

SCHOOL SPIRIT

March 2020

Hello everyone,

I hope your February was great! I know it was great for our contractors who have been really moving along with our new middle school project. As we enter March, we are within five months of completion of the new middle school. Very exciting stuff! Below is a rendering of the new middle school. If you compare this to the project, you can see how the shape and framework of the new middle school is coming together very nicely. We are currently on schedule and with some good weather we should stay that way.

About 18 months ago we started planning to develop a new district website to fix some problems with the website we have had for many years. We met with parent and staff groups to gain an understanding of what our community was looking for in a website and since then we have been working on the new site. We are scheduled to release our new website to the public at the beginning of March. It will look cleaner and be so much more user friendly than the previous website. We added a calendar for easy access to the schedule of activities each week. We added one button access to things like registration and the school lunch account. We created an easy to use directory and organized the pages in a more logical way. One of the biggest changes is that the new website will be more mobile friendly. That was the number one concern from our parent and staff groups because so many people use their phones to access our website. Please take some time to browse our new website and send me an email if you have any feedback that you would like to share.

You have probably heard of March Madness before, but the last month in the MCSD has been February Madness! We have had so much success in our winter sports/activities and we are all very proud of the hard work our students have put in to make the winter programs a success. Our wrestling team won the conference and had multiple district tournament qualifiers and one state tournament qualifier. The boys bowling team won the district championship and went to the state bowling tournament for the first time in their three-year history. The girls bowling team finished second in the conference. Group speech tore up the competition at the district contest and qualified many students for the state contest. One group even qualified for the All-State contest. Both basketball teams had tremendous seasons. The girls went 18-6 and finished one game short of the state basketball tournament. The boys basketball team won the conference and the district titles and at the time of this letter, they are scheduled to play Dyersville Beckman for a chance to go to the state basketball tournament in a few days. What a month! Let's keep up our school spirit and let the momentum roll right into the spring sports/ activities.

One more important item to share with everyone. This year we celebrate 50 years of girls sports in the Monticello Community School District. During the 1969-1970 school year Monticello introduced girls basketball (6 on 6) and girls track. Since then the number of girls programs have grown and many girls that have walked the halls of the high/middle school have participated in a wide variety of sports. Thank you to those first teams and thank you to all of those girls that followed. It is an honor to be a part of the Monticello Community School District at this historic time.

As always, if you have guestions please feel free to give me a call. Have a great March!

Sincerely,

Dr. Brian Jaeger, Superintendent



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UPCOMING EVENTS



HS Spring Band Concert

March 2 at 7:00 pm **HS Auditorium**

This concert will feature the music of only female composers! Come out to hear a wide variety of styles as we present our "Women in Music" concert.

Shannon Elementary Spring Concert

Thursday, April 30

6:00 pm—High School Gymnasium

Thursday, April 30

Monticello School District Foundation Pep Rally & Class Reunions

March 7, 2020 - 5:30 pm - Berndes Center

The Monticello School District Foundation is excited to announce the annual **Pep Rally & Class Reunions** which will be held Saturday, March 7, 2020. Doors open at 5:30 pm at the Berndes Center. This year's theme is "2020 MCSD: Seeing the Future Clearly". Tickets are \$25 and are available from any Foundation Board Member or at any Monticello School Office. Please consider this note an invitation to purchase a ticket and attend this enjoyable event in support of the children of the Monticello Community School District. Debit & credit cards will be accepted at the Pep Rally.

Parent Teacher CONFERENCES

Elementary, MS, and HS Conferences will be held on March 3 from 4-8 pm and on March 5 —Elementary from 2:30-8 and MS & HS from 4-8 pm

Please Join Us:

Teen Vaping "What Parents Need to Know"

March 5th 6:30-7:30 Lisbon Community

> Schools Auditorium







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Come join us for this year's spring plays:

Wildcat Katie Brown AND

Bulldog Saves the Day

We're doing this melodrama a little differently. We are going to do TWO shows that will be separated by intermission. This will be a wacky, fun-filled run that will definitely keep you on your toes!

Spring Play performances will be on March 12 & March 13 at 7:00 PM in the High School Auditorium. Tickets available at the door. Adults \$5.00 & Students/Senior Citizens \$4.00.

Wildcat Katie Brown

Annie Oakley, move over! Wildcat Katie Brown is here, nicknamed for her temper as well as her oil ventures. When Wildcat's luckless Pa loses all of their property to shyster lawyer Thomas T. Tremaine in a crooked card game, Katie must fight for their land. But to make matters worse, her boyfriend, Big Bob Kelly, stalwart hero and solid oil driller, is being vamped by Tremaine's sleazy partner in crime, Sashay del Rio, hostess of the local saloon. Gunslinger Gulch is home sweet home to a population of corny cowboys, silly saloon girls, a grizzled female prospector, and a pair of loony gossips.

Bulldog Saves the Day

Our heroine, Lullaby F. Broadway, leaves the stage to become a teacher in the Western oddball town of Warzis. Lullaby is promptly introduced to a class full of harebrained, over-sized children, including the ever-inquisitive Billy Wyzatt, Mary Knotyoo, Barney Himm, sisters Onna Break and Anita Break, Lida Bonfire, Juan Federode, Hugo Yurway and the feisty class bully, Bulldog Bishop. However, their sweet new teacher has a secret - she is looking for her long-lost father. 'Mother just can't remember where she put him,' she tells the audience. And when she finds out that the town council ran the last teacher out of town when they discovered she was once an actress, Lullaby has two secrets to protect! As if this isn't bad enough, the villainous yet fellow Broadway actor Big Harry Deal shows up and proposes to her, threatening to blow her cover if she doesn't accept and return to Broadway. Lullaby, however, has fallen head-over-heals for Sheriff Delong Goodnight. Harry tries everything to frighten Lullaby into returning to Broadway, from haunting the schoolhouse to trying to blow it up. Toss in a couple town gossips, and absentminded janitor and a growling mayor, and soon Lullaby finds herself on trial! It is up to none other than Bulldog Bishop, who's developed a crush on Lullaby, to help her out. Classic Pat Cook puns and wisecracks fill this fast-paced, riotous mellerdrama, and it is up to Bulldog to save the day. After all, he is the teacher's pitt!

Screenings for 2020-21 Kindergarten Students

Vision, hearing, and pre-academic skills assessment for children entering Kindergarten in the fall of 2020 will be held on **Tuesday**, April 14 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 your child is in Little Panther Preschool, Shannon Staff will take your child to the screening during their scheduled 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.

From the High School Counselor's Office...

National Honor Society

Sophomores and Juniors who are interested in applying for **National Honor Society** for next year, applications will be available in the office and via the school website on March 2. Sophomores must have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 and have performed 40 hours of community service to apply. Juniors must have a cumulative GPA of 3.02 and performed 40 hours of community service to apply. Completed applications will be **due March 13** at 3:15 pm to the high school office. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Schockemoehl.

- Sophomore students can sign up with Mrs. Stenger to take the PreACT the morning of March 24 for free. Students considering a 4-year college should take this practice version of the college admissions test, ACT.
- Freshmen orientation for current 8th graders is Monday, April 6 at 5:30 pm in the Auditorium.

Free Career, College, and Financial Aid Planning Assistance for Sophomores, Juniors & Parents

The high school counseling office has invited a representative from the lowa College Access Network (ICAN) to provide two free presentations on **career and college planning and financial aid** for sophomores, juniors and their parents (all are welcome) on **Tuesday, March 3 in the High School Auditorium.** The College and Career Planning presentation will occur at 5:30 p.m. and the Financial Aid Night at 6:30 p.m. It's a great night to start planning ahead for your child's future! For more information, contact Carmen Stenger at 465-3000, ext. 1315.

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Menu subject to change. Milk served with meal.									
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday					
2	3	4	5	6					
Rainbow yogurt	BB muffin	Breakfast pizza	Pancakes/syrup						
Granola	String cheese	Fruit	Fruit	NO SCHOOL					
Fruit	Fruit	Fruit juice	Fruit juice						
Fruit juice	Fruit juice								
9	10	11	12	13					
Ham,egg & cheese croissant	Cereal bar	Pancake on a stick	Cinnamon roll	Cereal					
Fruit	Mozzarella cheese stick	Fruit	Fruit	Poptart					
Fruit juice	Fruit	Fruit juice	Fruit juice	Fruit					
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16	17	18	19	20					
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Rainbow yogurt	Stuffed bagel	Long John	Pancake on a stick	Cereal					
Granola	Fruit	Fruit	Fruit	Poptart					
Fruit	Fruit juice	Fruit juice	Fruit juice	Fruit					
Fruit juice				Fruit juice					
30	31								
Mini donuts	Cereal bar								
Fruit	Mozzarella cheese stick								
Fruit juice	Fruit								
	Fruit juice								

PTO News

Hello everyone! Our next meeting is Tuesday, April 14 at 6:30pm in the Carpenter Library. We will not be having a March meeting. Just a reminder the PTO elementary spring pictures are on April 1. Also if anyone is interested in helping with the walkathon on May 13 please contact Nikki Siebels at n.siebels@gmail.com.



Weather Make Up Days—

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

May 29 & June 1

The Monticello High School Student Council collected 710 HIGH NEED items for the Monticello food pantry during the winter food and toiletry drive. Way to go Panthers!!!



March Lun	ch Menu	"USDA is an equal opportunity	provider and employer"		
Choo	ose a salad as an alternate luncl	n daily HS& MS only. Milk serve	ed with meal. Menu subjet to ch	nange.	
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
2	3	4	5	6	
Pulled pork/bun	Deli sandwich	Chicken strips	Cheeseburger/bun		
Waffle fries	WG chips	Mashed potatoes & gravy	Sweet potato waves	NO SCHOOL	
Steamed broccoli	Baby carrots/dip	Blushing pears	Green beans		
Peaches	Side Kick Frozen juice	Roll & butter	Apple sauce		
9	10	11	12	13	
Chicken nuggets	Mini Corn dogs	Country fried steak	Mandarin chicken	Breaded cheese sticks	
French fries	Baked beans	Mashed potatoes	Vegetable medley Lettuce w/ Romaine		
Orange slices	Apple slices	Mixed fruit	Pineapple/Mandarin oranges	Fresh broccoli w/ dip	
Roll & butter	Cookie	Roll & butter	Roll & butter	Banana	
16	17	18	19	20	
NO SCHOOL- Spring Break	NO SCHOOL- Spring Break	NO SCHOOL- Spring Break	NO SCHOOL- Spring Break	NO SCHOOL- Spring Break	
23	24	25	26	27	
French Toast w/ syrup	Cheddar wurst / bun	Salisbury steak	Grilled chicken/bun	Sausage pizza	
Sausage links	Fiesta beans	Mashed potatoes & gravy	Smiley fries	Lettuce w/ spinach	
Hashbrown patty	French fries	Peaches	Vegetable Carrots/Broccoli/Cauliflowe		
Orange slices	Apple slices	Roll & butter	Apple sauce	Stawberries & bananas	
30	31				
Hot Ham & cheese/bun	Walking taco				
Potato cubes	Seasoned rice				
Baby carrots w/ dip	Refried beans				
Sidekick	Mandarin oranges				

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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 January 21, 2020. River Smith, 7th grade student, won first place, with Nick Welter, an 8th 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 ancient and world civilizations, cultures, and physical features.

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 River, 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 Avery Jurgens and Matthew Luke, 6th graders Ty King and Brady Gogel, 7th Graders Kendall Siebels, Royce Kiburz, and River Smith, and 8th graders Nick Welter, Jonah Luensman, and Kyle Cox.

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 Baked/Edge/Blue Inn, the Century House, Citizens State Bank, the Cone Shoppe, Kardes, Legacy Lanes, Above and Beyond, Walmart, and Wolken Dental. 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.

Congratulations to:

- The following Senior athletes on their high school career: **Wrestling:** Jaydon Ray, Mason Reuter, Alaina Sunlin; **Boys Basketball:** Jeff Carlson, Cade Folken, Devin Kraus, Ethan Martensen; **Girls Basketball:** Lisa Dios, Carly Hayen, Jordan Kuper, Emily Schlarmann, Gabrielle Steiner; **Girls Bowling:** Rylee Bauer, Leah Holub, Evee Krouse, Kristen Roher, Lou Rydell; **Boys Bowling:** Eli Beitz, Jackson DeMean, Adam Schmitt, Luke Weber; **Cheer:** Mya Boffeli, Haley Shady; **Dance:** Emma Brighton, Anisa Krouse.
- Levi Temple on being selected as KCRG's February Student of the Month!
- Grant Hospodarsky and Levi Temple for being chosen to perform at Large Group All-State on February 22 in Group Improv.
- The HS Speech participants, 14 events made it to State speech and we had 10 one ratings and 4 two ratings for the day. Great job!
- Jordan Kuper on breaking the school record for most rebounds old record was 668, as of February 17 she had 686!
- Kain Luensman on advancing to state wrestling!
- The following boys' basketball players for their River Valley Conference Awards: Justin Recker & Luke Lambert- Elite All-Conference; Connor Lambert, Tate Petersen, & Ty Kehoe- North Division All-Conference: Devin Kraus- Honorable Mention All-Conference.
- Congratulations to the following girls' basketball players for their River Valley Conference Awards: Jordan Kuper & Gabrielle Steiner Elite All-Conference; Tori McDonald & Karli Recker-North Division All-Conference; Gabrielle Guilford Honorable Mention All-Conference.
- Donnie Kremer & Tim Lambert as being selected as the River Valley Conference North Co-Coaches of the Year.
- The Monticello HS Jazz Band for receiving a superior division 1 rating at the IHSMA Jazz Festival on January 27th. This is the second year in a row that we have received the top rating!

Dance Marathon...For the Kids

Thank you to all our community businesses for donating and sponsoring the MHS Interact Club's annual Mini Dance Marathon. It was another successful year! We are very fortunate to have such an amazing and generous community!

Thank you to these sponsors:

Julin Printing, Kraus Plumbing & Heating LLC, Welter Storage Equipment Co., Citizens State Bank, F&M Bank, Ohnward Bank & Trust, Superior Appliance, Monticello Eagles Aerie Auxiliary #4466, McDonough Real Estate, Hillside Sports Bar & Grill, Above & Beyond Home Healthcare, FitNit, Monticello Rotary Club, Culligan Water, Pizza Ranch, Monticello Auto Center, Kramer Bros Dairy Supply, Dr. Richard J. Wolken DDS, B&E Insurance, Castle Grove Mutual, Sigma Eye Health, Family Chiropractic, Monticello Express, Tri County Propane, Dr. David Balster, Kromminga Motors, Hughes Garage, Monti Home Improvements, Stephen Motors, The Jitney, Home Furniture Gallery.

THANK YOU TO:

- Dianna Rucker, Rucker Photography, for volunteering her time discussing a career in photography with our high school students.
- Kraus Plumbing & Heating, LLC for the donation of a new thermometer for Shannon Elementary.
- Erich Eggers for the donation of markers and sketch pencils to the HS Art Department.
- Those who participated in the Middle School SWITCH night and to the **Jones County Extension Office** for use of the Blender Bike, it was a hit!



Monticello Board of Education Corner...

The Board of Education held a work session on February 12, 2020. At the work session, Superintendent Jaeger discussed the possibilities for the current middle school once we move into to the new building. He believes we have three options: tear down the whole building, leave as is, or modify the existing building. Jaeger then presented the Board with a Fee Proposal from OPN Architects to look into those options. The fee proposal was approved at the February 26 Board meeting. The group then toured the current middle school, the high school weight & wrestling room, and the new middle school. Lots of progress made and the

group was very impressed! 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!

Annual Notices

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—IAC 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—IAC 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.

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.



March 2020



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 Bay 2 HS Spring Band Concert—7:00 – HS Auditorium	3 Elem/MS/HS Parent/ Teacher Conferences 4-8pm ICAN Presentation 5:30 pm College & Career Planning 6:30 pm Financial Aid—HS Aud.	4 Day 4	5 Day 5 2:00 Early Dismissal Elementary Parent/ Teacher Conferences 2:30-8pm MS/HS Parent/Teacher Conferences 4-8pm k!	6 NO SCHOOL— Teacher Collaboration Day	7 NEIBA Jazz Fest MCSD Foundation Pep Rally & Class Reunions—5:30 PM @ Berndes Center
9 Day 6 7-12 Vocal Concert—7:00 pm— HS Gym	5-8 MS Band Concert—7:00 – MS Auditorium	2:00 Early Dismissal — Prof. Dev Board Work Session -6:00 PM	MS Band Large Group Contest Play—7:00 PM	Standard Improvement Day for HS Students National Honor Society Applications are due today! Play—7:00 PM	14 State Individual Speech @ Grinnell NE District FFA Convention @ Edge- wood
16	Boys V Track @ ISU Leid Rec Center— 4:00	18 nd & Vocal Florida Trip chool—Spring Break	19	Girls V Track vs. Dbq. Wahlert @ U of Dubuque—4:00	Boys V Track vs. Dbq. Wahlert @ U of Dubuque— 10:30
23 Day 5 Board Meeting— 6:00 PM	PreACT for Sophomores in HS Library 8-11:30am	25 Day I 2:00 Early Dismissal — Prof. Dev	26 FFA Agriscience and State Science & Technology Fair @ ISU Vocal Solo & Ensemble Practice Night—HS Choir Room-5:30	27 FFA Agriscience and State Science & Technology Fair @ ISU Jostens graduation orders delivery during both lunch shifts G/B Var Conference Track Meet @ U of Dbq-4:30	HS Band Solo & Ensemble Contest Vocal State Solo & Ensemble Contest
30 Day 4 All-State Individual Speech (@ UNI G Varsity Golf vs N. Cedar (@ 3-30 Golf & Country Club-4:00 B Varsity Golf vs N. Cedar 4:00	31 Day 5	Fc	or up to date informatio www.mor	n, please check our w nticello.k12.ia.us	ebsite at

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Board of Education

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