



SCHOOL SPIRIT

August 2017

Hello everyone!

I hope that everyone has recovered from the Great Jones County Fair!!! What an exciting week of activities and events for the entire family. Now that the fair is in our rear view mirror and we are starting August, it is time to start to think about school again. Registration was on August 8th and new teachers report on August 17th. We have an extremely talented group of new teachers coming in this school year and that will only add to the fantastic teaching staff we already have in place. I am really looking forward to an amazing 2017-2018 school year.



Make sure to get your children's sports physical if they are in grades 7-12 and they want to participate in athletics. In the fall students can play football, volleyball, or cross country. There are so many reasons to get your child involved in a fall sport. Learning about teamwork, fair play, leadership, and physical fitness are a few good reasons to participate, but the most important reasons are that students who participate in athletics are more successful academically, socially, and after high school. In fact, the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) report that students who participate in high school athletics have better attendance, higher GPA's, higher standardized test scores, and a higher rate of college entrance than non-athletes. Also, high school athletic participation increases self-esteem, body image, school engagement, and volunteerism. Finally, after high school former athletes are more likely to exercise, vote in elections, volunteer in the community, and have a higher future earnings potential. All of this is remarkable research but let me throw one more amazing statistic at you....a survey of Fortune 500 executives identified that 95% participated in high school sports vs. 43% participated in the National Honor Society. So I hope you encourage your child to participate in a fall sport.

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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



2017-18 School Year Begins
Wednesday, August 23
with a 2:00 dismissal

The 2017-18 School Calendar can be found on our website.

Open House @ All Schools

Monday, August 21st

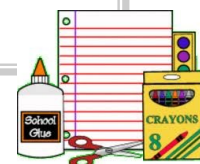
*****New staggered times for each building this year*****

Elementary: 4:30-6:00 PM

Middle School: 5:00-6:30 PM

High School: 5:30-7:00PM

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




UPCOMING EVENTS

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Welcome New Staff!

The 2017-18 school year will begin on Wednesday, August 23rd with some new staff members. **Carmen Stenger** will be our new High School Counselor; **Kathy Larson** will be the new Middle School Counselor; **Abigail Rhomberg** will join the Shannon staff as a Kindergarten teacher; **Brooke Lundgren** will join the Middle School as a 5th grade teacher; **Brittany Ahrendsen** and **Amy Goerd** will also join the Middle School staff as 6th grade teachers; and **Jamie Vroegh** will join the Middle School as 7th grade teacher. **Mary Jane Maher** will join the High School staff as a Special Education teacher; and **Wes Wilson** will also join the High School as a Math teacher. **Ed Goldsmith, Tanner Fellingner**, and **Greg Jones** will be new bus drivers this year. **Larissa Holub** and **Debbie McDermott** will join the Shannon staff as Special Education Associates. Additional hires are pending. Welcome everyone to the Monticello Community School District!

2017 School Election

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2017-18 Bus Routes

We are currently working on the bus routes for this year. We have had some personnel changes, so there will be some driver & bus #'s that have changed. But as far as routes go, most of them will be the same as previous years. Regular bus routes and shuttle routes will be posted on our website soon! Please check back often for updates. If you have any questions on transportation or are in need of transportation this year, please call the Bus Barn at 319-465-4774. Thanks!



TRACK Update!

The renovation of the track at the football field is almost complete. The work should be done by Friday, August 11th!! Thank you for your patience!



11th Annual Monticello Panther Golf Tournament

The 11th Annual Monticello Panther Classic Golf Outing is this **Saturday, August 26th at 1:00 PM**. This will be a four person best shot. If you have any questions or wish to sign up yet, please contact Tim Lambert at 465-5963, ext. 1323 or tim.lambert@monticello.k12.ia.us.

COACHING Positions Available!

- Assistant Volleyball Coaches
- Middle School Girls Basketball Coach
- Assistant Varsity Girls Basketball Coach
- High School Bowling Coach

Apply soon online at <http://www.monticello.k12.ia.us/district-2/employment/> or pick up an application at the District Office. Must have a coaching authorization or willing to obtain. Contact Activities Director, Tim Lambert with any questions at tim.lambert@monticello.k12.ia.us

School registration was held August 8. **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 15th.** 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 this year 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 in PowerSchool.** Thank you!

Free and Reduced Lunch Applications **DUE NOW!**

The application for Free and Reduced Price School lunch for the 2017-18 school year was included in the last issue of the School Spirit, is available on our website, and at the District Office. **Please complete and return those ASAP!** Return to the Superintendent's Office, 711 South Maple Street or mail to Food Service, Monticello Schools, 711 South Maple Street, Monticello, IA 52310 **The State recommends you apply whether you think you qualify or not.**



SOCKS Needed!

The Middle School Vocal Department is looking for socks to use as erasers for our dry-erase boards. Those lone single socks will work too, as long as they are clean. Feel free to drop them off at registration or open house. Thank you! -Donna Wall



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 319-465-6882 or via email: tammy.helgens@monticello.k12.ia.us for more information or to register.



PowerSchool is now mobile – download the FREE app today!

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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 at morgan.murray@monticello.k12.ia.us.

For more information go to www.powerschool.com

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Also the middle school & high school student daily announcements are posted in PowerSchool. You can sign up to receive these via email daily, weekly, every other week or monthly and they are also available on the mobile app. (as well as on our website) Log in today!

FROM THE NURSES OFFICE...

Kindergarten Parents!


All kindergarten immunizations need to be up to date before the first day of school (or a 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 319-465-5963.

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 319-465-5963. Thank You!



Breakfast Menu

Milk served with meal

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
21	22	23	24	25
		Long John	Sausage pancakes bites	Cereal
		Fruit	Fruit	Poptart
		Fruit juice	Fruit juice	Fruit
				Fruit juice
28	29	30	31	
Mini donuts	Cereal bar	Breakfast pizza	Waffles w/ syrup	
Fruit	Mozzarella cheese stick	Fruit	Fruit	
Fruit juice	Fruit	Fruit juice	Fruit juice	
	Fruit juice			

Why is it important for kids to eat breakfast?

A good breakfast fuels you up and gets you ready for the day. In general, kids and teens who eat breakfast have more energy, do better in school, and eat healthier throughout the day!

Lunch Menu

"USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer"

August

Milk served with meal

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
21	22	23	24	25
		Breaded chicken / bun	Hot dog / bun	Stuffed crust pizza
		French fries	Baked beans	Lettuce salad
		Orange slices	Smiley fries	Assorted veggies
		Cookie	Mandarin oranges	Apple slices
28	29	30	31	
Deli sandwich	Chicken strips	Breaded pork / bun	Chicken & gravy / biscuit	
WG chips	Mashed potatoes & gravy	Cheesy potatoes	Broccoli w/ cheese sauce	
Baby carrots w/ dip	Pineapple / oranges	Baked beans	Mixed fruit	
Side kick / frozen fruit cup	Roll & butter	Peaches	Dessert	

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.

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.

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 26th** if they do not want this service. The school will then notify the school audiologist of this request.

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.

Good luck to all of the fall athletes
and coaches!

GO PANTHERS!



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, 319-465-5963, 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) 465-5963.

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>

August 2017

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5 
7 HS practices begin	8 All Schools Registration from 11am-7pm at the High School	9 Board Work Session— 6:00 PM	10	11	12
14	15 V VB Scrimmage home—5:00	16	17 Orientation for New Teachers	18 Professional Development Day	19 V VB Scrimmage @ Cascade—9:00
21 Professional Development Day Open House @ all schools—Elementary 4:30-6, MS 5-6:30, HS 5:30-7:00 Kirkwood Classes Begin	22 Teachers Collaboration Day	23 Day 1 CLASSES BEGIN 2:00 Early Dismissal — Prof. Dev	24 Day 2	25 Day 3 JV/V FB vs Anamosa—5:00 	26 V VB Tourney @ Cascade- 9:00 XC @ Cedar Rapids Prai- rie—9:00 PM Panther Golf Tourna- ment @ Monticello Golf Course Iowa FFA Live- stock/Meats/Milk Quality & products CDE @ ISU
28 Day 4 Board Meeting—6:00 PM Fall Musical Auditions— 3:30 & 7 —HS Choir Room	29 Day 5 Fall Musical Auditions— 3:30 —HS Choir Room 9/10/JV VB vs Easton Valley-5:15	30 Day 6 	31 Day 1 HS Picture Day 7/8 VB @ Northeast—4:15 9/10/JV VB @ Northeast – 6:00 V XC @ Regina—5:00		

For up to date information, please go to our website at www.monticello.k12.ia.us

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