NEWS AND NOTES OF THE MONTICELLO COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

# SCHOOL SPIRIT

#### Hi everyone,

I hope the start of spring has been good to everyone. The weather has definitely been a pleasant change from the last few months. I am hopeful we have passed the point of the year where we have to worry about snow days and the flu. Both of those have impacted our schools a lot over the last few months. I have so much to share with you in this news-letter and it is really just good news....so here we go...

TODAY, as I am writing this newsletter, is the day the construction documents are going out in circulation for general contractors to prepare a bid. ALL bids are due to the district office

by April 22 and the school board will select a contractor to work with on April 24 at the regular board meeting. If any contractor in the community would like to bid on any part of this project the construction documents will be available in the district office. To better understand how to make a bid please look at our notice to bidders in the Monticello Express on April 3 and April 10. The notice to bidders will explain how that process will work and who to contact with any questions. This is a very exciting time for us all!!!

Each spring the Monticello Community School District has to prepare a school district budget for the upcoming school year. We take a lot of time to work out our formulas with the state in the months leading up to approving a school district budget. At our March school board meeting we were able to discuss and put the finishing touches on the 2019-2020 school year budget. When we went to the community for the bond issue last fall we anticipated that our taxes would reach \$15.03 per \$1,000 of tax valuation for the school district because of the school bond increase. We were very pleasantly surprised that our taxes have come in below that mark. They will be \$14.25 per \$1,000 of tax valuation for the 2019-2020 school year. In addition, we were able to lower the income surtax amount levied by the school district. We were able to lower the income surtax by 2% and that will be reflected on your income taxes next year.

Finally, on May 10 we will be hosting our very first, "Monticello Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast". For those of you that volunteered your time to the Monticello Community School District to come in and celebrate a fantastic year and let us say, "THANK YOU"! We are in the final planning stages of this event and are very excited to honor those of you that give so much of your time to our school district.

Like I said, it was really just good news this month! 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

On behalf of the faculty and staff of the Monticello Community School District, we wish to express our sincere appreciation to the Monticello School District Foundation for a wonderful Gala this year and for all you do for our students and staff.





April 2019

Thank you!!!

# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### Save the Date!

# 2019-20 Kirkwood Academy Orientation

# Wednesday, April 17

All students registered to take Kirkwood Academy classes next year must attend a mandatory orientation meeting to be held on Wednesday, April 17 at Monticello High School. Non-arts & Sciences meet at 6 pm then to JREC. Arts/Science students meet from 7-7:45 pm at Monticello High School. A parent must attend as well. If you cannot attend, please contact Kirkwood. Letters will be sent home with full details.

# 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation for the 2019-20 School Year

Mandatory Attendance for all current 8<sup>th</sup> graders and their parents

Monday, April 8 from 5:30-7:00 pm in the High School Auditorium

This is an opportunity to visit the High School and learn about planning for High School. 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and parents will learn what to expect in 9<sup>th</sup> grade and find answers to questions they have about transitioning to high school.

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### 7/8 Grade Band Solo Fun Night! 7/8 grade band Solo Fun Night will



be held Friday, April 12 at the middle school from 4:15-7:40 pm. Since this is an individually scheduled event, please contact Miss Walker at ellen.walker@monticello.k12.ia.us if your band student has activities that afternoon/evening that will need to be scheduled around.



Grand March & Post Prom!

The Post Prom Committee will be hosting a Grand March on Saturday, April 13 at 4:00 pm in the High School Auditorium. Students need to check in at 3:45 pm sharp. Public and family members are welcome. A

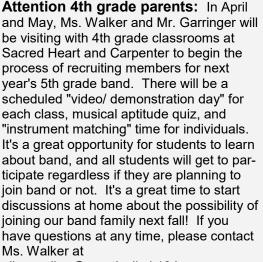
suggested free will donation of \$1.00 would be appreciated to help with our fundraising efforts for next year. The doors will open at 3:30 pm if anyone would like to take photos prior to the Grand March. This year's Post Prom Party will be held at the High School Commons area, gym, auditorium, and wrestling room. This year's entertainment is filled with a variety of activities. We have something for everyone! We will be serving snacks and drinks and will have a prize for each MHS Junior and Senior that attends after our entertainment finishes. The events will start at 11:00 pm. We are asking for students to arrive no later than 12:00 am. Doors will lock at 12:15 am and will end approximately at 2:00 am. If you have any questions, please contact Carrie Fellinger (cfellinger@anamosa.k12.ia.us), Judy Hayen (hayen5@yousq.net), or Renee Holub (renee.holub5@gmail.com). Students/parents/community can drop off donations at the District Office or the HS office.

# Screening for 2019-2020 Kindergarten Students

Vision, hearing, and pre-academic skills assessment for children entering Kindergarten in the fall of 2019 will be held on Tuesday, April 9 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 online and fill out forms or stop in the office. Call Sandy Hinrichs at 465-3000 ext. 4114 if you have any questions or if you would like to set up a time for the screening. This screening is free of charge.

# Turn in your Hy-Vee Receipts!

The High School Office is collecting Cedar Rapids and Marion Hy-Vee receipts dated April 1, 2018 thru March 31, 2019. \$1 will be earned for our school for every \$200 collected in receipts. All receipts must be submitted to the HS Office by April 3!



ellen.walker@monticello.k12.ia.us

# **PTO News...**



The PTO's upcoming events include:

- Spring Pictures: Wednesday, April 3
  - Friday, May 3 (rain date May 10)
- Funday:

• Walk-a-thon:

Wednesday, May 29

If interested in helping with any of these events please contact the PTO or emailing Ashlev Christensen at ashley.christensen@monticello.k12.ia.us.

Our next meeting is Tuesday April 9 at 6:30 pm in the Carpenter Library. We look forward to seeing everyone there!



# Monticello School Foundation

Thank You!

The Monticello Community School Foundation would like to thank all those who helped in any way to make the 14th Annual Dinner/Auction such a huge success on March 2nd. Over \$35,000 was

raised! The Foundation appreciates all those who donated items, purchased tickets to attend the dinner, and those who bought items during the silent and live auctions. A special thank you to: auctioneer Bryan Britt, All Eastern Iowa Barbeque for a delicious meal, The Porch Posse ladies for a tremendous job, June Fellinger for all the decorations, Kevin & Annette Smith for the music and sound system, Nancy Toenjes' Foods Class for the wonderful desserts, the Jones County Dairy Board for the ice cream and the cheese trays, Fareway for the meat trays, Winnie Williams for the punch ingredients, Culligan Total Water for the bottled water, and to the Monticello Chamber for serving wine. **THANK YOU** to all of the volunteers who helped make the night a great success!

# THANK YOU TO:

- The Monticello PTO for sponsoring the 2nd-4th grade's attendance to Harriet Tubman and the Underground Railroad at the Heritage Center in Dubuque!
- Kati Besler and family for donating puzzles to the MS • Library!
- Buffy Clark and Koltin Morgan & family for donating • items to the Carpenter music prize box!
- Sigma Eyehealth for the donation of glass cleaner and • lens cloths to Shannon Elementary!



- Want summer break off?  $\Rightarrow$
- Want to work with kids?  $\rightarrow$

We are in need of substitute associates. Associates provide assistance to licensed instructional or support staff in the delivery of 1:1 student specific services/program specific. Serves early childhood special education or K-12 students, school programs or a variety of students. Under the direction of licensed teaching staff, assists to provide instructional social, emotional and behavioral programming which has been designed to meet student specific unique educational needs. Applicant must have a high school diploma, physical, and pass a background check. For questions or to apply contact Becca Harvey at 319-465-3000 ext. 5402 or becca.harvev@monticello.k12.ia.us or visit the District Office between 8a-4p at 711 South Maple Street, Monticello,

# Driveway Emblems

Show your school and community pride with a painted emblem on your driveway! The Monticello Band Parents will paint this emblem on your paved driveway on a good weather day. Cost: \$25 or touch-up of previous emblem: \$10

Emblem: Red M and black paw print, (Actual size is approximately 3'x2'. Paint is Waterborne Traffic Marking Paint)

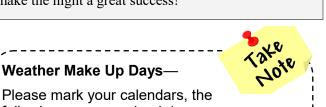
Thank you for supporting the Monticello Band Parents as we

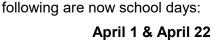
provide support to the middle school and high school instrumental programs. Questions? Please contact Diane Temple at templefamilyiowa@gmail.com.

# 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.







Weather Make Up Days—

No 2:00 Dismissals on the following days: April 10, April 24, May 15





# Important Dates—Please Mark your Calendars!

<u>April 8</u>—Incoming Freshman Orientation-5:30 @ HS Auditorium—<u>Mandatory Attendance</u> for all current 8<sup>th</sup> graders and their parents

<u>April 10</u>—8:00 am—<u>Mandatory</u> Senior Class Meeting - HS Auditorium <u>All Seniors must attend this</u> <u>meeting</u>

<u>April 13</u>– Prom at the Camp Courageous Durgin Pavilion—8-11 pm

<u>April 17</u>—JREC/Kirkwood 2019-20 Orientation required for those students who are taking Kirkwood classes/academies @ HS 6:00 & 7:00 pm

<u>April 18</u>—Senior Questionnaire Deadline—turn into the HS office by 3:15 pm

<u>April 18</u>—National Honor Society practice for new and current members—7:30 am in HS auditorium.

<u>May 1</u>—5:00 pm - <u>Mandatory</u> driver's ed meeting with students & parents in HS Auditorium (for those taking driver's ed this summer)

<u>May 13</u>—Senior Silver Service hours due in the office to Mr. Lambert by 3:15 pm

<u>May 15</u>—Cap & gown pick up in the HS Office from 1 3:45 pm

<u>May 21</u>—National Honor Society Inductions (7:00 pm) and Honors Night (7:30 pm)—HS Auditorium

<u>May 22</u>—Last day of classes for seniors who have met graduation requirements

May 22—Mandatory Commencement Rehearsal for all seniors in the gym—1:00 pm

May 22—Baccalaureate @ Sacred Heart Catholic Church at 7:00 pm

May 26– Commencement at 2:00 pm—HS Gym

June 7—Last day of classes



### Monticello Board of Education Corner...

The Board of Education held their regular meeting on March 25, 2019. At that meeting they approved the 2019-20 Certified

Budget with \$200,000 going to the Management Fund and 1% Instructional Support and 1% PPEL Income Surtax for a general fund levy of \$14.25084. The Board wanted the public to know that our tax rate is lower than what we were expecting and that we also decreased our income surtax.

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-ofeducation-ii/ Have a great month!

# From the HS Counseling Office...

We want to recognize seniors for the scholarships and awards they have earned. Seniors are responsible for contacting Mrs. Stenger with this information. If she is contacted no later than Friday, May 17, she will mention or present those awards. Honors Night is scheduled for **Tuesday, May 21** at 7:30 pm.

# **High School Construction Expo**

High school students are invited to attend a Construction Expo Thursday, April 25 in Dubuque to learn about and experience paid apprenticeships in the following areas: ironworking, plumbing/virtual welders, plumbing/pipefitting, sheet metal work, carpentry, operating engineering, electrical, teamsters, and painting/glazing. Transportation and lunch is provided. Interested students should see Mrs. Stenger or Mrs. Sconsa ASAP for a permission slip.

## \*\*NEW! Iowa Assessments\*\*

Dear Parents,

For several years students in our district, as well as districts across the state, have been assessed on an annual basis with the Iowa Assessments. The Monticello Community School District has traditionally elected to administer these assessments in October.

Last spring the lowa legislature determined that all students in lowa would be assessed using a new test called the *lowa Statewide Assessment of Student Progress (ISASP)*. These new assessments are developed by lowa Testing Programs at the University of lowa delivered and supported by lowa-based Pearson, for the state of lowa. The assessments are aligned with the lowa Core standards and are to provide districts with a clear and accurate assessment of student learning outcomes. Student growth, proficiency, and readiness indicators will be reported.

The new assessments are required to be administered between March and May 2019 and will be available in online and paper formats. The grade levels, tests, and recommended administration times are provided below:

Test	Grade Levels	Recommended Administration Time
Reading	3-11	60 minutes
Language and Writing	3-11	120 minutes
Math	3-11	60 minutes
Science	5,8,10	60 minutes

Monticello students will take these assessments during the weeks of **April 1-12** using the online format. During this first year of administration it is anticipated that results may not be available until early fall of 2019.

If you have any questions about these assessments, please contact Gretchen Kriegel, Curriculum and Special Programs Director at gretchen.kriegel@monticello.k12.ia.us or 319-465-3575, x2210.

# **Food Service NEWS**

	Milk serv	ved with meal			
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
1	2	3	4	5	
Rainbow yogurt	BB muffin	Breakfast pizza	French toast/syrup	Cereal	
Granola	Fruit	Fruit	Fruit	Poptart	
Fruit	Fruit juice	Fruit juice	Fruit juice	Fruit	
Fruit juice				Fruit juice	
8	9	10 Sausage pancake bite w/ SF	11	12	
Sausage,egg cheese biscuit			Cheese omelet	Cereal	
Fruit	Mozzarella cheese stick	Fruit	Tater tots	Poptart	
Fruit juice	Fruit	Fruit juice	Fruit	Fruit Fruit juice	
	Fruit juice		Fruit juice		
15	16	17	18	19	
Waffle sticks w/ syrup	Breakfast wrap	Breakfast pizza	Chocolate chip muffin		
Fruit	Fruit	Fruit	Fruit	NO SCHOOL	
Fruit juice	Fruit juice	Fruit juice	Fruit juice		
22	23	24	25	26	
Rainbow yogurt	Breakfast tornado	Long John	Pancake on Stick	Cereal	
Granola	Fruit	Fruit	Fruit	Poptart	
Fruit	Fruit juice	Fruit juice	Fruit juice	Fruit	
Fruit juice				Fruit juice	
29	30				
Mini donuts	Cereal bar				
Fruit	Mozzarella cheese stick				
Fruit juice	Fruit				
	Fruit juice				

#### Did you know?

The Monticello Community School District has a student wellness policy. The district promotes healthy students by supporting wellness, good nutrition and regular physical activity as a part of the total learning environment. The policy states the following goals that will encourage wellness in students and staff:

- Encouraging physical activity, as outlined in the Student Wellness Plan – Physical Activity policy.
- Providing nutrition education and promotion, as outlined in the Student Wellness Plan – Nutritional Guidelines policy.
- Establishing other school-based activities that are designed to promote student and staff wellness, as outlined in the Student Wellness Plan – Other Activities to Promote Wellness policy.

The Student Wellness Policy #506.9 can be found on our website at www.monticello.k12.ia.us

Choose a salad as	an alternate lunch daily H.S.	& M.S. only. Mil	k served with meal.			
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Wednesday Thursday		Friday	
1	2	3	4		5	
Pulled pork	Walking taco	Country fried steak	Cheeseburger/bun	Pizza		
Waffle fries	Seasoned rice	Mashed potatoes	Sweet potato waves	Lettuce w/ Romaine		
Steamed broccoli	Refried beans	Pineapple	Green beans	Glazed carrots		
Peaches	Mandarin oranges	Roll & butter	Apple sauce	Blushing pears		
8	9	10	11		12	
Chicken nuggets	Mini Corn dogs	Hot Ham & cheese /bun	Chicken & noodles	Breaded cheese sticks		
French fries	Baked beans	Tater tots	Vegetable medley	Lettuce w/ Romaine		
Orange slices	Apple slices	Baby carrots w/ dip	Pineapple/Mandarin oranges	Fresh broccoli w/ dip		
Roll & butter	Cookie	Mixed fruit	Roll & butter	Banana		
15	16	17	18		19	
BBQ Rib / bun	Popcorn chicken	Salisbury steak	Breaded chicken / bun			
Augratin potatoes	Seasoned rice	Mashed potatoes & gravy	Smiley fries	NO SCHOOL		
Baked beans	Green beans	Peaches	Peas & carrots			
Pineapple tidbits	Mixed fruit	Roll & butter	Apple sauce			
22	23	24	25	:	26	
Fr Tst w/ syrup	Pasta w/ meat sauce	Hot dog / bun	Chicken strips	Sausage pizza		
Sausage links	Lettuce salad	Fiesta beans	Mashed potatoes & gravy Lettuce w/ spinach			
Hashbrown patty	Diced pears	French fries	Peaches Carrots/Broccoli/Ca		owe	
Strawberries & bananas	Garlic toast	Apple slices	Roll & butter	Orange slices		
29	30		1			
Deli sandwich	Chili w/ crackers					
WG chips	String cheese					
Baby carrots/dip	Apple sauce					
Side Kick Frozen/juice	Cinnamon roll					

April Lunch Monu

#### Banana Berry Smoothie Recipe

#### **Ingredients**

8

1 cup sliced banana

- 1 cup unsweetened frozen berries
- 1 cup nonfat or 1% milk
- 1 cup orange juice

#### Directions

Place all ingredients in a blender. Put the lid on tightly.

Blend until smooth. If too thick, add 1/2 cup cold water and blend again. Refrigerate leftovers within 2 hours.

#### Notes:

Try using strawberries, blueberries, and/or blackberries.



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.meie@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: Superinten-dent 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.



# April 2019

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
I Day 3 G & B V Soccer @ Anamosa-4:00	2 Day 4 lowa Jazz Band Champion- ships G V Soccer @ Northeast- 5:-00 B V Track @ Anamosa-4:30 G & B V Golf @ Northeast- 4:00	3 Day 5 Elementary Spring Pictures 5th Grade DARE Graduation—3:45	4 Day 6 B MS Track @ Beckman- 4:00 B V Track @ Tipton City Park -4:30 FFA Banquet	5 Day 1 B V Soccer @ Regina- 4:00 G V Track @ Beck- man—4:30 G/B Golf vs N. Linn @ Three Elms in Independence—4:00	6 B V Golf @ Ed-co @ Woods Edge—8:30 Speech/Drama Banquet-5:00-HS Commons
8 Day 2 G JV Track @ West- ern Dbq./Epworth-4:15 Incoming Freshman Orientation-5:30 @ HS Auditorium	9 Day 3 Kindergarten Screening @ Shannon G V Golf vs N. Cedar— 4:00 B V Golf @ N. Cedar— 4:00 G V Track @ Ana- mosa—4:30 PTO Mtg—Carpenter Library -6:30	10 Day 4 Mandatory Senior Class Mtg-8:00 Board Work Session -6:00 PM	II Day 5 G V Golf @ N. Scott- Glynns Creek Golf Course-12:00 B JV/V Golf vs Lisbon – 4:00 G V Track @ Tipton-4:30 B V Track home—4:30 B V Soccer vs Cedar Valley Christian @ Alburnett	12 Day 6 7/8 Band Solo Night B V Golf @ Anamosa -4:00	13 ACT Testing—8:00 @ MHS B V Track @ Iowa City West-10:30 Grand March -4:00 @ HS Auditorium PROM 8-11 @ Durgin Pavil- ion—Camp Courageous Post Prom @ HS Gym— 11:00-2:00
I 5 Day 1 B V Golf @ Beckman-1 1:00 G V Golf w Anamosa -4:00 G V Soccer vs Mid-Priairie- 4:00 G MS Track @ Cascade-4:15 G V Track @ Maq. Valley-4:30 B JV Track @ Marion-4:45 B V Soccer vs Mid Prairie-5:30 Iowa FFA Leadership Confer- ence @ Ames	16 Day 2 JH B Track @ W. Dela- ware-4:00 G V Soccer vs Cedar Valley Christian- @ Al- burnett Complex -4:30 B V Track @ Tipton-4:30 Iowa FFA Leadership Conference @ Ames	17 Day 3 Kirkwood Orientation HS Auditorium & Gym 6:00 & 7:00	18 Day 4 JH G Track@ Maquoketa Valley—4:15 G/B V Track-home-4:30 B V Soccer @ Northeast 5:00 National Honor Society practice for new and current members 7:30 am in HS auditorium. Senior Questionnaire due today by 3:15!	No School— Good Friday	20
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29 Day 4 G V Golf @ Bellevue— 4:00 B V Golf vs Bellevue-4:00 JH G Track @ Beckman- 4:00 JH B Track @ Maq. Val- ley-4:15 G V Soccer vs Marion- 4:15 B V Track @ Marion-4:30	30 Day 4 G V Golf vs Easton Valley—@ Plum River Golf Course—9:00 B V Soccer @ West Liberty—5:00 G V Track Home— 5:00	For up District, 711 South N	to date information, p www.montice	llo.k12.ia.us	e at

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