



SCHOOL SPIRIT

November 2016

Hello everyone,

We are rapidly closing in on Thanksgiving and Christmas and in a blink of an eye it will be 2017. I guess time flies when you're having fun!!! We are still very busy working on a variety of projects and committees and each day we take another step in the right direction. Thank you to everyone that has been on a committee or involved with a project so far this school year. The time and energy you are putting in will pay off for our students down the road when planning turns into implementation.



Strategic Operating Plan update. After collecting a lot of information from the school board, the administrative team, teachers, and parents we were able to identify some key areas of focus in the development of a Strategic Operating Plan for the Monticello Community School District. Our key areas are Communication, Safety, Technology, Facilities, Budget, Curriculum, Assessment, Instruction, and Professional Development. Next, we will narrow these areas and create an action plan for each area. Then we will create measures of success on each of the action steps and a timeline to complete the action steps over a three year period. It will take some time to put this plan together completely but we are well underway in the process.

Moving into the winter months means the possibility of inclement weather. Just so we are all on the same page here is what you need to know to be in the communication loop when we have delays, cancellations, or early dismissal. First, we will be up early checking on the roads and hope to make a decision by 6am. Remember that is our goal and some mornings can be more complicated with weather approaching. We will contact our district leadership team right away when we make a decision to delay or cancel school. Then we will send out a message on school messenger, post the information on our website and facebook page, contact weather sites such as KCRG to post the information, notify drivers, coaches, etc... This means that you should get some information around 6:30am. If you have a child that attends Panther Academy please remember that Panther Academy may still be open even if school was cancelled. They will only shut down under extremely poor weather conditions. If you want to receive a text message when school is delayed or cancelled please remember to update your contact information in PowerSchool or at your school site if needed. Then you will receive a school messenger text with the information. If you are already receiving school messenger texts then your cell phone information is up to date.

As always, please feel free to contact me anytime if you have questions. My email address is brian.jaeger@monticello.k12.ia.us.

Brian Jaeger



American Education Week is November 14-18, 2016!

Americans nationwide will join the National Education Association in raising awareness about the need to provide every child with a quality public education. The celebration highlights the importance of bringing together educators, parents, students, and communities in a unified effort to build great public schools. Please welcome us as we thank all of our educators, staff, parents, students, and community. Thanks for all you do to make the Monticello Community School District what it is today!

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 cell phone #'s, home phone #'s, email address, 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

Monticello High School

presents the musical

Beauty & The Beast

Performances

November 3 & 4 at 7:00 pm, and
November 5 at 2:00 pm & 7:00 pm

High School Auditorium

Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$4 for senior citizens.

The classic story tells of Belle, a young woman in a provincial town, and the Beast, who is really a young prince trapped under the spell of an enchantress. If the Beast can learn to love and be loved, the curse will end and he will be transformed into his former self. But time is running out. If the Beast does not learn his lesson soon, he and his household will be doomed for all eternity.



Panther Academy Student Openings!

Panther Academy currently has openings for 5 students for both 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.



Mark your Calendars! Carpenter Elementary Fine Arts Night Winter Concert & Art Show

Tuesday, November 29th
High School Gym

Art show begins at 4:30 pm and concert starts at 6 pm.

All grades (2-4) will perform together for one concert at 6:00 pm. Students must be in the auditorium by 5:30 pm.



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: November 15, December 20, January 17, February 21, March 21, April 18, and May 16.

Vocal Concerts yet this year will be: Winter Concert—December 12, Grades 7-12 Concert—February 28, and the Dessert Concert—May 9. Please come out and support the Fine Arts programs!



Band students in grades 5-12 are holding their annual **Cheesecake FUNdraiser** starting November 7! We have cheesecakes in a variety of flavors, and they make perfect gifts for the holidays or side dishes to bring along to family feasts! Please contact any Middle School or High School band member if you are interested in supporting our local music by treating yourself or loved ones to a delicious slice.

PTO Fall Fundraiser Pick-Up is on Thursday, November 3 from 3-6 PM at the Carpenter Gym. Please mark your calendars!

Panther Players Fundraiser

The Panther Player's fundraiser will take place on Monday, November 7th. Panther Player members will be canvassing the town asking for a \$3 donation. They will be hitting the streets starting at 5:30 p.m. and will be done at 7:00 p.m. If a Panther Player doesn't make it to your house and you would still like to donate all donations can be sent to Kim Carlson at the Monticello High School. The Panther Players thank you in advance for your support!

MHS Winter Choral Concert

Monday, December 12th

7:00 PM

HS Auditorium

Transition Topics and Information Night "Preparing for Life After High School"

November 10, 2016

6:00-8:00 pm

Jones County Regional Education Center
Room #222, 200 Welter Drive, Monticello

Please join us for a night of "Preparing for Life After High School". Presenters will be in a panel format. Each presenter will give an overview of their services. After the presentation, panel members will break-out to their tables to provide any additional information needed in a more personal setting.

Presenters range in all areas of living, learning, and working in both secondary and postsecondary settings.

Providers presenting (*and more not listed*):

- Kirkwood Community College and Services
- Workplace Learning Connection
- IVRS
- Career Connections
- Advancement Services
- Systems Unlimited
- Monticello Transition Center
- Jones County Case Management
- Disability Rights of Iowa



Target Audience: Families and Students (8th-12th grade) eligible for the following: IEP, IHP, 504, At-Risk.

Prizes for Geography Bee Needed!

-by Laura Schmitt

The middle school will once again be participating in the National Geographic Bee. The preliminary rounds will take place in individual classrooms in the 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grades. Ten finalists will be selected and a school wide final bee will be held in January. The winner of the school-wide bee will have the opportunity to take a test for a chance to qualify for the state bee in April. Businesses and individuals in the past have donated gift certificates, prizes, and money to purchase prizes for the top ten finalists. I am again looking for help to get prizes for these individuals. If you are interested in helping, please contact me at the middle school 465-3575 ext. 2180, email laura.schmitt@monticello.k12.ia.us, or mail your contribution to me at the middle school. Thank you!

Seniors/Juniors

Do you have a dream career in mind? If you do- or if you have just started to explore options – please consider applying for an internship experience coordinated by the Workplace Learning Connection. The internship program is designed to help you make those important future education and career decisions by getting out and exploring a career that interests you. Please see Mrs. Stingley in the guidance office if you want to apply. Online applications for the winter/spring 2017 term must be completed by no later than Friday, November 4th!

District Enrollment: A total of 1063.13 students are being served by the Monticello Community School District for the 2016-17 school year. This total reflects a 32.96 decrease in total enrollment. You can see that the resident population, the open enrolled, and the tuitioned in students decreased, but the dual enrolled students increased compared to last year. See below for enrollment data for this year and last year.

	<u>2015-16</u>	<u>2016-17</u>
Monticello Resident Students	1003.20	973.00
Open Enrolled In Students	81.00	79.00
Tuition In Students	10.00	9.00
Dual Enrolled Students	1.89	2.09
Total	1096.09	1063.13

THANK YOU TO:

- The Student Council would like to thank **everyone** in making this years Homecoming a success. It would not be possible without the continued support and involvement of the students, staff, and the community. Thank you!
- **The Monticello PTO** for providing meals during conferences!
- **The Edinburgh Historical Society volunteers** for the 3rd grade tours!
- **The Monticello Rotary Club** for their donation of dictionaries to the 3rd grade class!
- **The Grant Wood Gallery, The Penitentiary Museum, and Weber Stone Quarry** for the 3rd grade tours in October!

Lunch Menu <small>*USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer*</small>				
November				Milk served with meal
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1	2	3	4
	Mini Corn dogs	Country fried steak	Cheeseburger/bun	
	Baked beans	Mashed potatoes	Smiley fries	
	Apple sauce	Mandarin Oranges	Glazed carrots	NO SCHOOL
	Chocolate brownie	Roll & butter	Apple slices	
7	8	9	10	11
Chicken nuggets	Chicken & noodles	Walking taco	Salisbury steak	Breaded cheese sticks
French fries	Green beans	Spanish rice	Mashed potatoes & gravy	Lettuce w/ Romaine
Pineapple Tidbit	Peaches	Blackbean & corn salsa	Mixed fruit	Baby carrots/dip
Bread & wow butter	Roll & butter	Apple sauce	Roll & butter	Strawberries & bananas
14	15	16	17	18
BBQ Rib/bun	Popcorn Chicken	Pasta w/ meat sauce	Hot dog/bun	Cheese quesadilla
Augratin potatoes	Seasoned rice	Lettuce salad	Baked beans	Baby carrots w/ dip
Steamed broccoli	Green beans	Diced pears	French fries	Fresh fruit
Mandarin oranges	Pineapple tidbits	Garlic toast	Diced peaches	Cookie
21	22	23	24	25
French Toast/syrup	Breaded chicken/bun			
Sausage links	Vegetable soup/crackers			
Hashbrown patty	Orange slices	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL
Strawberries & bananas	Frosted cake			
28	29	30		
Pepperoni pasta	Chicken strips	Breaded Pork/bun		
Green beans	Mashed potatoes & gravy	Sweet potato fries		
Orange Slices	Pineapple/mandarin oranges	Baked beans		
Bread stick	Roll & butter	Diced peaches		




A reminder from the Food Service Department!

If you have a negative balance in your lunch account you are not allowed to purchase any food or drinks from the ala cart. Starting October 3, 2016, we will be giving any student that has a negative balance of \$20.00 or more, a brown bag lunch. This lunch will include a cheese sandwich, baby carrots, and a carton of white milk. Please check your family's lunch account and make sure you have a positive balance and sign up to receive emails when your balance is low!

If you have any questions, please give me a call at 319-465-5963, ext. 1374. Thank you! - Pat Kelly, Food Service Director



November 2016

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 <small>Day 5</small> FFA Fall Festival—6:00 @ Jones County Youth Development Center Regional 1-A Volleyball here 7:00 pm. Teams TBD.	2 <small>Day 6</small>	3 <small>Day 1</small> PTO Fall Fundraiser Pick Up @ Carpenter –3-6pm 7 Girls BB @ Bellevue-4:15 8 Girls BB vs Bellevue-4:15 7/8 Wrestling @ Bellevue -4:15 Fall Play—7:00pm	4 No School— Collaboration Day Fall Play—7:00pm	5 Fall Play— 2:00pm & 7:00pm
7 <small>Day 2</small> Panther Players Fundraiser 'Canvas the Town' –5:30 7/8 GBB @ Camanche—4:15 7/8 Wrestling @ W. Liberty—4:15	8 <small>Day 3</small> PTO Meeting at Carpenter—6pm	9 <small>Day 4</small> 2:00 Early Dismissal — Prof. Dev Board Work Session— 6:00	10 <small>Day 5</small> 7/8 Girls BB vs Cascade—4:15 7/8 Wrestling home—4:15	11 <small>Day 6</small> Elementary & MS Picture Retakes 7-12 Conference Band Festival –7:00pm @ Bellevue Panther Player Chicago Trip	12 FFA Discovery, 212 & 360 Conference Panther Player Chicago Trip
14 <small>Day 1</small> ITEDS @ HS 7 Girls BB vs N Cedar—4:15 8 Girls BB @ N. Cedar/Stanwood-4:15	15 <small>Day 2</small> ITEDS @ HS 7th Girls BB vs Maq. Valley—4:00 8th Girls BB @ Maq Valley—4:00 7/8 Wrestling @ Cascade –4:15	16 <small>Day 3</small> ITEDS @ HS	17 <small>Day 4</small> 7 GBB vs Northeast—4:15 8 GBB @ Northeast –4:15 All State Band Festival OPUS Honor Choir—Ames	18 <small>Day 5</small> All State Band Festival OPUS Honor Choir—Ames HS Dance Clinic Grades K-8 -- 6-8pm	19 All State Band Festival OPUS Honor Choir—Ames HS Dance Team Vendor Show—9-12 @ HS Commons HS Dance Team Show-1:00
American Education Week					
21 <small>Day 6</small> 7 Girls BB vs Bellevue-4:15 8 Girls BB @ Bellevue-4:15	22 <small>Day 1</small> 7/8 Wrestling @ Durant—4:15 JV/V Girls BB @ Bellevue-6:00	23 No School Thanksgiving Break	24 	25 No School Thanksgiving Break	26
28 <small>Day 2</small> 7/8 Wrestling@ Clarence MS-4:15 JV Wrestling @ N. Linn-5:30 Board Meeting—6:00 PM	29 <small>Day 3</small> Carpenter Fine Arts Night— Art Show @ 4:30, Concert at 6pm—HS Gym 9/10 BB @ N. Cedar—Boys @4:00, Girls @ 5:30 JV/V G/B BB @ Northeast-4:00	30 <small>Day 4</small> 2:00 Early Dismissal — Prof. Dev			

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

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