



SCHOOL SPIRIT

September 2019

Hi everyone,

We are off to an amazing start for the 2019-2020 school year! The staff and students are back and we have completed our first few weeks of the school year. When I walk into classrooms, I see some amazing student centered learning going on at every level. Each classroom is overflowing with thoughts and ideas and it is exciting to see students engaged in a variety of classroom activities designed to challenge and stimulate each student.



Outside of the classroom, we have a lot going on in our school district. The most obvious is the construction going on at the high school. The new middle school building will begin to slowly rise out of the ground over the next few weeks. At this time, they are working on the infrastructure so much of the work is happening in the ground. They are also working on the high school exterior to fix the issues we have with moisture, brick damage, drains, and gutters. This will be good for the long-term sustainability of our high school building. By October, we should be able to see walls and a building taking shape. If you have not already, please go to our website and under the picture of our groundbreaking ceremony there are two links. One is a live feed of the project and the other is a time lapse of the last several weeks to give you an idea of the progress on this project.

Monticello will be hosting the school board elections on Tuesday, November 5, 2019. A school board member has an important role in the success of a school district. This is a volunteer position but the reward comes from the opportunity to provide an important service to the community. If you or someone you know is interested a board packet can be picked up in the district office. Packets are due by Thursday, September 19 at 5 pm.

We are in the development stages of a new five-year Strategic Operating Plan that should be finalized this fall with the help of staff, parents, students, administrative team, and the school board. We have been collecting data in several ways and have identified the following “Emerging Themes” in the Monticello Community School District: school facilities, communication, technology, teaching and learning, student behaviors, environment/school culture, mental health, student leadership, pride in schools, and new students/parents transition to Monticello. Next, we will be looking at these themes with our stakeholder groups to narrow themes and put action steps in place. This Strategic Operating Plan will put the school district’s priorities in place and create a clear direction for the next five years.

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



GET ON BOARD

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 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 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.

School Pictures are on the following days:

High School—September 16
Elementary—October 2
Middle School - October 7



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 Panther Academy Associates (before & after school child care and summer program located at Shannon Elementary for school-aged children)

- \$9.50 per hour, on call, as needed basis
- 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 the District Office at 319-465-3000. EEO.

HELP WANTED

HOMECOMING Spirit Week

We are excited to announce the Homecoming 2019 line up of events! The Homecoming Parade and Coronation will be held on Monday, September 23. Parade line-up will begin at 5:30 pm at the pool parking lot with the parade starting at 6:00 pm following the same route as last year. The coronation will be at the football field at 6:30 pm, followed by the Junior/Senior Girls Powder Puff game at 7:00. If weather conditions are not favorable, the coronation will be held in the High School Gymnasium at 6:30 pm.

There will be a Homecoming Pep Rally at 2:45 pm in the High School gymnasium on Friday, September 27. The football games against Waukon will conclude the Friday events. Between the JV and Varsity football games, the Homecoming Court and their parents will be presented.

The Homecoming Dance is scheduled for Saturday, September 28 in the high school commons from 8:00 to 11:00 PM.

Dress-Up Days will continue throughout the week as follows:

MONDAY: Color Wars
TUESDAY: Jersey Day
WEDNESDAY: Character Day
THURSDAY: Pajama Day
FRIDAY: School Spirit Day



Please contact Mary Jane Maher at maryjane.maher@monticello.k12.ia.us to reserve a spot in the parade. *Thank you for your continued involvement and support!*

GO PANTHERS!!!



Job Shadow Opportunities

Want your child to experience a job firsthand? Encourage your junior or senior to register for a job shadow, a 2-4 hour experience on a job site! The Workplace Learning Connection application is open now until September 18th at <http://www.kirkwood.edu/wlc> This is a wonderful, free opportunity for your child to confirm a career interest they have or explore their options.

FREE BAND CAR WASH

The Band Car Wash will be held on Saturday, September 21 from 9 a.m.—2 p.m. at the following locations:

Regions Bank, Fareway, Century House, Ohnward Bank

Come support our band members and program by letting us wash your car. Donations accepted. *Rain date is Saturday, October 5!*





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.



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!

Parents/Guardians of Shannon & Carpenter Elementary Students
Want to be a member of The Monticello PTO, please join us!

What is the Monticello PTO?

A non-profit organization made up of volunteers who support the health and education of elementary students. Some activities the PTO supports are the Fun Run, Walk-a-Thon, Family Math Night, and Fun Day.

The Monticello PTO has established fundraisers that raise money to support students. Last year the PTO purchased playground equipment, educational rugs, easels for 1st grade, iPads, iPad carts and cases, mats for Physical Education, items for the sensory library, flexible seating, supported educational field trips, basketball hoops at Shannon, and more!



Who can participate in the Monticello PTO?

Currently the Monticello PTO is comprised mainly of parents/guardians and teachers of Shannon and Carpenter Elementary students; however, anyone is welcome to join and volunteer! Volunteers can attend meetings; however if spending time on a committee is more your style, please sign up for a committee.

Please join us for our first meeting will be September 3rd at 6:30pm at the Carpenter library.

Monticello Board of Education Corner...

Each month we'd like to highlight an item or two from our Board of Education.

First, are you interested in becoming a School Board member? The 2019 School Board Election is set for **Tuesday, November 5, 2019**. Two seats are up on the Monticello Board of Education. The candidate filing deadline is **5:00 pm Thursday, September 19, 2019**. Contact the District Office if you are interested or would like more information. The Board holds work sessions on the 2nd Wednesday of the month and regular meetings the 4th Monday of the month. Serving on the school board is one of the most rewarding and important roles you will ever play in our community!

Second, at their regular Board meeting in August our three principals, Joan Young, Brent Meier, and Denny Folken and Superintendent Jaeger stated we are off to a good start for the new school year.

Temperatures have been good and the buildings have remained cool!

New Curriculum Director Robyn Ponder reported that we received positive feedback from our new teachers regarding their orientation day and that the professional development trainings have started off well too.



Thank you to all of our staff for your work on getting the new school year started off great!

THANK YOU TO:

- **The Century House** for their donation for employee years of service awards!
- **Monticello Community School District Education Foundation** for their donation of our employee years of service awards!
- **Citizens State Bank** for providing breakfast on our first professional development day.
- **Ohnward Bank & Trust** for providing lunch for all staff at our employee recognition luncheon!
- **Jones County Dairy Producers** for providing ice cream treats for our staff at our employee recognition luncheon!
- **Jones Regional Medical Center** for providing lunch for our new teachers & counselors on their first day!
- **F&M Bank** for their welcome back treat to staff!
- **Above & Beyond Home Health Care** for their donation to the athletic department for meals for away games.
- **Monticello Community School District Education Foundation** for helping purchase the iPads, iPad cases, Chromebooks, and Chromebook cases.
- **Monticello Community School District Education Foundation** for their donation to purchase a laminator at the Middle School.
- **Jack & Karen Ross and Greg & Diana Jones** for their donation of school supplies.
- **Shelby Gramh and Patricia Beals** for the donation of toys to the elementary music prize box.
- **Terry Feuling** for the donation of paper to the Carpenter Elementary specials teachers.
- **Tim & Angie Fangmann** for the donation of supplies to the MS nurses office.
- **The Treble Makers** for helping purchase a digital piano for the Shannon Elementary music room.



Be the First to Know!

Are you signed up for texts & emails from your child's school?

TEXTS: Our school utilizes the SchoolMessenger system to deliver text messages, straight to your mobile phone with important information about events, school closings, safety alerts and more. You can participate in this free service just by sending a text message of "Y" or "Yes" to our school's short code number, 67587. SchoolMessenger is compliant with the Student Privacy Pledge, so you can rest assured that your information is safe and will never be given or sold to anyone.

EMAILS: You automatically receive emails from School Messenger once your student is enrolled in our district. The email(s) you provide in PowerSchool are the emails that these messages are sent to.

If you have any questions or problems with School Messenger or are not receiving our messages, please contact Morgan Murray-Zimmerman, District Help Desk Personnel at 319.465.3000, ext. 2030.

Annual Notices**Notice Regarding Protection of Student Rights**

The Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA) affords parents and students over eighteen (18) years of age and/or students who are considered emancipated minors pursuant to Iowa laws ("eligible students") certain rights with respect to the district's conduct of surveys, collection and use of information for marketing purposes and certain physical exams. These include the following rights:

The right to consent before a student is required to submit to a survey that concerns one or more of the following protected areas ("protected information surveys") if the survey is funded in whole or in part by a program of the U.S. Department of Education (ED):

- Political affiliations or beliefs of the student or the student's parents;
- Mental or psychological problems of the student or the student's family;
- Sex behaviors or attitudes;
- Illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating or demeaning behavior;
- Critical appraisals of others with whom the respondents have close family relationships;
- Legally recognized privileged relationships, such as with lawyers, doctors, or ministers;
- Religious practices, affiliations, or beliefs of the students or parents; or
- Income, other than as required by law to determine program eligibility.

The right to receive notice and an opportunity to opt a student out of a protected information survey, which concerns any of the protected areas outlined above, regardless of the source of funding of the survey.

The right to receive notice and an opportunity to opt a student out of any non-emergency, invasive physical examination or screening required as a condition of attendance, administered by the school or its agent, and not necessary to protect the immediate health and safety of a student, except for hearing, vision, or scoliosis screenings, or any physical examination or screening permitted or required under Iowa law.

The right to receive notice and an opportunity to opt a student out of activities involving the collection, disclosure, or use of personal information obtained from students for marketing or to sell or otherwise distribute the information to others.

The right to inspect, upon request and before administration or use, any of the following information:

- Protected information surveys of students;
- Instruments used to collect personal information from students for any of the above marketing, sales, or other distribution purposes; and
- Instructional materials used as part of the educational curriculum.

The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the district to comply with the requirements of PPRA. The name and address of the office that administers PPRA is: Family Policy Compliance Office, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Ave., SW, Washington, DC, 20202-5920.

The district will also directly notify, such as through U.S. Mail or e-mail, parents of students who are scheduled to participate in the specific activities and will provide an opportunity for the parent to consent to or opt his/her child out of participation of the specific activity or survey. The district will provide the Schedule of Activities outlining the activities to which this notice applies, preferably at the same time as the district provides this notice, if the district has identified the specific or approximate dates of the activities and surveys at that time. For surveys and activities scheduled after the school year starts, parents will be provided reasonable notification of the planned activities and surveys listed below and/or planned activities and surveys that may arise during the school year that are not listed below, and will be provided an opportunity to consent to or opt his/her child out of participation of the specific activity or survey. Parents will also be provided an opportunity to review any pertinent surveys.

The district will develop policies, in consultation with parents, regarding these rights, as well as arrangements to protect student privacy in the administration of protected information surveys and the collection, disclosure, or use of personal information for marketing, sales or other distribution purposes. The district will directly notify parents of these policies at least annually at the start of the school year and after any substantive changes.

Notification of Rights under FERPA for Elementary and Secondary Schools


The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords parents and students who are 18 years of age or older ("eligible students") certain rights with respect to the student's education records. These rights are:

1. The right to inspect and review the student's education records within 45 days after the day the School receives a request for access. Parents or eligible students should submit to the school principal, or appropriate school official, a written request that identifies the record(s) they wish to inspect. The school official will make arrangements for access and notify the parent or eligible student of the time and place where the records may be inspected.
2. The right to request the amendment of the student's education records that the parent or eligible student believes are inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the student's privacy rights under FERPA. Parents or eligible students who wish to ask the School to amend a record should write the school principal, or appropriate school official, clearly identify the part of the record they want changed, and specify why it should be changed. If the School decides not to amend the record as requested by the parent or eligible student, the School will notify the parent or eligible student of the decision and advise them of their right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the parent or eligible student when notified of the right to a hearing.
3. The right to privacy of personally identifiable information in the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent. One exception, which permits disclosure without consent, is disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A school official is a person employed by the school as an administrator, supervisor, instructor, or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel) or a person serving on the school board; a person or company with whom the school has outsourced services or functions it would otherwise use its own employees to perform (such as an attorney, auditor, medical consultant, or therapist); a parent or student serving on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee; or a parent, student, or other volunteer assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks.
4. A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility.

The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the School to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the office that administers FERPA:

Family Policy Compliance Office U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue SW
Washington, DC 20202

Food Service NEWS

September Breakfast Menu					
"USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer"					
Monday		Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2	3	4	5	6	
	BB muffin	Breakfast pizza	Waffle	Cereal	
	String cheese	Fruit	Fruit	Poptart	
NO SCHOOL	Fruit	Fruit juice	Fruit juice	Fruit	
	Fruit juice			Fruit juice	
9	10	11	12	13	
Ham, egg & cheese croissant	Cereal bar	Pancake on a stick	Long John	Cereal	
Fruit	Mozzarella cheese stick	Fruit	String cheese	Poptart	
Fruit juice	Fruit	Fruit juice	Fruit	Fruit	
	Fruit juice		Fruit juice	Fruit juice	
16	17	18	19	20	
Waffles w/ syrup	Mini donuts	Breakfast pizza	Chocolate chip muffin		
Fruit	Fruit	Fruit	String cheese		
Fruit juice	Fruit juice	Fruit juice	Fruit	NO SCHOOL	
			Fruit juice		
23	24	25	26	27	
Rainbow yogurt	Breakfast stick	Long John	Pancake on a stick	Cereal	
BB muffin	Fruit	Fruit	Fruit	Poptart	
Fruit	Fruit juice	Fruit juice	Fruit juice	Fruit	
Fruit juice				Fruit juice	
30					
Mini donuts					
Fruit					
Fruit juice					



Total Access Online Lunch Program

DID YOU KNOW???

- You can see if your child has eaten a lunch, purchased something off the a la carte, ate a 2nd lunch, or maybe they ate all 3?
- You can check your lunch account balance?
- You can see what you have deposited?
- Get an email when your balance is low and also set a low balance?
- Your children are all on one lunch account—a family account?
- You have the option of limiting the amount your child can purchase off the a la carte or even not allowing them to purchase a la carte?

Log in today!

<https://mcsd.totalk12.com/Index.asp>

Must have a valid email address within PowerSchool in order to receive the low balance reminders.

Please contact Pat Kelly at 465-3000, ext. 1374 or via email at pat.kelly@monticello.k12.ia.us if you have any questions. Thanks!



September Lunch Menu					
Choose a salad as an alternate lunch daily(HS & MS only) Milk served with meal.					
Monday		Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2	3	4	5	6	
	Walking taco	Country fried steak	Cheeseburger/bun	Pizza crunchers	
	Seasoned rice	Mashed potatoes	Sweet potato waves	Lettuce w/ Romaine	
NO SCHOOL	Refried beans	Mixed fruit	Green beans	Glazed carrots	
	Mandarin Oranges	Roll & butter	Apple sauce	Diced pears	
9	10	11	12	13	
Chicken nuggets	Corn dogs	Breaded pork/bun	Chicken & noodles	Breaded cheese sticks	
French fries	Baked beans	Seasoned potato cubes	Vegetable medley	Lettuce w/ Romaine	
Orange slices	Apple slices	Baby carrots	Pineapple/Mandarin oranges	Fresh broccoli	
Roll & butter	Cookie	Banana	Roll & butter	Side kick	
16	17	18	19	20	
BBQ Rib/bun	Popcorn chicken	Pasta w/ meat sauce	Breaded chicken/bun		
Augratin potatoes	Seasoned rice	Lettuce salad	Smiley fries		
Baked beans	Green beans	Mandarin oranges	Peas & carrots	NO SCHOOL	
Pineapple tidbits	Mixed fruit	Garlic toast	Apple sauce		
23	24	25	26	27	
French Toast	Cheddar wurst/bun	Salisbury steak	Chili w/ crackers	Sausage pizza	
Sausage links	Fiesta beans	Mashed potatoes & gravy	String cheese	Lettuce w/ spinach	
Hashbrown patty	French fries	Peaches	Apple sauce	Broccoli/cauliflower	
Strawberries & bananas	Apple slices	Roll & butter	Cinnamon roll	Pineapple/mandarin oranges	
30					
Deli sandwich					
WG chips					
Baby carrots/dip					
Side Kick Frozen/juice					

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.

PARENTS! PARENTS! PARENTS!

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. Thank you!

September 2019

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 LABOR DAY— NO SCHOOL	3 Day 1 9/10/JV/ VB vs Easton Valley—5:15 PTO Meeting—6:30 PM @ Carpenter	4 Day 2 	5 Day 3 MS VB @ N. Cedar—4:15 XC @ Regina (Iowa City Kickers Club) –5:00 9/10/JV/ VB @ N. Cedar-6:00	6 Day 4 JV/ VB vs Beckman—5:00	7 Iowa FFA Dairy Cattle & Milk Quality & Products CDE @ Manchester 9/10 VB Tourney @ Midland-9:00
9 Day 5 	10 Day 6 Senior Class Mtg—8:10-HS Auditorium MS VB @ Anamosa-4:15 9/10/JV/ VB @ Anamosa-6:00	11 Day 1 2:00 Early Dismissal — Prof. Dev Board Work Session—6:00 PM	12 Day 2 MS FB vs Anamosa – 4:15 MS VB vs Northeast—4:15 9/10/JV/ VB vs Northeast-4:15	13 Day 3 V FB @ Bellevue— 7:00	14 MS XC meet—home—8:00 Var XC Meet—home—9:00 9/10 VB Tourney—home-9:00 9 VB Tourney @ Cascade-9:00
16 Day 4 HS Picture Day FFA State Leadership Conference for District Officers @ FFA Enrichment Center NCYL Musical Rehearsals Begin-3:30 7th VB vs Beckman-4:00 8 VB @ Beckman-4:00 9/10/JV VB @ CPU-5:00 JV FB @ Bellevue –6:00	17 Day 5 MS FB @ Tipton—4:15	18 Day 6 ASVAB for 10-12 grades—8-Noon 	19 Day 1 MS XC @ Cascade—Fillmore Fairways-4:00 V XC @ Cascade—Fillmore Fairways-4:30	20 NO SCHOOL— Collaboration Day JV/ VB @ Maq. Valley-5:00	21  Band Car Wash — 8:00 Varsity VB Tourney @ Lisbon—9:00
23 Day 2 Homecoming Parade—6:00 Homecoming Coronation - 6:30 @ Football Field Jr/Sr Girls Powder Puff Game @ Football Field-7:00 	24 Day 3 MS FB vs W. Liberty-4:15 MS VB vs Cascade-4:15 9/10/JV/ VB vs Cascade—6:00 	25 Day 4  2:00 Early Dismissal — Prof. Dev FFA Northeast District Soils Judging @ Hawkeye Community College-Waterloo Board Meeting—6:00 PM	26 Day 5 MS VB @ Tipton-4:15 9/10/JV/ VB @ Tipton—6:00 	27 Day 6 JV/ VB vs Waukon-5:00 	28  MS XC @ Anamosa Middle School-8:30 V XC @ Anamosa Middle School—9:30 V VB Tourney- Home-8:30 JV VB Tourney @ Cascade-9:00 HOMECOMING Dance—8-11 @ HS Commons
30 Day 1	← Homecoming Week →				

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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, socioeconomic 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.