



SCHOOL SPIRIT

October 2016

Hello everyone,

It is hard to believe that Homecoming Week is already over and that the students have been in school over a month. I have learned so much about the schools and the community over the last several months. For example, the community is very supportive of education. The teaching staff and support staff are committed to the success of their students. The students in Monticello are very proud of their school and community.

I wanted to share that I have started a Twitter account. This is in addition to the school Twitter account. I am just getting started for the year but want to be able to share some of the exciting things going on in the district with everyone. If you would like to follow, anyone can join. You can find the account at, [Brian Jaeger@BrianJaeger2016](https://twitter.com/BrianJaeger2016). I will be posting comments, pictures, and videos from various activities this school year.



Many people have been working very hard to get several projects going this fall. I wanted to share some of them with you. One important committee we have started is a district technology committee. This committee will be tasked with identifying what skills we want our students to have when they graduate from Monticello High School. Then we can identify the environment that has to exist in order to achieve that goal and make a plan to get there. That will result in a three year technology plan which will focus our time, energy, and money in one direction.

Another important committee we have started is a district facility projects committee. This is not about building new school buildings, it is about creating a plan for the special projects we have that will maintain the buildings and facilities we currently have. We have identified many projects that need attention and the committee will examine each project and establish an estimated cost. Then the committee will prioritize each project and make a five year plan to complete the needed work. This plan will not only prioritize what is important but create a plan to keep our district in the best shape that it can be.

The district technology committee and the facility projects committee will become a part of a bigger district plan. We will be developing a "Strategic Operating Plan" for the Monticello Community School District over the course of this school year. The idea is to identify areas of focus and develop an action plan with a timeline, who is responsible, and how we will measure success in those areas to strategically implement the mission of the Monticello Community School District.

The mission of the Monticello Community Schools, a district striving for educational excellence, is to prepare students through challenging experiences, to be caring, productive, creative citizens, who will be life-long learners.

We have already started collecting data that we can use to develop a Strategic Operating Plan from the Governing Board, the administrative team, a teacher committee, and a parent committee. This will take some time to complete this process but the result will be a three year plan that will focus our attention where it needs to be focused.

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

Elementary and Middle School Iowa Assessment Testing will be the weeks of October 17th and October 24th.

Here is some testing tips to help your student be prepared for the tests. Please encourage them to do their best!

1. Plan ahead for a peaceful, unhurried evening and morning.
2. Make sure students sleep well and eat a healthy breakfast.
3. Encourage students to give an honest effort; and
4. DO YOUR BEST!

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.

From the High School Guidance Office...

Attention Juniors, Seniors and their parents: There will be an important meeting on Monday, October 31 at 6pm in the HS Auditorium to discuss the financial aid process. Please plan to attend!

PSAT for Juniors

The PSAT test will be given on Wednesday, October 19th for those juniors who met the sign up deadline of September 22.

Attention Seniors and Parents of Seniors!

Seniors need to make an appointment for their senior meeting with Mrs. Stingley ASAP if they have not already done so. The purpose of this meeting is to go over what credits they need to graduate and discuss/get assistance with post secondary planning.

ICAN Financial Aid Help

Planning for college and filing for financial aid can be confusing and intimidating for seniors and their parents. For that reason, ICAN's team of student success advisors will meet individually with students and their families at any of their eight office locations as often as they want, with absolutely no charge. They are available by appointment only. Please call 877-272-4692 or schedule online at www.icansucceed.org/apt. Even with the extended financial aid season, appointments will fill up quickly, so schedule early. They are currently accepting online appointments through December 1. Thanks!

Mark your Calendars!

Carpenter Elementary Fine Arts Night
Winter Concert and 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. More details 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. Our remaining meetings for the 2016-2017 year will be: October 18, November 15, December 20, January 17, February 21, March 21, April 18, and May 16.

Vocal Concerts this year will be: Fall Concert—October 10, 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!



Parents of Seniors!

Please note that senior and baby pictures for the year-book are due before winter break begins on December 22. Please turn them in as soon as possible to the art room or the HS office. Label them on the back with your name. They may also be emailed to Mrs. Woodhouse at jane.woodhouse@monticello.k12.ia.us. We'd like to have as many as possible by the end of October. A list of students who have not turned one in will be posted in the HS in early November. You may also use the Halverson's photo taken on picture day for a no cost option. If you wish to have a different picture, please submit it as soon as possible. Please remember we cannot accept them after Dec. 22. Thanks!



School Pictures are on the following days:

Middle School—October 4

Elementary—October 5



Austin's Halloween Fun Night to Scare



Away Childhood Cancer

Friday, October 28 from 6-8pm

Monticello Berndes Center

Calling all Kids!! What better day to party for a GREAT cause than on Austin's Birthday! To honor our angel, the Austin Strong Foundation is holding a kids fun night!

Activities will include bouncy houses, games, face painting, a costume contest, snacks, and prizes! \$15 donation per child for a night of fun! More details to come, but please save the date and bring your kids down for a great night! Hosted by the Austin Strong Foundation. More info at

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1762322730718374/>

2016-17 Board of Education

The School Board held their annual meeting on September 26, 2016. Angie Beitz was elected President of the Board and Peg Mere, Vice President for the 2016-17 school year. Congratulations and thanks for all you do!



L to R: Peg Mere, (Vice President), Angie Beitz (President) David Melchert, Bud Johnson, and John Schlarmann.

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



PARENTS! PARENTS! PARENTS!

It is vital that the school district has current and updated information on 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, mailing address, emergency contacts, etc. This is very important, especially for emergency situations. If you need assistance, please feel free to call Morgan Murray at the Middle School at 319-465-3575, ext. 2280

KCRG-TV9 TEXT Alerts—a note from KCRG!

Effective Monday, September 19, KCRG-TV9 is ending its text alert service for its closings and cancellations system.


Instead, KCRG-TV9 is now offering push notifications through the KCRG News app, available in the i-Tunes and Google Play. Users will be able to sign up to receive a notification on their smart phone anytime you enter an alert into the KCRG system. It is the same essential function as our text alert service.

Here's how you can alert your students, parents or staff to sign up: If you already have the KCRG-TV9 News App, make sure the update is downloaded (most will automatically update). Once the updated app is installed, open up the settings section by tapping the gear icon in the upper right hand corner. You should see an option for closings alerts. Tapping on that option, you will be able to search for a district by name, county or even zip code. Then turn on the button for the school(s) for which you want to receive notifications. That's it. Once a school you've selected issues a closing or delay, you will get a push alert on your phone instantly. If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to reach out to KCRG staff for help. Thanks! - KCRG-TV9 Staff

THANK YOU TO:

- To the following who helped with the middle school Outdoor Ed Day: **Great Pastimes** for donating worms; **Michele Olson** for teaching the students and proving fishing poles & canoes; and the following parent volunteers: **Jessica Hansen, Tisha Schmit, Cindy Schwendinger, Rod Manternach, Christina Hynick, Kyle Weber, Monica Farmer, Tracy Dass, Jill Weber, and Dave Schmitt. Thank you!**
- **The Monticello Lions Club** for sponsoring a field trip to the Pumpkin Patch Pizzazz for the Little Panther Preschool.
- **Tammy Helgens** for donating items to the Shannon music room.
- **The Monticello CSD Foundation** for supplying all four buildings with the Smart Board upgrades!
- **The Cedar-Jones Early Childhood of Iowa** for their donation of books to the preschool rooms.
- **The Century House** for donating supplies to the Carpenter library for mark-erspaces.
- **Kelly Smith**, a computer programmer, for coming in to show the 4th graders how their math lesson on variables and values ties into programming.

Lunch Menu				
October				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3	4	5	6	7
Popcorn chicken	Mini Corn dogs	Country fried steak	Cheeseburger / bun	
Seasoned rice	Baked beans	Mashed potatoes	Smiley fries	
Corn	Apple sauce	Mandarin Oranges	Glazed carrots	NO SCHOOL
Peaches	Cookie	Roll & butter	Apple slices	
10	11	12	13	14
Chicken nuggets	Meatball Sub	Walking Taco	Salisbury steak	Breaded cheese sticks
French fries	Green beans	Spanish rice	Mashed potatoes & gravy	Lettuce w/ Romaine
Pineapple tidbits	Peaches	Blackbean & corn salsa	Mixed fruit	Baby carrots / dip
Bread & butter	Cookie	Apple sauce	Roll & butter	Strawberries / bananas
17	18	19	20	21
	Mandarin orange chicken	Pasta w/ meat sauce	Hot dog / bun	Cheese quesadilla
	Seasoned rice	Lettuce salad	Baked beans	Baby carrots w/ dip
NO SCHOOL	Green beans	Diced pears	French fries	Fresh fruit
	Pineapple tidbits	Garlic toast	Diced peaches	Frosted cake
24	25	26	27	28
Ch. Omelet	Breaded chicken / bun	Pulled pork	Chili w/ crackers	Sausage pizza
Sausage links	Vegetable soup / crackers	Sweet potato fries	String cheese	Lettuce w/ spinach
Hashbrown patty	Orange slices	Green Beans	Apple sauce	Carrots / Broccoli / Cauliflower
Strawberries & bananas	Dessert	Jello w/ fruit	Cinnamon roll	Apple slices
31				
Pepperoni pasta				
Green beans				
Apple sauce				
Bread stick				



Halftime Yard Line Raffle

The Monticello Band Parents are offering a Halftime Yard Line Raffle with the proceeds to support the middle school and high school bands. At every home football game, for \$5.00 you can purchase a yard line that you think the ball will end on at the finish of the first half. If you have the winning yard line, you'll win \$100. Winners will be announced at halftime. You do not need to be present to win. Ticket sales start at 6:30 on game night. Visit the Monticello Band Boosters' table near the concession stand to get in on this action!

October 2016

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 FFA Fruit Sales Begin
3 Day 1 Grades 7-12 Conference Vocal Festival—7:00 PM @ Durant	4 Day 2 Middle School Pictures Elementary/MS PT Conferences 4-8 PM 7/8 FB vs Bellevue-4:15 7/8 XC @ West Delaware- 4:30	5 Day 3 Shannon & Carpenter School Pictures	6 Day 4 Elementary/MS PT Conferences 4-8 PM 7/8 VB @ Cascade-4:15 9/10/JV/V VB @ Cascade- 6:00	7 NO SCHOOL— Collaboration Day JV/V FB @ Oelwein—5:00	8 10 VB Tournament @ Tipton—8:30 V XC @ North Linn—9:00 Iowa FFA Soils CDE @ ISU Festival of Bands @ Wilton-10:00
10 Day 5 HS Picture Retakes HS Fall Vocal Concert— 7:00 @ HS Auditorium	11 Day 6 8 VB vs W. Delaware-4:00 7 VB @ W. Delaware-4:00 7/8 FB @ Anamosa-4:30 V VB Conference Tourney @ W. Liberty-5:00 PTO Mtg @ Carpenter— 6:00	12 Day 1 2:00 Early Dismissal — Prof. Dev Board Work Session—6:00	13 Day 2 MS/V XC Conference meet @ Mid Prairie—Wellness Recreation Center—4:30 V VB Conference Tourney @ W. Liberty-5:00	14 Day 3 JV/V FB vs Beckman—5:00	15 
17 NO SCHOOL— Professional Development Day BPA Fall Leadership Conference	18 Day 4 7/8 FB @ N. Cedar-4:15 BPA Fall Leadership Conference	19 Day 5 PSAT Testing for Juniors – 8:00 Nat'l FFA Convention-Indianapolis	20 Day 6 XC Districts—Home-4:00 MS Fall Band Concert-7:00 @ MS Auditorium Nat'l FFA Convention- Indianapolis	21 Day 1 JV/V FB @ Waterloo Columbus—5:00 Nat'l FFA Convention- Indianapolis	22 All State Band Audi- tions—10:00 Nat'l FFA Convention- Indianapolis
24 Day 2 Board Meeting— 6:00 PM	25 Day 3	26 Day 4 HS Academic Awards— 9:00 @ HS Auditorium	27 Day 5	28 Day 6 V FB Playoffs—TBD	29 V XC State Meet @ Lakeside Municipal Golf Course –10:00
31 Day 1 8 GBB vs Northeast-4:15 7 GBB @ Northeast—4:15 Financial Aid Night— 6:00 @ HS Auditorium		For up to date information, please go to our website at www.monticello.k12.ia.us			

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