golf Conference Meet @ Muscatine Municipal Golf Course-10:00	G/B District Track @ Tipton -4:00 G V/JV Soccer @ W. Liberty -5:00	I 3 G Golf @ Fawn Creek Golf Course-4:00 PTO Elementary Walk-a-Thon	B V/JV Soccer vs Beckman-12:45
I 6 Day 4 G Regional Golf-10:00—@ TBA Concert on the Green-Regions Bank-12:15 G/B V Soccer @ West Delaware-4:00 Seniors: Silver Service hours due today by 3:00 PM	9th Grade Orientation for 8th Graders—5:30 HS Auditorium DC/NY trip meeting at HS auditorium at 7 pm	18 Day 6 2:00 Early Dismissal — Prof. Dev ASPIRE testing for all Sophomores- 8:00 5th/6th Grade Track & Field Day- 9am-2pm Senior Cap & Gown Pick Up-2:00	I 9 Day I G/B State Track—Drake G V/JV Soccer vs Vinton- Shellsburg-4:30 B V/JV Soccer @ Clear Creek Amana-5:00	20 Day 2 G/B State Track—Drake	2 I G/B State Track—Drake
JV/V Baseball vs Bellevue-5:30 B Soccer Districts—6:30 @ TBD JV/V Softball vs Bellevue-5:30 7/8 Grade Vocal Concert-7:00 @ MS Auditorium Board Meeting—6:00 PM	24 Day 4 National Honor Society Induction-7:30 Seniors Honors Night- 8:00 @ HS Auditorium G V/JV Soccer @ Anamosa – 5:00	25 Day 5 Seniors Last Day of School Baccalaureate—7:00 @ New Life Church Mandatory Graduation Prac- tice—1:00 @ HS Gym Preschool Graduation—6:00-HS Aud. 9/10 Baseball DH @ Solon-5:00 JV Baseball vs Bellevue DH-5:30 JV Softball vs Bellevue DH -5:30	26 Day 6 G V/JV Soccer vs Beckman-4:00 V Baseball DH @ Camanche-5:30 V Softball DH @ Camanche-5:30	PTO Elementary Fun Day 9/10 Baseball DH @ W. Branch –6:00	V Baseball Tourney @ Maq. Valley-10:00
Memorial Day —No School Girls State Golf Girls Soccer Regionals-6:00 @ TBD	Last Day of School! Girls State Golf JV/V Baseball vs Wilton-5:30 JV/V Softball vs Wilton-5:30				

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