



SCHOOL SPIRIT

August 2019

Hello everyone!

With the Great Jones County Fair in the rear view mirror we begin August making final preparations for the start of the school year. Teachers and associates will have their final trainings of the summer over the next few weeks and new teachers will report for duty on August 16. On August 19-22 all teachers will be participating in staff development and collaboration work until the first day of school on August 23.



We are all very excited for the start of the 2019-2020 school year and we want this to be an exciting and challenging educational experience for everyone. Please remember to enjoy the final weeks as a family before the school year starts and also remember that the closer you get to the start of the school year you should begin to adjust your routines to help make a smooth transition to the start of the school year. Adjusting wake and sleep routines can be difficult with children so a gradual change in bedtime leading up to the start of school may work best.

The theme at the high school this year will be "flexibility". With all of the construction going on we all need to show a little patience as we begin the school year. The entry area is under construction already so we have an alternative entrance at the front of the building. In addition, the front and rear parking areas will be partially blocked off to allow for the modifications on the exterior of the high school building. The good news is that over the next few months you will begin to see the new middle school taking shape. If you are interested you can see the live construction feed on our school website. Or if you want a different perspective we also have a time lapse camera that we update weekly to see the construction.

One final reflection on the 2018-2019 school year. The graduating class of 2019 had some really wonderful accomplishments during their time at MHS. As they move on to a career or a college, I want to share some interesting information about the class of 2019. During their time at MHS they earned a total of 1,392 college credits, valued at nearly \$236,000 through the Kirkwood Jones Regional Educational Center. They also qualified for \$387,425 in scholarships and grants at colleges and universities around the country to help pay for continuing their education. That is a grand total of \$623,425 the class of 2019 has earned toward their education above and beyond the high school experience. Best of luck to all of our graduates as they begin new adventures this Fall!!!

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



2019-20 School Year Begins
Friday, August 23

The 2019-20 School Calendar can be found on our website.

Open House @ All Schools

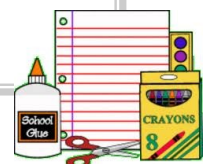
Wednesday, August 21

Elementary: 4:30-6:00 pm

Middle School: 5:00-6:30 pm

High School: 5:30-7:00 pm

School supply lists are available in the District Office or on our website.



Welcome New Staff!

The 2019-20 school year will begin on Friday, August 23 with some new staff members. **Chanda Gassman** will be our High School Business Teacher; **Samantha Grippo** will be the our new K-12 School Counselor (shared w/ Anamosa CSD); **Kerry Jackson** will be one of our 1st Grade Teachers; **Terri Keeney** will join the High School Math Department as Math Teacher; **Stacey Miller** will join the Middle School staff as a 7th grade teacher; **Elizabeth Moon** will join Carpenter Elementary as a 3rd Grade Teacher; **Robyn Ponder** is our new Curriculum & Special Education Director; **Alissa Rucker** joins the Middle School as 7th grade English & Language Arts Teacher, **Stephanie Schmieder** will be our School Social Worker (shared w/ Anamosa CSD); **Terry Covington** will be a Custodian at the Middle School; and **Edelyn King** will be a Food Service Employee at Carpenter Elementary. Additional hires are pending.

Welcome to the Monticello Community School District!

eRegistration!

School registration was held August 6. **If you were unable to attend, please e-register AND contact your building secretary or district office to pay.** If you need assistance with e-registration please contact Morgan Murray-Zimmerman at morgan.murray@monticello.k12.ia.us or at 319-975-6028. **eRegistration needs to be done by August 13.** It is vital that the school district has current and updated information on all students. Please remember to log in to your PowerSchool account and make sure everything is current, including your email, cell phone #'s, home phone #'s, address, emergency contacts, etc. This is very important, especially for emergency situations.

We will be using SchoolMessenger for our notification system (no school days, late starts, early dismissals, etc.), which connects to PowerSchool, so you need to make sure you have a VALID EMAIL ADDRESS and PHONE # in PowerSchool. Thank you!

2019-20 Bus Routes



We are currently working on the bus routes for this year. Most of the routes will be the same as previous years. Regular bus routes and shuttle routes will be posted on our website before school starts. If you have moved over the summer and will be changing your transportation or are new to the District and need transportation, please call the Bus Barn at 319-465-4774. Thanks!

THANK YOU TO:

- **DeeAnna & Paige Pumphrey** for their donation of beanie babies to Panther Academy.
- **Nikoli Helgens** for donating books to Panther Academy.
- **Aisling Ryan** for her donation of drawing paper to Panther Academy.
- **The Menasha Corporation (Orbis)** for their donation of \$500 to the High School.
- **Hy-Vee** for their donation of \$66.95 to the High School. Thank you for collecting those Hy-Vee receipts for Cash for Students program!



1-to-1 Technology

Last year was our first year of implementation of the 1-to-1 technology. That will continue this year with each student having a device assigned to them. In grades K-2, students will have access to an iPad every day. These devices will stay in the classroom and be placed on a charging station when they are not being used. That will look similar to grades 3-6, except the device will be a Chromebook. In grades 7-12, we will check out a Chromebook to each student and they will keep the device all school year to use in class, at home, or anywhere they need it. These devices will be the responsibility of each student, just as textbooks are now. Chromebooks for all students in grades 8-12 will be handed out at Open House on Wednesday, August 21.

SAVE THE DATE! – Mandatory meeting for all 7th Grade Parents & Students

For students & their parents in grade 7, since this will be the first year you will be able to use your Chromebook outside of school, we will have a technology rollout meeting which will be held on August 21 @ 5:30 pm in the Middle School Auditorium. This will be the night that your student receives their Chromebook. 7th Grade students and parents are required to attend this meeting to receive their Chromebook.

Be sure your Chromebook is fully charged for the first day of school!

PTO News...

Hello! Hope everyone is enjoying their summer, it's hard to believe it's coming to an end. Please keep an eye out at Open House for information about the PTO along with a sign up sheet if you are wishing to get involved. Please join us for our first meeting on Tuesday, September 3 at 6:30pm in the Carpenter library. We look forward to seeing everyone!



Driveway Emblems

Show your school and community pride with a painted emblem on your driveway! For \$25 the Monticello Band Parents will paint this emblem on your paved driveway on a good weather day. Contact Diane Temple at templefamilyiowa@gmail.com to request an order form or you can get one at any of the school's offices.

2019 School Board Election

The 2019 School Board Election is set for **Tuesday, November 5, 2019**. Two seats are up on the Monticello Board of Education. Members are elected to serve four year terms. The first date to file nomination papers with the Board Secretary is **August 26**. The candidate filing deadline is **5:00 pm Thursday, September 19, 2019**. All nomination materials and info are available online on the Iowa Association of School Boards website, the Iowa Secretary of State website at or at the District Office. School board candidates must obtain 45 signatures to file nomination papers and must live in the boundaries of the Monticello Community School District.

HS Entrance Under Construction

Please be patient with us this year as we work towards a new middle school and new high school entrance. Construction will be taking place all year and with your cooperation, we will make it to July 2020 in a new Middle School! Signs are posted for which entrances to use to enter the High School.



Panther Academy Student Openings!

Panther Academy currently has openings for students for their before and after school program for this Fall. 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.



PowerSchool

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PowerSchool is now mobile – download the FREE app today on iTunes or the Google Play Store. See your students' grades, announcements, and attendance. The app will ask for our district code, it is

Our District Code is : RDGX

You must have a valid PowerSchool parent account to access this on your mobile device. For account questions, please contact Morgan Murray-Zimmerman at morgan.murray@monticello.k12.ia.us. For more information or go to www.powerschool.com

FROM THE NURSES OFFICE...

Kindergarten Parents!

All kindergarten immunizations need to be up to date before the first day of school (or a notarized religious or medical exemption filled out), or students cannot attend school. We also need a physical, and dental and lead screening results. If you have any questions, please call Sandy Hinrichs or School Nurse, Jennifer Speltz at 319-465-3000.



Students with SPECIAL DIETS—If your student has any special diet needs, please contact School Nurses, Jennifer Speltz or Jodi Heinrich before school starts so we are better able to care for your children! They can be reached at 319-465-3000. Thank You!

August Breakfast Menu

"USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer"

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
19	20	21	22	23
NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	Cereal Poptart Fruit Fruit juice
26	27	28	29	30
Mini donuts Fruit Fruit juice	Cereal bar Mozzarella cheese stick Fruit Fruit juice	Breakfast pizza Fruit Fruit juice	Waffles w/ syrup Fruit Fruit juice	Cereal Poptart Fruit Fruit juice

August Lunch Menu

Choose a salad as an alternate lunch daily (HS & MS only)

Milk served with meal



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
19	20	21	22	23
NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	Sausage pizza Lettuce w/ spinach Broccoli/cauliflower Pineapple/mandarin oranges
26	27	28	29	30
Chicken strips Mashed potatoes & gravy Blushing pears Roll & butter	Deli sandwich WG chips Baby carrots/dip Side Kick Frozen/juice	Breaded Pork/bun Seasoned potato cubes Baked beans Oranges	Popcorn chicken Seasoned rice Broccoli w/cheese sauce Grapes Roll & butter	Pizza filled bread sticks Green beans Apple sauce Cookie

Annual Notices

Dental Screenings

All children enrolling in Iowa's elementary or high schools are required to have a dental screening as of July 1, 2008. The purpose of the dental screening is to improve the oral health of Iowa's children. Dental screenings help with early detection and treatment of dental diseases. This requirement applies only to those students entering kindergarten and the ninth grade. The dental screening is to be performed by a dentist or licensed dental hygienist. The dental screening requirements are:

- Kindergarteners to have a screening sometime between age 3 years to four months after their enrollment into Kindergarten
- 9th graders to have a screening that is valid for up to one year prior to their enrollment into 9th grade and up to four months after their enrollment

Iowa's State Dental Screening forms need to have been signed by a dentist or dental hygienist and the form turned into the child's respective school by December 15th of the enrollment into Kindergarten or 9th grade year. If the forms are not turned in, the Monticello School District will have a licensed dental hygienist from the I-SMILE program come in and do FREE dental screenings for that child. If the parent/guardian does not want their child screened, a letter expressing this must be turned into the child's school administrator by January 1st of that school year. The free dental screenings will be conducted during the second semester of the Kindergarten/9th grade enrolling school year.

Competent Private Instruction

The definition of Competent Private Instruction is any student being taught at home by parents/guardians with or without the assistance of a licensed teacher or the student is enrolled in a non accredited non-public school. It is the responsibility of the parents/guardians to submit notification forms for each child, between the ages of 6 and 16 by September 15th with the resident district. These forms are available in the Superintendent's Office at 711 So. Maple, Monticello, IA.

Grant Wood Support Services Available

Additional support services are available to assist teachers when concerns arise with students. These services include the building staff, (special education teacher, counselor, nurse, health secretary, etc. and Grant Wood Area Education Agency support staff (psychologist, social worker, consultant, speech-language pathologist, occupational and physical therapists, work experience coordinators and others). Teachers and families may use input on an informal basis or request formal assistance in identifying strategies to address a concern, in carrying out these strategies, or in monitoring individual student progress. These services are available for all students through teacher or parent requests. Working together, we can provide the best education possible for all of our children.

Annual Hearing Screening Parent Notification

Grant Wood AEA will be providing Monticello's annual hearing testing during the upcoming school year. Routine screening is performed in grades ECSE, AK, Kindergarten, Grades 1, 2, and 5. Students in other grades may be tested if there is a known history of ear problems or if the student is new to the school. This is a notification to parents that hearing testing will occur during the school year. Follow up testing may occur periodically if previous hearing test results were not within normal limits. Parents who do not want their child's hearing tested will need to indicate **IN WRITING** to the **SCHOOL** by **August 26** if they do not want this service. The school will then notify the school audiologist of this request.

Free & Reduced Lunch Applications DUE NOW!

The application for Free and Reduced Price School lunch for the 2019-20 school year are due. **Please complete and return those ASAP! The State recommends you apply whether you think you qualify or not.**

Multicultural and Gender Fair Education

The education program of the Monticello Community School District revolves around a philosophy of equal educational opportunities and non-discrimination in educational programs and activities. The educational objectives outlined in the board of director's policies are the means whereby the district shall achieve its philosophy. Students will have an equal opportunity for a quality education without discrimination, regardless of their sex, race, color, national origin, religion, creed, age (except for permitting/prohibiting students to engage in certain activities), marital/parental status, sexual orientation, gender identity, genetic information, disability or socioeconomic status.

The education program is free of discrimination and provides equal opportunity for the students. The education program will foster knowledge of and respect and appreciation for the historical and contemporary contribution of diverse cultural groups, including race, color, national origin, gender, disability, religion, creed, and socioeconomic background, to society. Special emphasis is placed on the contributions and perspectives of Asian-Americans, African-Americans, Hispanic Americans, American Indians, European Americans, and persons with disabilities. It will also reflect the wide variety of roles open to both men and women and provide equal opportunity to both sexes.

It shall be the responsibility of the various curriculum development committees and the educational equity/equal employment opportunity/affirmative action coordinator to ensure that relevant and responsive educational opportunities are provided to district students.

Educational Equity

It is the policy of the Monticello Community School District to provide equal educational and employment opportunities and not to illegally discriminate on the basis of gender, race, color, national origin, religion, creed, age, marital status, socioeconomic status or disability in its educational programs, activities or its employment and personnel policies. Affirmative steps will be taken to integrate students in attendance centers, programs, and classes on the basis of race, national origin, gender, socioeconomic status and disability. Inquiries or grievances related to this policy may be directed to Monticello Community School District, 711 South Maple, Monticello, Iowa 52310. (319) 465-5963; the Director of the Iowa Civil Rights Commission in Des Moines; the Director of the Regional Office of the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission in Milwaukee, Wisconsin; or the Director of the Regional VII Office of the Civil Rights, United States Department of Education in Kansas City, MO. Inquiries may also be directed to the Director, Iowa Department of Education, Grimes State Office Building, Des Moines, IA 50319.

**HELP
WANTED**

WE are in need of SUBS!

We are looking for the following substitute positions for the upcoming school year.

Substitute Special Education Associates

- \$9.50 per hour
- On call, as needed basis
- Provide one-on-one or small group assistance to special needs students
- Previous healthcare or working with children preferred

Substitute Bus Driver

- Must have a CDL license with the passenger & school bus endorsements
- \$18.70 per hour
- On call, as needed basis

Substitute Custodians

- \$10.85 per hour
- On call, as needed basis

Substitute Food Service

- \$10.00 per hour
- On call, as needed basis

Substitute Registered Nurse

- \$122 per day (based on 8 hour day)
- On call, as needed basis

Applicants must have a high school diploma and pass a background check. To apply please stop by the District Office @ 711 S Maple St, Monticello, IA or apply online at <http://www.monticello.k12.ia.us>. For questions or more information, please contact Becca Harvey at 319-465-3000, ext. 5402, or becca.harvey@monticello.k12.ia.us. EEO.

Annual Notices

Annual Notice of Nondiscrimination

The Monticello Community School District offers career and technical programs in the following areas of study:

Agricultural Education
Business Education
Family and Consumer Science Education
Industrial Education

It is the policy of the Monticello Community School District not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, age (for employment), national origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, disability, creed, marital status (for programs), gender identity, socio-economic status (for programs), 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, or in its 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. Or they may contact the Director of the Office for Civil Rights U.S. Department of Education, Citigroup Center, 500 W. Madison Street, Suite 1475, Chicago, IL 60661-7204, Telephone: (312) 730-1560 Facsimile: (312) 730-1576, Email: OCR.Chicago@ed.gov

Officials Responsible for Records

The Superintendent is administratively responsible for assuring the confidentiality of personally identifiable student information on a district-wide basis. The principal of each school within the District is administratively responsible at the building level for the management of student records in a confidential manner and in accordance with District policy and procedures. The following is a listing of the titles and office address of these individuals: **Superintendent Brian Jaeger** 711 South Maple; **High School Principal Joan Young** 850 East Oak; **Middle School Principal Brent Meier**, 217 South Maple; **Elementary Principal Denny Folken**, 321 West South Street.

Inspection of Instructional Materials

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.

Parent/Student Rights

The Monticello Community School District maintains confidential records for all students currently or previously enrolled as is consistent with the District's responsibility for the provision of educational programs and services and the requirements of state/federal law and regulation. Copies of the District's student records policy are available upon request to the office of the superintendent or the principal of any district school.

Asbestos Notification

The Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act of 1986 (referred to as AHERA) was enacted by Congress to determine the extent of and develop solutions for any problems schools may have with asbestos. This notification, education and training of our employees, plans and procedures to minimize the disturbance of asbestos containing materials, and plans for regular surveillance of the asbestos containing materials are a part of our efforts to meet government regulations. A copy of the asbestos management plan is available for your inspection in our administrative offices during regular office hours.

Use of Video Cameras on School Buses

The Monticello Community School District Board of Directors has authorized the use of video cameras on school district transportation. The video cameras will be used to monitor student behavior to maintain order on school transportation to promote and maintain a safe environment. Students and parents are hereby notified that the content of video recordings may be used in a student disciplinary proceeding. The content of video recordings may be confidential student records and, if so, will be retained with other student records. Video recordings will only be retained if necessary for use in a student disciplinary proceeding or other matter as determined necessary by the administration. Parents may request to view video recordings of their child if the video recordings are used in a disciplinary proceeding involving their child.

Open Enrollment Timelines





Parents/guardians considering the use of the open enrollment option to enroll their child/ren in a public school district in the State of Iowa other than their district of residence should be aware of the following: An application to is to be filed with the resident district by March 1 to be considered for the following year. Those enrolling in kindergarten have until September 1 to file an application for open enrollment. In order to qualify for open enrollment *after* the March 1st deadline, the student must meet the "good cause" definition. Good cause relates to: (1) There is a change in district of residence due to: family move, change in marital status, foster care, adoption, or treatment program; (2) Participation in foreign exchange program; (3) Failure of negotiations for reorganization or whole grade sharing; (4) Loss of accreditation or revocation of a private charter school; (5) Pervasive harassment or severe health (determined by the district). If these circumstances occur after March 1, a parent or guardian may file a "late" open enrollment application. Transportation to and from a point on a regular school bus route of the receiving district is the responsibility of the parent/guardian, unless economic eligibility requirements are met and the receiving district is next to the resident district. Parents/guardians of open enrolled students whose income falls below 160% of the federal poverty guidelines are eligible for transportation assistance. This may be in the form of actual transportation or in the form of a cash stipend. Parents should be aware that open enrollment may result in the loss of athletic eligibility. Students who open enroll in grades 9-12 must wait 90 days to participate in interscholastic contests at the varsity level. Children will remain on open enrollment status unless the parent/guardian decides to cancel it or the agreement is terminated as a result of the parent/guardian moving, by not sending the child to the requested district or any other circumstance that results in the pupil no longer attending the receiving district. For more information on open enrollment please view the Iowa Department of Education website at: <https://www.educateiowa.gov/pk-12/options-educational-choice/open-enrollment>

Good luck to all of the Fall athletes
and coaches!

GO PANTHERS!



August 2019

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 All State Vocal Camp	2 All State Vocal Camp	3 All State Vocal Camp
5 Band Camp	6 All Schools Registration from 11am-7pm at the High School Band Camp	7 Band Camp Baseball Banquet—6:30	8 Band Camp 	9 Band Camp	10
12 HS practices begin	13 	14 Board Work Session—6:00 PM	15	16 Orientation for New Teachers	17 
19 Professional Development Day	20 Professional Development Day Varsity VB Scrimmage— Home-5:00	21 Professional Development Day Open House @ all schools—Elementary 4:30-6, MS 5-6:30, HS 5:30-7:00	22 Teachers Collaboration Day	23  CLASSES BEGIN JV/VB Scrimmage vs Wahlert @ Clarke College	24 V VB Scrimmage @ Cascade-8:30 Panther Classic Golf Outing-Noon Iowa FFA Live-stock/Meats/Milk Quality & products CDE
26 Day 2 Kirkwood Classes begin Musical Auditions-3:30 Board Meeting—6:00 PM	27 Day 3 Musical Auditions-3:30 & 7:00	28 Day 4 Jostens meeting w/ Senior Class Officers-10:00	29 Day 5	30 Day 6 JV/VB vs Cascade—5:00 	31 Varsity XC @ CR Prairie-8:30 Varsity VB tournament @ Cascade-9:00

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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.