



SCHOOL SPIRIT

March 2019

Hello everyone,

We have really had some interesting weather over the last two months. We've had eleven snow days since the middle of January. We have passed our 20-year record for the number of snow days and we still have some winter weather ahead of us. No sense being negative about it because we can't control the weather. In reality, two months from now this will all be in our rearview mirror and we will be looking forward to track meets and soccer matches.



We need some good weather this spring and summer because we are going to be building soon. We are hoping to get the bids for the new middle school out by mid to late March. That would mean construction could begin late April or early May. This project is coming along very well and I think it will be something the community will be proud of. This is just one rendering of the new building and if you are interested, there is so much more on our website. Visit our website or enter the following address to view the videos:

<http://www.monticello.k12.ia.us/facilities-videos/>



As inconsistent as this semester has been due to the inclement weather, please take some time to talk to your child about staying focused and how to "finish strong". Seeing the year through to the end is a hard lesson to teach but a great lesson to learn. In life, if we can finish something with as much energy and enthusiasm as we start with, we can accomplish great things.

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,

Dr. Brian Jaeger, Superintendent
brian.jaeger@monticello.k12.ia.us

UPCOMING EVENTS



Spring Band Concert

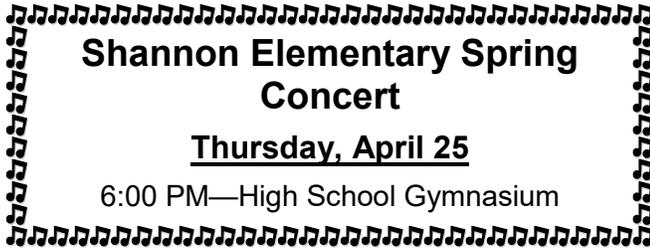
March 11 at 7:00 pm
HS Auditorium

The Monticello High School Band is having their Spring Concert on March 11 at 7:00 pm in the High School Auditorium. Come for a great night of classic concert band music with a Broadway twist at the end!

Shannon Elementary Spring Concert

Thursday, April 25

6:00 PM—High School Gymnasium



Screenings for 2019-20 Kindergarten Students

Vision, hearing, and pre-academic skills assessment for children entering Kindergarten in the fall of 2019 will be held on **Tuesday, April 9th** at Shannon Elementary. **If you have already done the Kindergarten Round-Up in January you will be receiving a letter in the mail with your time.** If you did not attend the Kindergarten Round-Up, please go to our website and download the forms or stop in the Shannon Office. Call Sandy Hinrichs at 465-3000 ext. 4114 if you have any questions or would like to set up a time for the screening. This screening is free of charge.



MHS presents:



Spring Play performances will be on Thursday, **March 7** and Friday, **March 8** at 7:00 PM in the High School Auditorium.

Tickets available at the door. \$5.00 for adults and \$4.00 for students and senior citizens.

THE STORY: Quasimodo, a deformed but lovable man, has spent his entire life within the walls of the cathedral of Notre Dame. With some urging from two zany nuns, he attends the Festival of Fools. Though he is crowned the King of Fools (the ugliest person at the festival), his guardian, Archdeacon Frollo, is enormously displeased with Quasimodo. Frollo forbids Quasimodo to leave Notre Dame again. Also at the festival are La Esmeralda, the gypsy queen, and Pierre Gringoire, a playwright. Frollo is taken by La Esmeralda's beauty and determines to have her, sending the guards after the gypsy queen to capture her. Both Quasimodo and Gringoire attempt to save La Esmeralda, resulting in Quasimodo's two-day punishment in the town square without food or water and Gringoire's narrow escape from hanging by the peasants' Court of Miracles. La Esmeralda helps them both, giving Quasimodo water and saving Gringoire from hanging by marrying him. Frollo, desperately jealous, stabs Gringoire and frames La Esmeralda. Though La Esmeralda is sentenced to death, Quasimodo saves her, taking her into the cathedral of Notre Dame and sanctuary. Frollo again tries to attack La Esmeralda and Gringoire, who has survived the stabbing but falls to his death from the top of Notre Dame. Then it is up to the King and Queen of France to determine La Esmeralda's guilt or innocence...

Two narrators, Souffle and his hyperactive younger brother, Cheese, relate this adaptation of Victor Hugo's French literary classic, *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*, and provide comic relief to this otherwise serious story. Other humorous characters and some judicious editing of this classic tale make it an enjoyable experience for the whole family!

THANK YOU TO:

- **Monticello PTO** for providing meals for staff at conference time.
- **Jen Speltz** for her donation of games and books to the Shannon Special Education department.
- **Cambryn Lee** for her donation of books to the Carpenter library.
- **Citizens State Bank and Ohnward Bank & Trust** for their donations to state wrestling.
- **Dana Merfeld** for her donation of farm toys and a shelf to the Shannon Special Education department.
- **Accent Construction** for their donation of services.

Monticello Board of Education Corner...



The Board of Education held a work session on February 13, 2019. OPN Architects presented a design update and also went over the budget tracking for the new 5-8 building project. Currently we are \$2,738,349 over our budget. The Board discussed

several options to reduce that amount which included: no geothermal heating & cooling system, wait on the curtain for the new MS gym but install the infrastructure so it can be purchased later, eliminate the parking lot behind the new MS, keep the kalwall, and keep the new HS entrance & district office area. They also discussed having the new bleachers for the HS and auditorium storage each on separate bids to give us options. OPN would like to have bids sent out in mid to late March. If you have any questions, please contact us. Our emails are located on our website at <http://www.monticello.k12.ia.us/district-2/board-of-education-ii/>

Think Spring!



Weather Make Up Days—

Please mark your calendars, the following are now school days:

March 1, April 1, & April 22

Juniors and Seniors who are interested in applying for **National Honor Society**, applications will be available in the office and via the school website, starting March 4, 2019. You must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0, and have performed 40 hours of community service to apply. Completed applications will be **due March 15** at 3:15 pm to the high school office. If you have any questions, please see Mrs. Stenger.

MHS Dance Marathon Raises over \$3,800!

Thank you to the following sponsors who supported the Dance Marathon we held on February 8, 2019. We were able to donate \$3,815.50 to the UNI Dance Marathon and that money will help those kids at the University of Iowa Children's Hospital and the Children's Miracle Network. So thank you to everyone who donated and to the students that participated. It was a fun night!

Red Level Sponsors

Above & Beyond Home Health Care, Accent Construction, All Seasons Auto Body, B.E. Fitness & Training Center, Blacksmith Carts, Chappel Machine Co., LLC., Citizens State Bank, Claussen Painting, Energy Mfg. Co. Inc., FitNit, F&M Bank, HCH Real Estate Inc., Julin Printing Company Inc., Kraus Plumbing and Heating, Krome Wood Products, McDonough Real Estate, MinnTex Citrus, Monticello Rotary Club, Ohnward Bank & Trust, Pizza Ranch, Polo Custom Products, Schlarman Farms, and VIP Sanitation.

Black Level Sponsors

Fidelity Bank and Trust, Kramer Bros. Dairy Supply Inc., La Hacienda Restaurant, Monticello Express, Monti Plumbing, Heating and Electric, Recycled Products Co., and Scherman's Implement.



White Level Sponsors

Studio Cheveux, Strittmatter Law Office, The Jitney, Styling Barn, Wolken Dental, Poke's Pawn Shop, LC Diesel, Castle Grove Insurance, Hughes Garage, Kromminga Motors, Legacy Lanes, Holmes Auto, Freese Motors, Total Water, B&E Insurance, Cone Shoppe, Oak Street Mfg., Monticello High School Staff, Monticello Middle School Staff, Welter Storage, Sigma, and Frontier Feeds Company.

March Breakfast Menu				
"USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer"				
				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				Cereal Popart Fruit Fruit juice
4	5	6	7	8
Sausage egg & cheese Croissant or cereal Fruit Fruit juice	Cereal bar Mozzarella cheese stick Fruit Fruit juice	Sausage pancake bite w/ SF syrup Or cereal Fruit Fruit juice	Cheese omelet Tater tots Fruit Fruit juice	Cereal Popart Fruit Fruit juice
11	12	13	14	15
Waffle sticks w/ syrup or cereal Fruit Fruit juice	Breakfast burrito or cereal Fruit Fruit juice	Breakfast pizza Fruit Fruit juice	Long John or cereal Fruit Fruit juice	Cereal Popart Fruit Fruit juice
18	19	20	21	22
NO SCHOOL - Spring Break	NO SCHOOL - Spring Break	NO SCHOOL - Spring Break	NO SCHOOL - Spring Break	NO SCHOOL - Spring Break
25	26	27	28	29
Mini donuts or cereal Fruit Fruit juice	Cereal bar Mozzarella cheese stick Fruit Fruit juice	Breakfast pizza Fruit Fruit juice	Long John or cereal Fruit Fruit juice	Cereal Popart Fruit Fruit juice

Panther Academy Student Openings!

Panther Academy currently has openings for students for their before and after school & summer 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.



PTO News

Spring pictures will be held at Shannon and Carpenter Elementary on April 3. We will not be meeting in March, our next meeting is set for Tuesday April 9 at 6:30 pm in the Carpenter Library. We look forward to seeing everyone there!



March Lunch Menu				
Choose a salad as an alternate lunch daily (HS & MS only). Milk served with meal.				
				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				Pizza Lettuce w/ Romaine Glazed carrots Fruit
4	5	6	7	8
Chicken nuggets French fries Orange slices Roll & butter	Mini Corn dogs Baked beans Apple slices Cookie	Macaroni & cheese Sausage links Green beans Pears	Breaded chicken/bun Tater tots Corn Diced peaches	Breaded cheese sticks Lettuce w/ Romaine Fresh broccoli w /dip Strawberries/bananas
11	12	13	14	15
BBQ Beef/bun Augratin potatoes Baked beans Pineapple tidbits	Popcorn chicken Seasoned rice Green beans Mixed fruit	Pepperoni pasta Lettuce salad Diced pears Garlic toast	Pulled pork Smiley fries Peas & carrots Apple sauce	Cheese quesadilla Corn Watermelon Chocolate brownie
18	19	20	21	22
Spring Break - No School	Spring Break - No School	Spring Break - No School	Spring Break - No School	Spring Break - No School
25	26	27	28	29
Breaded Pork/bun Seasoned potato cubes Baked beans Oranges	Chicken strips Mashed potatoes & gravy Blushing pears Roll & butter	Cheeseburger/bun French fries Apple sauce Rice Krispie treat	Deli sandwich WG chips Baby carrots/dip Fruit	Cheese pizza Lettuce w/ spinach Fresh veggies Pineapple Tidbits

CELEBRATIONS!



Middle School Geography Bee

By: Laura Schmitt-8th Grade History Teacher

Students from Monticello Middle School participated in the school-level competition of the National Geographic GeoBee on February 1, 2019. Becky Lange, an 8th grade student, won first place, with Porter Campbell, a 5th grade student, winning second place.

The school-level competition is the first round in the annual National Geographic GeoBee, a geography competition designed to inspire and reward students' curiosity about the world.

Questions cover not only geography, but also cultures, physical features, history and earth science.

The National Geographic Society developed the GeoBee in 1989 in response to concern about the lack of geographic knowledge among young people in the United States. Over more than three decades, 120 million students have learned about the world through participation in the GeoBee.

School champions, including Becky, will take an online qualifying test; up to 100 of the top test scorers in each state then become eligible to compete in their State GeoBee. The winners of the State GeoBees receive an all-expenses-paid trip to National Geographic Society headquarters in Washington, D.C., next May to participate in the GeoBee national championship, competing for cash prizes, scholarships and an all-expenses-paid Lindblad expedition to the Galápagos Islands aboard the National Geographic Endeavour II. Learn more at www.natgeobee.org.

The top ten school finalists to compete included the following students: 5th graders Porter Campbell and Ben Welter, 6th graders River Smith and Carson Lambert, 7th Graders Alex Oswald, Preston Ries, and Sienna Hendricks, and 8th graders Lauren Koehler, Becky Lang, and Kale Hansen.

A big thank you goes out to local groups, businesses, and individuals who donated various items so that the finalists would have a small prize. Thank you to Citizens State Bank, The Cone Shoppe, Wolken Dental, Dutrac, Monticello Eagles, Legacy Lanes, Caseys, Above and Beyond, and the Century House. I would also like to thank Deb Bowman for acting as the master of ceremonies for the event.

Do you know your geography? Anyone can brush up on geography with the GeoBee challenge, an online geography quiz at www.nationalgeographic.com/geobee. It poses ten new questions a day from previous geography bees. You can also download the National Geographic GeoBee Challenge app for iOS and Android or the National Geographic Geo Quiz Skill for Amazon Alexa.

All 5th through 8th grade students at the middle school participated in the preliminary rounds of the bee in their social studies classes to attempt to be finalists.

MONTICELLO CSD RECEIVES COUNSELING PROGRAM RECOGNITION

Monticello Community School District has been named a District of Distinction by the Iowa School Counselors Association (ISCA). This designation recognizes school districts that are committed to implementing comprehensive school counseling programs which address the career, academic, and social-emotional development of all students. The school counseling program at Monticello CSD is led by Aimee Hospodarsky, Kathy Larson, and Carmen Stenger.

To receive this designation, school counselors must complete an extensive application documenting all aspects of their counseling program across the entire school district, showing their commitment to students through best practices for school counseling programs, utilizing state and national standards. This distinction recognizes those school counselors who have committed to reflective practices and districts that support a comprehensive school counseling program as an integral part of the educational experience for all students.

This year is the inaugural year for ISCA's District of Distinction and Monticello CSD is one of four districts in Iowa receiving the recognition this year. Recipients are announced during National School Counseling Week (Feb. 4 – 8, 2019) and will be recognized in person by their peers at ISCA's annual conference in November.



Aimee Hospodarsky, Elem

Kathy Larson, MS

Carmen Stenger, HS

CONGRATULATIONS
Mrs. Hospodarsky, Mrs. Larson, &
Mrs. Stenger!



Congratulations to Boys Basketball Coach Tim Lambert!

Coach Lambert was named the "River Valley Conference North Division Coach of the Year!"



Photos by Dianna Rucker,
Rucker Photography



Notice of Nondiscrimination—Annual Notice

Students, parents, employees, and others doing business with or performing services for the Monticello Community School District are hereby notified that this school district does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, age, national origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, disability, creed, marital status, gender identity, socio-economic status, physical attributes, physical or mental ability, ancestry, political party preference, political belief, familial status, and genetic information in admission or access to, or treatment in, its programs, activities, and employment practices. There is a grievance procedure for processing complaints of discrimination. If you have questions or a grievance related to this policy, please contact the District's Equity Coordinator, Brent Meier at 217 South Maple Street, Monticello, Iowa, 319-465-3000, brent.meier@monticello.k12.ia.us.

Any person having inquiries concerning the school district's compliance with state and federal laws and regulations concerning discrimination is directed to contact: Superintendent of Schools, 711 South Maple Street, Monticello, Iowa 52310, (319) 465-3000. This individual has been designated by the school district to coordinate the school district's efforts to comply with all state and federal laws and regulations concerning discrimination.

Homeless Youth—Annual Notice

The Monticello School District Homeless Youth Coordinator is **Denny Folken, Elementary Principal.**

Homeless Coordinator Duties:

- Locate and identify homeless children or youth within the district, whether or not they are enrolled in school *281—AC 33.3(1)*
- Provide evidence the definition of "homeless" is communicated in staff, parent, and student documents (e.g., newsletters and handbooks) **(HCY4)**
- Post information, at community shelters and other locations in the district where services or assistance is provided to the homeless, regarding the educational rights of homeless children and youth and encouraging homeless children and youth to enroll in the public school **(HCY2)**. *281—AC 33.3(2)*

Definition of Homeless Youth:

If a student is living in any of the following situations, it is considered to be a homeless situation.

In a shelter, motel, vehicle, or campground; on the street; in an abandoned building, trailer, or other inadequate accommodations, or doubled up with friends or relatives because you cannot find or afford housing,

McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act (as it appears in Monticello Schools parent and student handbooks)

Homeless children have the right to:

- Go to school, no matter where you live or how long you have lived there.
- Continue in the school they attended before you became homeless or the school they last attended, if that is your choice and is feasible.
- Receive transportation to the school they attended before your family became homeless or the school they last attended if you or a guardian requests such transportation.
- Attend a school and participate in school programs with children who are not homeless.
- Enroll in school without giving a permanent address.
- Enroll and attend classes while the school arranges for the transfer of school and immunization records or any other documents required for enrollment.
- Enroll and attend classes in the school of your choice even while the school and you seek to resolve a dispute over enrolling your children.
- Receive the same special programs and services, if needed, as provided to all other children served in these programs.
- Receive transportation to school and to school programs. When you move, you should do the following:

Contact the school district's local liaison for homeless education (Denny Folken, Shannon and Carpenter School Elementary Principal 319-465-3000) for help in enrolling your child in a new school or arranging for your child to continue in his or her former school. (Or someone at a shelter, social services office, or the school can direct you to the person you need to contact.) Contact the school and provide any information you think will assist the teachers in helping your child adjust to new circumstances. Ask the local liaison for homeless education, the shelter provider, or a social worker for assistance with clothing and supplies, if needed.

Directory Information—Annual Notice

The district may release the following types of directory information to the public without parent or eligible student consent: name, address, telephone number, date and place of birth, e-mail address, grade level, enrollment status, major field of study, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, weight and height of members of athletic teams, dates of attendance, degrees and awards received, the most recent previous educational agency or institution attended by the student, student ID number that is displayed on a student identification card (provided it cannot be solely used to access the student's educational records), user ID or other unique personal identifier that is displayed on a student identification card (provided it cannot be solely used to access the student's educational records), photograph and other likeness, and other similar information. No directory information may be released without parent or eligible student consent if either the information or the manner of circumstances in which it is released would serve to identify a student as handicapped or receiving special education services.

Any parent or eligible student objecting to the public release of directory information must annually file a written objection with the office of the principal of the school. That information objection to shall not be publicly released.

Inspection of Instructional Materials—Annual Notice

Parents and other members of the school district community may review instructional materials used by the student. Arrangements to review materials must be made through the appropriate building level administrator.



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 Support Music Education!				1 Day 5	2 NEIBA Jazz Fest MCS D Foundation Dinner & Auction— 5:30 PM @ Berndes Center 
4 Day 6	5 Day 1 MS Band Concert— 7:00 –MS Auditorium	6 Day 2	7 Day 3 MS Band Large Group Contest Play—7:00 PM	8 Day 4 Play—7:00 PM	9 State Individual Speech @ North Scott –8:00 NE District FFA Convention @ Sumner Fredericksburg
National School Breakfast Week!					
11 Day 5 HS Band Concert— 7:00 pm—HS Audi- torium	12 Day 6 Boys V Track @ ISU Leid Rec Cen- ter—4:00	13 Day 1 2:00 Early Dismissal — Prof. Dev Board Work Session -6:00 PM	14 Day 2 HS Europe Trip 7-12 Vocal Concert—HS Gym	15 Day 3 HS Europe Trip Girls V Track vs. Dbq. Wahlert @ U of Dubu- que—4:00 National Honor Society Applications are due today!	16  HS Europe Trip Boys V Track vs. Dbq. Wahlert @ U of Dubuque— 10:30
18 HS Europe Trip	19 HS Europe Trip	20 HS Europe Trip	21 HS Europe Trip G/B Var Conference Track Meet @ U of Dbq- 4:30	22 HS Europe Trip	23
No School—Spring Break					
25 Day 4 All-State Festival Individual Speech @ UNI B Varsity Golf vs N. Cedar @ 3-30 Golf & Country Club-4:00 G Varsity Golf vs N. Cedar— 4:00 Board Meeting— 6:00 PM	26 Day 5 	27 Day 6 2:00 Early Dismissal — Prof. Dev	28 Day 1 Vocal Solo & En- semble Practice Night in HS Choir Room –6:00	29 Day 2 Boys V Track @ Cedar Rapids Washington – Kingston Stadium	30 Boys V Soccer @ Solon—8:00 Band/Vocal Solo & Ensemble Contest

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