



# SCHOOL SPIRIT

October 2018

Hello everyone,

We had a fantastic turnout for the school facility election on September 11, 2018. Over 1,250 people voted at the polls and over 750 people voted with absentee ballots. In total, over 2,000 people voted in the election. For everyone that voted, I am writing this letter to say THANK YOU for coming out to the polls and showing your support for the Monticello Community School District. Over the last several months it has been so amazing to see the community show their support for the school district and this project in so many ways.



To all those individuals and groups that have contributed to this project over the last fourteen months, such as, the school facility committee, the school board, the MCSD staff, the "VOTE YES" committee, and the many volunteers that came to community meetings, stuffed envelopes, canvassed the town, wrote an editorial, put your name in the newspaper, posted a sign in your yard or business, etc...THANK YOU! Your commitment has been remarkable!!! The good news is that every person in this district will benefit from the results of your hard work and dedication to this project over the last fourteen months.

What happens next? Over the next few months the school district will engage in the design process with OPN Architects to finalize a project blueprint, which will be used to collect bids from contractors in the upcoming months. If all goes as planned we should be able to select contractors and have shovels in the ground by late spring 2019.

As we move forward with this project I hope everyone can come together and remember that we are all one community of people. It is our time to embrace change together as we move forward in the school facility process and remember that the next generation of Monticello students will certainly benefit from our decision to update our school facilities.

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

*Sincerely,*

*Dr. Brian Jaeger  
Superintendent*

We will update our facilities progress as we go. Watch our website and Facebook page. More videos to come too!

## **Congratulations to:**

- Cindy Savage on winning \$500 and 500 bonus points to use for books from the James Patterson and the Scholastic Book Clubs Giveaway!
- Cindy Savage and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Team on receiving the Silos & Smokestacks National Heritage Area Bus Grant Award of \$350 for a field trip to the University of Iowa Museum of Natural History!
- 8<sup>th</sup> grader Lauren Koehler for being selected to attend the Young Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) training at Grinnell College which was funded by the Monticello Rotary Club!



# 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.

## Parent Teacher Conferences

for all schools are:  
October 22 from 4-8pm

&

October 25

Elementary from 2:30-8pm and MS & HS from 4-8pm

Please come meet your child's teachers and see their progress!

## Fall Cleanup

The 7th Grade Class will be having a Fall Cleanup Fundraiser. Students will come by and complete your fall work such as raking leaves and picking up sticks or other small debris. It will be a freewill donation. Community members should keep an eye out for the flyers that will be posted in the coming weeks. If you're interested, see contact information on the flyers.



School Pictures are on the following days:

Middle School - October 1

Elementary—October 3



## From the High School Counselor's Office

### PSAT October 10

Sophomores and juniors that signed up for the PSAT will be taking the PSAT on Wednesday, October 10th. Sophomores will test in Mr. Hospodarsky's room and juniors at JREC room 203. Testing begins at 8:05 am. Students should arrive with a calculator, two pencils, and a watch is optional. Testing will conclude by second lunch at 11:50. Required registration is during WIN Tuesday, October 2 and Thursday, October 4. Students not able to make this schedule should plan to attend Monday, October 1 at 7:00am in Mr. Hospodarsky's room. Mrs. Stenger will continue to send reminder emails and detail sheets.

### FAFSA

An important first step in the financial aid process is completing the FAFSA, the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. Students should complete this as soon as possible after October 1. The first step is to create a FSA ID at <https://fsaid.ed.gov/npas/index.htm> and then begin the FAFSA at <https://fafsa.ed.gov/>

### Scholarships

Seniors planning to seek financial assistance for college are strongly encouraged to check the scholarship website and scholarship bulletin board outside the counseling office weekly.

### Senior Planning Meetings

Seniors who have not yet met with Mrs. Stenger should do so as soon as possible. The purpose of these meetings is to review their graduation progress and discuss next steps for their post-high school plans.

### 529 Savings Plan Parent Giveaway

Learn about college planning and savings, and enter for a chance to win one of 50 \$1,000 deposits into a 529 college savings plan in the Save Now, Save Later: College Savings Plan Parent Giveaway at [www.iowaStudentLoan.org/SaveNow](http://www.iowaStudentLoan.org/SaveNow). Open to parents and guardians of students in grades 6–12 now through October 21.

### FAFSA for Seniors in October

If your student is going to college next year, there are some important dates coming up in the near future that you need to be aware of. The **FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)** becomes available on **October 1**. This is an important step in the financial aid process that gives students access to federal student loans, grants, and work-study opportunities in college.

To get ready to file the FAFSA, both parent and student should set up a Federal Student Aid ID (FSA ID). This is a username and password that you will use to fill out and sign the FAFSA form. **Visit [fsaid.ed.gov](http://fsaid.ed.gov)** to set up your ID, and don't forget to write it down! You'll use the same FSA ID every year to file the FAFSA. If you have an older student that you've filed the FAFSA for in the past, you may already have an FSA ID. You will use the same ID for each student's FAFSA.

If you have questions about paying for college, or would like **free help filing the FAFSA**, the Iowa College Access Network offers free resources for college planning and financial aid. You can visit their website, [www.ICANSucceed.org](http://www.ICANSucceed.org), to schedule an appointment, or call their toll free number, 877-272-4692 to talk to an advisor.

Stay on top of the process, and **file your FAFSA as soon as possible after October 1!**

Contact Carmen Stenger, High School Counselor, at [carmen.stenger@monticello.k12.ia.us](mailto:carmen.stenger@monticello.k12.ia.us) or (319) 465-3000 ext. 1315.

## Monticello Board of Education Corner...

The Board of Education held their annual meeting on September 25, 2018. Bud Johnson was elected President of the Board and John Schlarmann Vice President for the 2018-19 school year. Congratulations and thanks for all you do!



L to R: (sitting) Bud Johnson, John Schlarmann  
(standing): Craig Stadtmueller, Mandy Norton, and Dave Melchert

## Why is Attendance at School Important?

### Did you know?

- Students should miss no more than 9 days of school each year to stay engaged, successful, and on track to graduation.
- Absences can be a sign that a student is losing interest in school, struggling with school work, dealing with a bully, or facing some other potentially serious difficulty.
- Students can still fall behind if they miss just a day or two days every few weeks.
- Attendance is an important life skill that will help your child graduate from college and keep a job.
- By 6th grade, absenteeism is one of three signs that a student may drop out of high school.

Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school-and themselves. Start building this habit at a young age so they learn right away that going to school on time, every day is important. Good attendance will help children do well in high school, college, and at work.

**Make school attendance a priority!**



### THANK YOU TO:

- **Diana Jones** for the donation of ice packs and school supplies to Monticello Middle School!
- **Jerry & Dianne Haag** and **Roger & Deb Ellis** for their donation of towels to the band program!
- **Jay Welter, Ag Wise Crop Insurance** for his donation of chairs, filing cabinets, paper, and paper organizers!
- **Royal Neighbors of America** for their donation of clothing, hygiene products, and sidewalk chalk.



## 2017-18 Band Highlights

*Another great year to be a Panther!*

- \* The Jazz Band attended the Iowa Jazz Championships and placed 1st at the NEIBA Jazz Festival
- \* The Concert Band performed at the Iowa Bandmasters Association and received a Division 1 rating at the State Festival
- \* Multiple students and chamber ensembles received a Division 1 rating at the Solo and Ensemble Festival
- \* Sophia Ahlrichs got best of center at the Solo and Ensemble Festival.

*Thank you for your support of Monticello Band!*



## 2017-18 Drama Highlights

*Another great year to be a Panther!*

Last year, we had an excellent turn out for our fall musical, *Little Shop of Horrors*. This was the first show we did after deciding to do a musical every year, and the turn out was fabulous. The students got a lot of experience building large scale props and props that had to be able to move easily, and lift people, and our actors enjoyed challenging themselves with the difficult themes within the show. We look forward to having more complex musicals in the future and continuing to give our students as much experience as we can!

In the spring, we performed a fun-filled melodrama called, *How the West was Dun*. Although we performed right in the middle of flu season and took some hits from it, we all worked together to make sure that we put on a quality show for our community. We had a great time being as ridiculous as we could and getting the audience to hoot, holler, and sing along with the actors on stage. The students really enjoyed the freedom that a melodrama allows and had fun putting in some additional craziness of their own choosing! After that show's run, we had a good time at the cast party before saying goodbye to our seniors before their graduation.

*Thank you for your support of our Drama Department!*

**PARENTS! PARENTS! PARENTS!**

It is vital that the school district has current and updated information on your students, especially for emergency situations, early dismissals, etc. Please 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. AND please answer/update this question in PowerSchool on the E-Registration section - Emergency Tab - "Where does your child go in the event of weather related early dismissals?". This helps us get your child(ren) where they need to go.

If you need assistance, please feel free to call Morgan Murray at 319-465-3000, ext. 2030.

**The Band Car Wash** on September 15 was a success! Our band students washed 365 vehicles altogether! With donations and pledges, just over \$4,000 was raised for the middle and high school bands! This will help us purchase new instruments, keep up with instrument maintenance, and add music to our library! Thanks so much to those who came by or made a pledge. And an extra thanks to the band parents who helped supervise the wash!



Breakfast Menu "USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer" Milk served with meal

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	2	3	4	5
Rainbow yogurt or cereal	BB muffin or cereal	Breakfast pizza or cereal	French toast/syrup or cereal	Cereal or
Fruit	Fruit	Fruit	Fruit	Poptart
Fruit juice	Fruit juice	Fruit juice	Fruit juice	Fruit juice
8	9	10	11	12
<b>NO SCHOOL</b>	Cereal bar or cereal	Sausage pancake bite w/ syrup or cereal	Cheese omelet or cereal	Cereal or
	Mozzarella cheese stick	Fruit	Fruit	Poptart
	Fruit	Fruit	Fruit juice	Fruit
	Fruit juice	Fruit juice		Fruit juice
15	16	17	18	19
Pancakes w/ syrup or cereal	Donut or cereal	Breakfast pizza or cereal	Chocolate chip muffin or cereal	Cereal or
Fruit	Fruit	Fruit	Fruit	Poptart
Fruit juice	Fruit juice	Fruit juice	Fruit juice	Fruit
				Fruit juice
22	23	24	25	26
Rainbow yogurt	Biscuits & gravy or cereal	Long John or cereal	Sausage panckes bites or	
Muffin	Fruit	Fruit	cereal	<b>NO SCHOOL</b>
Fruit	Fruit juice	Fruit juice	Fruit	
Fruit juice			Fruit juice	
29	30	31		
Mini donuts or cereal	Cereal bar or cereal	Breakfast pizza or cereal		
Fruit	Mozzarella cheese stick	Fruit		
Fruit juice	Fruit	Fruit juice		
	Fruit juice			

**PTO News...**The Monticello PTO would like to thank everyone who volunteered and contributed to our fall fundraiser. We welcome everyone to attend our next meeting on **October 9 at 6:30pm at Carpenter.** Childcare will be available for those attending.



**Parents of Seniors!**

Senior and baby pictures for yearbook are due before winter break. They can not be accepted late. Make an appointment now and plan to turn them in before winter break, semester one of senior year. Photos may be submitted digitally or by hard copy. Thanks!



**Mark your Calendars!**  
**Carpenter Winter Concert**  
**Tuesday, December 4th**  
 High School Gym  
 6:00 PM

Lunch Menu "USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer"

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	2	3	4	5
Maidrite	Walking taco	Country fried steak	Cheeseburger / bun	Stuffed crust Pepperoni pizza
Waffle fries	Seasoned rice	Mashed potatoes	Sweet potato waves	Lettuce w/ Romaine
Steamed Broccoli	Refried beans	Mixed fruit	Green beans	Glazed carrots
Peaches	Mandarin Oranges	Roll & butter	Apple sauce	Blushing pears
8	9	10	11	12
<b>NO SCHOOL</b>	Mini Corn dogs	Hot ham & cheese	Chicken & noodles	Breaded cheese sticks
	Baked beans	Seasoned potato cubes	Vegetable medley	Lettuce w/ Romaine
	Apple slices	Baby carrots / dip	Pineapple Mandarin oranges	Fresh broccoli
	Cookie	Side kick	Roll & butter	Banana
15	16	17	18	19
BBQ Rib / bun	Popcorn chicken	Pasta w/ meat sauce	Breaded chicken / bun	Cheese quesadilla
Augratin potatoes	Seasoned rice	Lettuce salad	Smiley fries	Corn
Baked beans	Green beans	Mandarin oranges	Peas & carrots	Baby carrots w/ dip
Pineapple tidbits	Jello w/ fruit	Garlic toast	Apple sauce	Watermelon
22	23	24	25	26
Chicken nuggets	Hot dog / bun	Salisbury steak	Chili w/ crackers	
French fries	Fiesta beans	Mashed potatoes & gravy	String cheese	<b>NO SCHOOL</b>
Orange slices	French fries	Peaches	Apple sauce	
Roll & butter	Apple slices	Roll & butter	Cinnamon roll	
29	30	31		
Chicken strips	Deli sandwich	Breaded Pork / bun		
Mashed potatoes & gravy	WG chips	Seasoned potato cubes		
Blushing pears	Baby carrots / dip	Baked beans		
Roll & butter	Side Kick Frozen/juice	Oranges		

# October is National Principals Month!

Please help us as we recognize our Principals for all they do!



## **Denny Folken, Shannon & Carpenter Elementary Principal**

Mr. Folken has started his 16th year as our Principal for Shannon & Carpenter Elementary. Mr. Folken is married and has 3 children. He is originally from Frog Hollow (west of Langworthy). He enjoys playing golf and hiking. His oldest pair of shoes in his closet are his high school football cleats and they are really, really old! Denny can play lots of instruments, just not well! The Monticello Panthers, Iowa Hawkeyes, Pittsburgh Steelers, and the Chicago Cubs are his favorite sports teams. If he were to max out a credit card it would most likely be at K Motorsports. When asked 'what is the worst punishment he received in school?' he states, "that is classified information". Hmm...wonder what it was? His most memorable moment at Monticello is working with all of the fantastic students, staff, and parents!

*Thank you Mr. Folken!*

## **Brent Meier, Monticello Middle School Principal**

Mr. Meier has started his 6th year as our Middle School Principal. Mr. Meier is married and has 3 children and 1 grandchild. He is originally from Springville, Iowa. He enjoys sports, motorcycles, and boating. His oldest pair of shoes in his closet are about 30 years old! Brent cannot play any instruments. The Monticello Panthers, Iowa Hawkeyes, Kansas City Chiefs, and the Chicago Cubs are his favorite sports teams. If he were to max out a credit card it would most likely be at a Harley-Davidson store! Mr. Meier claims he never had a detention while in school...can you believe that??? His most memorable moment at Monticello is when the Middle School Bond Issue passed.



*Thank you Mr. Meier!*



## **Joan Young, Monticello High School Principal**

Mrs. Young has started her 17th year as our High School Principal. Mrs. Young is married and has 3 children and 5 grandchildren. She is originally from Manning, Iowa. She enjoys gardening, visiting family, and cooking. Her oldest pair of shoes in her closet are her wedding shoes. Joan cannot play any instruments, but she is willing to try! The Monticello Panthers, Iowa Hawkeyes, Iowa State Cyclones, and the Chicago Cubs are her favorite sports teams. If she were to max out a credit card it would most likely be at Menards, Home Depot, or Lowes. Mrs. Young said her worst punishment she received while in school was an after school detention which made her late for basketball practice and she had to run laps for being late! Her most memorable moment at Monticello was the day Dr. Jaeger was hired.

*Thank you Mrs. Young!*

# October 2018

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Day 2 <b>Middle School Pictures</b> Grades 7-12 Conference Vocal Festival—7:00 PM @ West Branch 	2 Day 3 7/8 FB vs Mid-Prairie-4:15 7/8 XC @ West Delaware-4:30 7/8 VB vs N Cedar—4:15	3 Day 4 <b>Shannon &amp; Carpenter School Pictures</b> FFA Greenhand Fire Up @ Wapsie Valley HS	4 Day 5 7/8 VB @ Regina-4:15 9/10/JV/V VB @ Regina—6:00 V XC @ DeWitt Central—Grace Lutheran Camp—4:45	5 Day 6 JV/V FB @ Anamosa—5:00	6 JV VB Tournament @ Tipton MS—9:00 7/8 XC @ North Linn—8:50 Festival of Marching Bands @ Wilton
8 <b>NO SCHOOL—Professional Development Day</b>	9 Day 1 8 VB vs W. Delaware-4:00 7 VB @ W. Delaware-4:00 7/8 FB @ W. Branch-4:15 V VB Conference Tourney TBD-5:00 <b>PTO Mtg @ Carpenter Library-6:30</b> <b>Board Work Session—6:00</b>	10 Day 2 <b>2:00 Early Dismissal — Prof. Dev</b> PSAT Test	11 Day 3 MS/JV/V XC Conference meet @ Iowa City Kickers Soccer Complex—4:30 V VB Conference Tourney TBD-5:00	12 Day 4  JV/V FB vs Oelwein—5:00	13 Iowa FFA Soils CDE @ Ames MHS Dance Team Show—10:00
15 Day 5	16 Day 6 7/8 FB vs Camanche —4:15 HS Fall Vocal Concert-7:00	17 Day 1  <b>HS Academic Awards—9:10 @ HS Auditorium</b> V VB Regionals—TBD —7:00	18 Day 2 XC Districts @ Monticello—4:00	19 Day 3 V FB @ Waterloo Columbus—7:00	20 All State Band/Vocal Auditions @ Independence
22 Day 4 <b>Board Meeting—6:30 PM</b> Elem/MS/HS Parent Teacher Conferences 4-8pm BPA Fall Leadership Conference	23 Day 5 MS Fall Band Concert—7:00 @ MS Auditorium	24 Day 6 National FFA Convention @ Indianapolis	25 Day 1 <b>2:00 Early Dismissal — Prof. Dev</b> Elem P/T Conf—2:30-8 MS & HS P/T Conf—4-8pm National FFA Convention @ Indianapolis	26 <b>NO SCHOOL—Collaboration Day</b> National FFA Convention @ Indianapolis	27 V XC State Meet @ Lakeside Municipal Golf Course —10:00 National FFA Convention @ Indianapolis
29 Day 2	30 Day 3 College & Career Fair @ HS for 10th, 11th, and 12th graders—8:00 7/8 GBB vs N Cedar—4:15	31 Day 4 			

For up to date information, please go to our website at [www.monticello.k12.ia.us](http://www.monticello.k12.ia.us)

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