



SCHOOL SPIRIT

November 2018

Hello everyone,

I hope the year has been going well for everyone. We just finished parent teacher conferences and we are closing in the end of the first semester. I have tried to send out videos explaining the progress of our school facilities about every two weeks. If you have missed those you can find them on our district website. As a district, we are all trying to keep information flowing out to many stakeholder groups each week. As you could imagine, that is no easy task. However, we will continue to do our best so everyone in our community feels informed.



I take a lot of pride in the work our staff does to challenge our students but I also know from time to time people can have concerns about what is going on in the schools. I wanted to share with everyone the procedure of how to address concerns when they arise. It is always better to address concerns rather than let them grow into frustration with the schools. So here is some information I think you will find helpful if you ever have a concern.

If you have a concern about something going on in the school district, please take the first step and go directly to the person it involves. For example...it may be a teacher, coach, or bus driver. Going directly to the source will solve the majority of issues in the most practical way. If you do not receive an answer or explanation that makes sense, then the second step is to go directly to their most direct supervisor. That may be a principal or the athletic director. Then, if you are not satisfied with their answer or explanation, the next step should be to take the concern to the superintendent. If you are not satisfied with that answer you would then contact the superintendent and request that the board give their concern some consideration. Then the superintendent and the board president will discuss the issue and decide if it should be on the board agenda or if the decision of the superintendent will be final.

I want people to feel comfortable coming forward if there is a concern. Our staff will listen and respond in a professional manner. The people working in our schools are invested in the success of the children in this community. It has to be a united effort to help our students navigate through school and into college or a career. We all have to be on the same team to make this happen. Again, I am extremely proud of our staff and the professionalism they show each day. They want each student to be successful and if you have concerns, please feel free to bring them forward to the appropriate person.

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,

Brian Jaeger



American Education Week is November 12-16, 2018

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 join 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!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monticello High School

presents the musical

Guys and Dolls

Performances

November 1, 2 & 3 at 7:00 pm
High School Auditorium

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

Guys and Dolls is an oddball romantic comedy. Gambler, Nathan Detroit, tries to find the cash to set up the biggest craps game in town while the authorities breathe down his neck; meanwhile, his girlfriend and nightclub performer, Adelaide, laments that they've been engaged for fourteen years. Nathan turns to fellow gambler, Sky Masterson, for the dough, and Sky ends up chasing the straight-laced missionary, Sarah Brown, as a result. *Guys and Dolls* takes us from the heart of Times Square to the cafes of Havana, Cuba, and even into the sewers of New York City but, eventually, everyone ends up right where they belong.



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 319-465-5425 or via email: tammy.helgens@monticello.k12.ia.us for more information or to register.

Puzzles Wanted!

The Middle School & High School libraries are looking for puzzles. If you have any that you are not using and would like to donate, please drop them off to Kim Carlson at the high school!



Panther Players Fundraiser

The Panther Player's fundraiser will take place on Tuesday, November 13. Panther Player members will be canvassing the town asking for a \$3 donation. They will be hitting the streets starting at 5:30 pm and will be done at 7:00 pm. 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!

Carpenter Winter Concert

The Greatest Holiday
Tuesday, December 4
6:00pm in the HS Gym

High School Winter Choral Concert

Thursday, December 13
7:00pm in the HS Auditorium

5th & 6th Grade Winter Choral/Band Concert

Thursday, December 13
1:30pm in the MS Gym

7th & 8th Grade Winter Choral Concert

Tuesday, December 18
7:00pm in the MS Auditorium



PTO News!

The fall fundraiser pickup is **Tuesday, November 13 from 3:15 to 7:30 at the Carpenter gym**. Thank you to everyone who helped with or purchased from our fundraiser.

Also thank you to everyone who contributed box tops for the fall box top competition and the meals for the teachers at conferences.

Everyone is welcome to attend our next meeting Tuesday, November 6, at 6:30pm at the Carpenter Library.

Did you know?

Our ACT scores from last year are higher than the state average?

We had 60 students take the ACT last year and their average score was 23.2!!

The state average is 21.8.

Congratulations students & staff!

Monticello Board of Education Corner...

The Board of Education held their October regular meeting on October 22. At the end of each of their meetings, they answer this question *'What Did We Learn at This Meeting and What Would We Want the Public to Know?'*

- ◆ We are moving forward with the design phase for the new 5-8 building and OPN Architects is doing a great job working with our staff to gather ideas and keeping us up to date with the project. So far we are on time and within budget! They will continue to let us know of their progress as the project unfolds.



THANK YOU TO:

- **Elaine Eggiman** for the donation of ice packs to the high school.
- **Annie Porter** for her donation to the high school nurses office
- **Courtney Hinrichs** for donating toys and craft scissors to Panther Academy.
- The **anonymous donor** that donated shoes, clothing, and hygiene products to the high school.
- **Monticello Canoe Rental** for donating canoes, paddles, & lifejackets for 7th Grade Outdoor Ed day!
- **Anamosa Bow Hunters** for donating bows, arrows, & targets for the 7th Grade Outdoor Ed day.
- **Kardes Convenience Store** for their donation of worms for the 7th Grade Outdoor Ed day.
- The wonderful **chaperones** who volunteered for 7th Grade Outdoor Ed day!
- **Dollar General** for donating envelopes to the Shannon Reading Recovery Program.
- **Kraus Plumbing & Heating** for sponsoring the Preschool's field trip to the pumpkin patch.
- **Beth Kinley** for the donation of a dorm size refrigerator to the High School.
- **The Monticello PTO** for the pizza, desserts, and snacks during conferences at Shannon, Carpenter, and the Middle School.

PARENTS OF SENIORS:

SENIOR AND BABY PICTURES FOR YEARBOOK ARE DUE BEFORE WINTER BREAK!

THEY CAN NOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE DEADLINE!



If a picture is not turned in by the deadline, the student's school picture will be used as their senior picture in the yearbook.

They can be turned in to the office window (labeled on the back) or emailed to Mrs. Woodhouse. If you email them, check for an email confirmation that they were received. THANKS!

High Schoolers Navigating Careers

The fall will be a busy season for high schoolers as they explore possible careers, connect with colleges and employers, and plan classes for next school year. The following activities will be happening soon:

- 10th-12th graders will participate in our College & Career Fair on Tuesday, October 30th.
- Kirkwood is sponsoring a College & Career Planning night for families Tuesday, October 30th from 6:00-7:30 pm at JREC.
- Mrs. Stenger will be discussing with students future education and career options utilizing our district's planning tool, Navigator (more info for parents can be found here: <https://tinyurl.com/ybc9vmnf>)
- November 27th all high school students will attend meetings on scheduling for next year, including Kirkwood class information from Craig Stadtmueller.
- 10th-12th graders that signed up for a job shadow through Workplace Learning Connection are beginning to be placed. Students will receive an email when it is scheduled.
- Want to know how to help your teen with the career planning process? Check out this guide: <https://tinyurl.com/y9ho8e4f>

Seniors

Do you have a dream career in mind? If you do, or if you have just started to explore options, consider applying for an internship experience through Workplace Learning Connection. Internships are designed to provide you 90 hours of work-based career experiences over the course of a semester. Students earn an elective credit for an internship. Please see Mrs. Stenger in the counseling office for help applying or go directly to workplace-learning.org. Online applications for the Spring 2018 term must be completed no later than Wednesday, October 31st!

High School Students Interested in NCAA Sports

Here is a quick overview of the NCAA Eligibility Center process to help guide student-athletes and ensure they are ready for college sports. Students are responsible for maintaining their academics throughout high school. These tips will help keep them on track for meeting academic initial-eligibility standards:

Grade 9

- Students work with their counselor to ensure they take appropriate NCAA core courses.

Grade 10

- Students register with the NCAA Eligibility Center at eligibilitycenter.org.

Grade 11

- Students work with their school counselor to ensure they will graduate on time with the required number of NCAA core courses.
- Students take the ACT or SAT and submit their scores to the NCAA Eligibility Center using code 9999.
- Students ask their counselor to upload their official transcript to the NCAA Eligibility Center at the end of the year.

Grade 12

- Students complete last NCAA core courses.
- Students take the ACT or SAT again, if necessary, and submit their scores to the NCAA Eligibility Center using code 9999.
- Students should apply to the school of their choosing and confirm they have been accepted.
- Students request final amateurism certification beginning April 1 before enrolling in college in the fall.
- Students ask their counselor to upload their final official transcript with proof of graduation to the NCAA Eligibility Center.

2018 Certified Enrollment

Each year our District has to certify our enrollment to the Iowa Department of Education by October 15th. See below for enrollment data for this year and last year.

Description	2017	2018	Change
Resident Public Students Attending your District	943.00	908.10	-34.90
Resident Public Students Attending another Iowa Public School District	46.80	50.50	3.70
Non Public Shared Time and CPI Students Dual Enrolled for District Classes	3.79	3.71	-0.08
Non Public Shared Time and CPI Students Dual Enrolled for PSEO Classes	0.00	0.00	0.00
Residential Facility Students Enrolled for District Classes	0.00	0.00	0.00
Actual Enrollment	993.59	962.31	-31.28
Non-Resident Public Students Attending your District	96.00	86	-10.00
PK 4 Students Attending your Statewide Voluntary Preschool Program	28.00	27.50	-0.50
Total School Age Students Provided Instructional Programs/Services by your District	1042.79	997.81	-44.98
Limited English Proficient Weighting	3.96	3.52	-0.44

CAMP HORIZON OF HOPE

FREE YOUTH GRIEF HOLIDAY WORKSHOP

Join us on Children's Grief Awareness Day
Create a memory garden to take home

WHEN: THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2018
TIME: 5:30 - 7:30 P.M. (Meal Included)
WHERE: CAMP COURAGEOUS - SIL BARN
WHO: YOUTH AGES 5-17 AND THEIR FAMILIES

REGISTRATION REQUIRED:
Register online at www.abovebeyondhc.com

REGISTRATION DUE BY TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13
For more information, please call: (319) 465-4637

November Breakfast Menu

USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer* Milk served with meal

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1	2
			French toast / syrup or cereal	Cereal
			Fruit	Poptart
			Fruit juice	Fruit
			Fruit juice	Fruit juice
5	6	7	8	9
Sausage, egg & cheese biscuit	Cereal bar	Sausage pancake bite w/ SF syrup	Cheese omelet	Cereal
or cereal	Mozzarella cheese stick	or cereal	English muffin	Poptart
Fruit	Fruit	Fruit	Fruit	Fruit
Fruit juice	Fruit juice	Fruit juice	Fruit juice	Fruit juice
12	13	14	15	16
Waffle sticks w/ syrup or	Mini donuts or cereal	Breakfast pizza or cereal	Chocolate chip muffin	Cereal
Cereal	Fruit	Fruit	String cheese	Poptart
Fruit	Fruit juice	Fruit juice	Fruit	Fruit
Fruit juice	Fruit juice	Fruit juice	Fruit juice	Fruit juice
19	20	21	22	23
Rainbow yogurt or cereal	Mini Long Johns or cereal			
Muffin	Fruit			
Fruit	Fruit juice	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL
Fruit juice				
26	27	28	29	30
Mini donuts or cereal	Cereal bar	Breakfast pizza or cereal	Waffles w/ syrup or cereal	Cereal
Fruit	Mozzarella cheese stick	Fruit	Fruit	Poptart
Fruit juice	Fruit	Fruit juice	Fruit juice	Fruit
	Fruit juice		Fruit juice	Fruit juice



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November Lunch Menu

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Choose a salad as an alternate lunch daily (H.S. & M.S. only) Milk served with meal

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1	2
			Cheeseburger / bun	Stuffed crust Pepperoni pizza
			Sweet potato waves	Lettuce w/ Romaine
			Green beans	Green beans
			Apple sauce	Blushing pears
5	6	7	8	9
Chicken nuggets	Mini Corn dogs	Hot ham & cheese bun	Beef & noodles	Breaded cheese sticks
French fries	Baked beans	Seasoned potato cubes	Vegetable medley	Lettuce w/ Romaine
Orange slices	Apple slices	Baby carrots / dip	Pineapple Mandarin oranges	Fresh broccoli
Roll & butter	Cookie	Side kick	Roll & butter	Banana
12	13	14	15	16
BBQ Rib / bun	Popcorn chicken	Pasta w/ meat sauce	Breaded chicken / bun	Cheese quesadilla
Augratin potatoes	Seasoned rice	Lettuce salad	Smiley fries	Green beans
Corn	Green beans	Mandarin oranges	Peas & carrots	Baby carrots w/ dip
Mandarin oranges	Jello w/ fruit	Garlic toast	Apple sauce	Watermelon
19	20	21	22	23
French toast sticks	Cheddar wurst			
Sausage links	Baked beans			
Hashbrown patty	French fries	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL
Strawberries & bananas	Apple slices			
Cherry tomatoes				
26	27	28	29	30
Breaded chicken drumstick	Delish sandwich	Breaded Pork / bun	Mandarin orange chicken	Mac & cheese
Mashed potatoes & gravy	WG chips	Seasoned potato cubes	Seasoned rice	Green beans
Blushing pears	Baby carrots / dip	Baked beans	Broccoli w/ cheese sauce	Apple sauce
Roll & butter	Side Kick Frozen / juice	Oranges	Grapes	Bread stick

Happy Thanksgiving!



Meet our School Resource Officer (SRO), Dawn Graver!

Mrs. Graver started October 9, 2018, as our School Resource Officer (SRO). One of the reasons she took this position was to help our future generation to rise above peer pressure. Dawn is excited about being a positive role model in our children's future and is looking forward to this new and rewarding position!

Mrs. Graver will move between all four buildings on a daily basis. The idea of a SRO is to be interactive with classes and students. In the first few weeks she was introduced to our students and met with teachers at every level to collect some feedback on how they could utilize her in their classroom. Such as: bike safety, safety when walking to school, career presentations, understanding parts of the constitution, arrest/booking procedure, crime scene investigation, self defense strategies, search and seizure rights, etc....

The School Board unanimously approved an agreement with the city. The City Council also unanimously approved the agreement with the school district. This will provide a School Resource Officer (SRO) every day that school is in session.



Why a School Resource Officer? The obvious piece of the puzzle is school safety. An SRO parked in front of a building is a deterrent for the bad guys but it also helps teen drivers to exit the parking lot safely. An SRO can deter students from bringing drugs or alcohol into school as well as being under the influence at school. An SRO on our campuses can reduce the response time to a emergency situation and de-escalate situations when we have angry parents or angry students. The SRO will also be involved with the development of a district wide safety plan, school safety plans, and advise us on the best and most practical school safety procedures during drills and practices. As we transition to a one campus district having a police officer on campus can help create the safest environment possible.

I have been reading a lot recently on school districts all around the United States wanting the opportunity to have a School Resource Officer (SRO).

We are not the first school district to go in this direction but I am sure over the next few years you will see an increased number of school districts explore this option. I am very proud that our school board and the city council are willing to invest in our schools this way. -Dr. Brian Jaeger

Looking For a Way to Support the Monticello School District Foundation?

What better way than to buy a brick on the "Wall of Support" or a spot on the "Perpetual Tree" located at the High School auditorium. Or any donation can be sent to:

Monticello CSD Foundation
PO Box 2
Monticello, IA 52310









For more information, please go to our website at www.monticello.k12.ia.us, click on "District" then click on "MCSD" Foundation.

CELEBRATIONS!

- Congratulations to the Panther Marching Band on receiving a Division II rating at the IHSMA state competition — only one point from a Division I rating! Great job!
- Congratulations to the Panther Marching Band on placing 2nd in Class 2A and 2nd in Open Class at the Wilton Festival of Bands. They also received numerous outstanding certificates for Drum Major, Drum Line, Color Guard, Horn Line, Drill Design, and Soloist. If you see a band student, tell them congrats on a successful season so far!
- Congratulations to Panther Dancers who competed at Carver Hawkeye Arena on October 14, 2018: Kelsey Adams took home 2nd in the 9th Grade category; Sydney Freeze 5th in the 10th grade category; Emma Brighton 10th and Anisa Krouse 5th in the 11th grade category.
- Congratulations to Destiny Wall on being selected to participate in the 5th & 6th grade Opus Honor Choir.
- Congratulations to the River Valley Honor Choir on a great performance! Students represented our district responsibly, respectfully, safely and were very caring.
- Congratulations to all the Fall athletes & coaches on a great season! GO PANTHERS!



November 2018

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Day 5 Elementary, MS & HS Picture Retakes 7/8 GBB @ Cascade -4:00 Fall Musical—7:00pm	2 Day 6 Fall Musical—7:00pm	3 Fall Musical—7:00pm
5 Day 1 Senior Jostens Mtg—8:10 Sophomores Jostens Mtg—9:30 7/8 Wrestling @ Belle-	6 Day 2 FFA Fall Festival—6:00 PTO Meeting—6:30—Carpenter Library	7 Day 3 2:00 Early Dismissal— Prof. Dev	8 Day 4 7 GBB vs Bellevue—4:15 8 GBB @ Bellevue-4:15	9 Day 5 7-12 Band Conference Festival—7:00 @ Regina Jostens Order Day in HS Commons	10 FFA Discovery, 212 & 260 Conference @ FFA Enrichment Center
12 Day 6 7/8 GBB vs Anamosa—4:15 7/8 Wrestling @ Camanche-4:15	13 Day 1 7 Girls BB vs Northeast—4:15 8 Girls BB @ Northeast—4:15 PTO Mtg—6:30 @ Carpenter Library Panther Players Fundraiser 'Beggars Night' —5:30 Board Work Session—6:00	14 Day 2 Blood Drive —HS Gym 8-3 	15 Day 3 7/8 GBB @ Camanche—4:15 7/8 Wrestling @ West Branch—4:15	16 Day 4 All State Band/Vocal Festival @ ISU Speech/Drama Chicago Trip	17 All State Band/Vocal Festival @ ISU Speech/Drama Chicago Trip
American Education Week					
19 Day 5 7/8 GBB @ N. Cedar-Standwood-4:15 7/8 Wrestling home-4:15	20 Day 6 8th Graders Tour High School 1:00 JV/V Girls BB @ Camanche-6:00 G/B V Bowling vs Marion-4:00	21 No School Thanksgiving Break	22 No School Thanksgiving Break 	23 No School Thanksgiving Break V BBB Scrimmage @ Marquette Catholic-10:00am	24 V GBB vs Anamosa @ Coe College—10:50am 
26 Day 1 7/8 GBB vs Cascade-4:15 JV Wrestling @ N. Linn-5:30 Board Meeting—6:00 PM	27 Day 2 2019-20 Registration Meetings for grades 9-11 JV G BB vs Bellevue-4:00 & 6:45 JV/V B BB vs Bellevue-5:30 & 8:15 V G/B Bowling vs Cascade—4:00 7/8 Wrestling @ N. Linn-4:30	28 Day 3 2:00 Early Dismissal— Prof. Dev 	29 Day 4 7/8 Wr @ Clarence Middle School-4:15 V Wr home @ Anamosa—5:30	30 Day 5 JV G BB vs N. Cedar-4:00 & 6:45 JV/V B BB vs N. Cedar-5:30 & 8:15 V G/B Bowling @ West Delaware-Lightning Lanes-4:00	

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