



SCHOOL SPIRIT

March 2018

Hi everyone,

Congratulations to all of us!!! U.S. News & World Report has ranked Iowa the best state to live in the United States. This was based on data collected from over 30,000 people living in all fifty states. According to this year's report, the rankings show how each of the fifty U.S. states perform in seventy-seven metrics across eight categories. Those categories include health care, education, economy, opportunity, infrastructure, crime, fiscal stability, and quality of life. Rounding out the top 5 were Minnesota, Utah, North Dakota, and New Hampshire. It is always nice to be the best!!!



School facility planning continues as we move into March. OPN architects will visit the school board for a work session on March 7 and provide an update on the Facility Assessment research they have been working on and give the board some feedback from the community meetings and the school facility committee meetings. In the next two months we would like to narrow down the number of ideas for facility improvements to 3-4 ideas. Then collect community feedback on those specific ideas to see what specific plan the community can get behind. We really need feedback from you on this topic, so if you have not had a chance to attend a meeting, feel free to share your thoughts with us at: facilityquestions@monticello.k12.ia.us I look forward to reading your email. In fact, give this email address to your friends and have them send me an email also.

As we move into March we are beginning our final lap around the track for this school year. As the spring weather rolls in it is easy to see students get sidetracked and struggle a little bit....spring fever. Please take a few moments and discuss how to "Finish Strong" with your child. Three months from now it will be summer break and school will take a back seat to other summertime activities. Until then we have a lot of work to do and helping your child stay focused will really help them learn to see things through to the end and finish with as much energy and enthusiasm as they started with.

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



Monticello Board of Education Corner...

The Board of Education held their regular meeting on February 26, 2018. In their Board Member Activity Reports they discussed the Community Facility Meeting that was held on February 21st. Overall they felt the meeting went well. There were a few new faces in attendance and thought the small group discussions were beneficial. The Middle School students that led the tours did a great job. A few common themes that came out of the facility meeting was having 2 buildings instead of 4 would be great and that the middle school is no longer acceptable. With the recent incidents in Florida, we also need to be thinking about safety. The Board does want the public to know that no plan has been approved yet and therefore we have no definite costs. OPN Architects will be at our March 7 Work Session to start narrowing down solutions. 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/> Have a great start to Spring!

UPCOMING EVENTS



Band Round-Up

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

The Band Round-Up will be held on **Friday, March 2 at 7pm in the HS gym!** The change to the normal concert schedule is due to the HS band performing at the Iowa Bandmasters Association Conference in May. Cookies and punch will be served afterwards in the HS commons. Please come support our 5-12 band program!

Shannon Elementary Spring Concert

"Here Comes the Sun"

Thursday, April 26
6:00 PM



Panther Academy Student Openings!

Panther Academy currently has openings for students for their before and after school program. Panther Academy is our before & after school childcare and summer program located at Shannon Elementary. Please contact Director Tammy Helgens at 319-465-5425 or via email: tammy.helgens@monticello.k12.ia.us for more information or to register.

Screening for 2018-19 Kindergarten Students

Vision, hearing, and pre-academic skills assessment for children entering Kindergarten in the fall of 2018 will be held on Tuesday, April 10th at Shannon Elementary. **If you have already done the Kindergarten Round-Up in January you will be receiving a letter in the mail with your time.** If you did not attend the Kindergarten Round-Up, please call Sandy Hinrichs at 465-3000 ext. 4114 to make an appointment. This screening is free of charge.

THANK YOU TO:

- **Monticello PTO** for providing meals for staff at conference time.
- **St. John's Lutheran Church** for their donation to the health fund
- **The Shop Forward** for their donation of Love>Hate t-shirts for all 2nd graders!
- **The Monticello Express** for their donation of printed post-cards.



MHS presents:



Spring Play performances will be on Thursday, **March 8** and Friday, **March 9** at 7:00 PM in the High School Auditorium.

Tickets available at the door. \$5.00 for adults and \$4.00 for students and senior citizens.

THE STORY: Here's a hilarious melodrama that spoofs many of Hollywood's Westerns and has modern touches to boot. Slick and wealthy Richard Coldheart must marry Polly Wanda Cracker to control the Cracker property. However, it's Polly's homely sister, Prunella, who wants to marry him! Meanwhile, our hero, Sheriff Wayne John, has his hands full surviving the hilarious antics of well-meaning, but not too bright, Deputy Doowrong. When a bundle of villains, including Snyderley Dastardley, Kid Kid, and Calamity Jan, attempt to take over Low Humidity Chasm, things really go crazy! With a narrator to keep the characters onstage in line, this wild and wooly Western will bring down the house!



Snow Make Up Day—The snow day we had on February 9, will be made up on Wednesday, May 30! If we have any additional weather days, they will be added after May 30. Thank you!

PTO News:

Thank you to those who provided conference meals to the schools. The teachers really appreciate this! Spring pictures for the elementary schools will be April 4th. If you would like to help with the Walk-a-thon contact Taylor Holt @ taylor.holt21@gmail.com. If you would like to help with the Fun Day contact Michelle Hinrichs @ michelle_hinrichs@yahoo.com. Our next meeting is scheduled for March 20th at 6:30pm in the Carpenter library. See you there!

Do you have a question about our facilities?

EMAIL US at:

facilityquestions@monticello.k12.ia.us

Juniors and Seniors who are interested in applying for National Honor Society, applications will be available in the office and via the school website, starting March 1, 2018. You must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0, and have performed 40 hours of community service to apply. Completed applications will be due March 21st at 3:15 pm to the high school office. If you have any questions, please see Mrs. Stenger.



MHS Dance Marathon Raises \$3,000!

Thank you to the following sponsors who supported the Dance Marathon we held on February 24, 2018. We were able to donate \$3,000 to the UNI Dance Marathon and that money will help those kids at the University of Iowa Children's Hospital and the Children's Miracle Network. So thank you to everyone who donated and to the students that participated. It was a fun night!

Red Level Sponsors

Above and Beyond Home Health & Hospice, Advantage Home Medical, Citizens State Bank-Monticello, Energy Manufacturing Co., HCH Reality, J&D Construction Inc., Julin Printing Company, Kraus Plumbing and Heating, McDonough Real Estate, Monticello Eagles Club, Monticello Sports, Monticello Rotary Club, Oak Street Manufacturing, Office Lounge, Ohnward Bank & Trust, Shimanek Shimanek & Bowman Law Offices, Yogis.

Black Level Sponsors

All Seasons Auto Body, Eastern Iowa Sports Facility, Edward Jones-Craig Thompson, Fidelity Bank & Trust, La Hacienda Mexican Restaurant, Monticello Express & Monticello Shopper's Guide, Monti Plumbing Heating & Electric, Scherrman's Implement, The Cone Shoppe, Total Water, VIP Sanitation, Wolken Dental.



White Level Sponsors

Castle Grove Mutual Insurance, Freese Motors, Hughes Garage & Auto Sales LLC, Keleher's Jewelry, La Belle Boutique & Beauty Lounge, Monti Barber Center, Studio Cheveux.

Breakfast Menu				
USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer				
				Milk served with meal
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1	2
			French toast/syrup	
			Fruit	NO SCHOOL
			Fruit juice	
5	6	7	8	9
Sausage, egg, cheese biscuit	Cereal bar	Sausage pancake bite w/ SF syrup	Breakfast Bosco	Cereal
Fruit	Mozzarella cheese stick	Fruit	Fruit	Popart
Fruit juice	Fruit	Fruit juice	Fruit juice	Fruit
				Fruit juice
12	13	14	15	16
NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL
19	20	21	22	23
Rainbow yogurt	Breakfast Bosco	Long John	Sausage pancakes bites	Cereal
Granola	Fruit	Fruit	Fruit	Popart
Fruit	Fruit juice	Fruit juice	Fruit juice	Fruit
Fruit juice				Fruit juice
26	27	28		
Mini donuts	Cereal bar	Breakfast pizza	Waffles w/ syrup	
Fruit	Mozzarella cheese stick	Fruit		NO SCHOOL
Fruit juice	Fruit	Fruit juice	Fruit juice	

National School Breakfast Week

March 5-9, 2018

Did you know? Breakfast is the most important meal of the day. Your body is like a car; if you don't put fuel in, it won't run. Eating breakfast has been proven to show that students have higher test scores, concentrate better in class, reduced absenteeism, and reduced behavior problems. At Monticello Schools we offer breakfast daily at all of our school buildings.

Free & Reduced Meals

Did you know that if you have a student that qualifies for free or reduced lunch meals, that includes breakfast AND lunch!

Lunch Menu				
March 2018 Choose a salad as an alternate lunch daily (H.S. &)				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1	2
			Cheeseburger/bun	
			Smiley fries	NO SCHOOL
			Glazed carrots	
			Apple slices	
5	6	7	8	9
French Tst Sticks w/syrup	Chicken & noodles	Walking taco	Salisbury steak	Breaded cheese sticks
Sausage links	Green beans	Seasoned rice	Mashed potatoes & gravy	Lettuce w/ Romaine
Hash brown Patty	Peaches	Refried beans	Mixed fruit	Baby carrots/dip
Strawberries & bananas	Bread & butter	Apple sauce	Roll & butter	Strawberries/bananas
12	13	14	15	16
NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL
19	20	21	22	23
Chicken nuggets	Pulled pork	Breaded chicken/bun	Pepperoni pasta	Sausage pizza
French fries	Sweet potato fries	Vegetable soup/crackers	Green beans	Lettuce w/ spinach
Pineapple Tidbit	Corn	Orange slices	Apple sauce	Carrots/Broccoli/Cauliflower
Roll & butter	Mixed fruit	Dessert	Bread stick	Apple slices
26	27	28	29	30
Deli sandwich	Chicken strips	Breaded Pork/bun	Chili w/ crackers	
WG chips	Mashed potatoes & gravy	Seasoned potato cubes	Baby carrots w/ dip	NO SCHOOL
Baby carrots/dip	Pineapple/mandarin oranges	Baked beans	Apple sauce	
Side Kick Frozen juice	Roll & butter	Diced peaches	Cinnamon roll	

March 2018 HACAP Mobile Food Pantry Schedule



The HACAP Mobile Food Pantry will be at the following locations in March:

- March 15th: Anamosa Public Library, 600 E. 1st St. 3-4 pm (Jones County)
- March 26th: Monticello Public Library, 205 E. Grand St. 3-4 pm (Jones County)
- March 29th: Onslow Community Hall, 105 S. Main St. (Jones County) 1-2 pm
- March 29th: Olin Elementary, 212 Trilby St. (Jones County) 3:30-4:30 pm

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.

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.

Directory Information—Annual Notice

The district may release the following types of directory information to the public without parent or eligible student consent: name, address, telephone number, date and place of birth, e-mail address, grade level, enrollment status, major field of study, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, weight and height of members of athletic teams, dates of attendance, degrees and awards received, the most recent previous educational agency or institution attended by the student, student ID number that is displayed on a student identification card (provided it cannot be solely used to access the student's educational records), user ID or other unique personal identifier that is displayed on a student identification card (provided it cannot be solely used to access the student's educational records), photograph and other likeness, and other similar information. No directory information may be released without parent or eligible student consent if either the information or the manner of circumstances in which it is released would serve to identify a student as handicapped or receiving special education services.

Any parent or eligible student objecting to the public release of directory information must annually file a written objection with the office of the principal of the school. That information objection shall not be publicly released.

Inspection of Instructional Materials—Annual Notice

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.

2018-19 Calendar

Board Approved: 1/22/2018

Monticello Community Schools 2018-2019 Master Calendar

Summary of Calendar

Student Hours in Classroom:	
First Semester:	556.22
Second Semester:	554.97
PT Conferences:	16.00
TOTAL STUDENT HOURS:	1127.19

CALENDAR LEGEND

	Start/End School Year	2
	PD Day	7
	2pm dismissal for PD	17
	Parent/Teacher Conferences	4
	Collaboration Day	6
	Holiday	6
	Vacation Days	12
	End 1st Semester	1

Holidays

Sept. 03	Labor Day
Nov. 22	Thanksgiving Day
Dec. 25	Christmas Day
Jan. 01	New Year's Day
Apr. 19	Good Friday
May 27	Memorial Day

Professional Development Days (No School)

Aug. 20, 21, 31; Oct. 8
Jan. 21; Feb. 18; April 22

Collaboration Days (No School)

Aug. 22; Oct. 26; Dec. 7
Jan. 2; March 1; April 1

2pm Dismissal Dates

Sept. 12, 26, Oct. 10, 25
Nov. 7, 28, Dec. 12, Jan. 9, 23
Feb. 6, 20, 28, March 13, 27
April 10, 24, May 15

Parent Teacher Conferences

HS, MS, Elem - Oct 22 & Oct 25
HS, MS, Elem - Feb 25 & Feb 28

Break Days

Nov. 21-23
Dec. 24-Jan. 1
March 18-22

Weather Make-Up Days

May 30 - June 14

Teacher Floating Work Days

August 8-17 (1 day)
May 30-June 14 (1 day)

Month	M	T	W	Th	F
Aug.			1	2	3
	6	7	8	9	10
	13	14	15	16	17
	20	21	22	23	24
	27	28	29	30	31

Sept.	3	4	5	6	7
	10	11	12	13	14
	17	18	19	20	21
	24	25	26	27	28

Oct.	1	2	3	4	5
	8	9	10	11	12
	15	16	17	18	19
	22	23	24	25	26
	29	30	31		

Nov.				1	2
	5	6	7	8	9
	12	13	14	15	16
	19	20	21	22	23
	26	27	28	29	30

Dec.	3	4	5	6	7
	10	11	12	13	14
	17	18	19	20	21
	24	25	26	27	28
	31				

Jan.		1	2	3	4
	7	8	9	10	11
	14	15	16	17	18
	21	22	23	24	25
	28	29	30	31	

Feb.					1
	4	5	6	7	8
	11	12	13	14	15
	18	19	20	21	22
	25	26	27	28	

March					1
	4	5	6	7	8
	11	12	13	14	15
	18	19	20	21	22
	25	26	27	28	29

April	1	2	3	4	5
	8	9	10	11	12
	15	16	17	18	19
	22	23	24	25	26
	29	30			

May		1	2	3	
	6	7	8	9	10
	13	14	15	16	17
	20	21	22	23	24
	27	28	29	30	31





June	3	4	5	6	7
	10	11	12	13	14

EVENTS

17 - New Teachers Report	August
20 - Kirkwood First Semester Classes begin	
20-21 - Professional Development Days	
21 - Open House:	
Elementary: 4:30-6pm MS: 5-6:30pm HS: 5:30-7pm	
22 - No School, Collab Day	
23 - CLASSES BEGIN	
31 - No School, PD Day	
3 - No School, Holiday	September
12 - 2pm dismissal	
26 - 2pm dismissal	
HOMECOMING WEEK Sept 10,17, or 24	
8 - No School, PD Day	October
10 - 2pm dismissal	
22 - Elem/MS/HS PT Conference 4-8	
25 - 2pm dismissal - MS/HS PD	
25 - Elem PT Conf--2:30-8pm; MS/HS PT Conf--4-8pm	
26 - No School, Collab Day	
7 - 2pm dismissal	November
21-23 -- Break	
22 - Holiday	
28 - 2pm dismissal	
7 - No School, Collab Day	December
12 - 2pm dismissal	
14 - Kirkwood First Semester Classes End	
12/24 - 1/1 --Winter Break	
25 - Holiday	

1 - Holiday	January
2 - No School, Collab Day	
9 - 2pm dismissal	
11 - End 1st Sem.	
14 - Begin 2nd Sem.	
14 - Kirkwood Second Semester Classes Begin	
21 - No School, PD Day	
23 - 2pm dismissal	
6 - 2pm dismissal	February
18 - No School, PD Day	
20 - 2pm dismissal	
25 - Elem/MS/HS PT Conference 4-8	
28 - 2pm dismissal - MS/HS PD	
28 - Elem PT Conf--2:30-8pm; MS/HS PT Conf--4-8pm	
1 - No School, Collab Day	March
13 - 2pm dismissal	
18 - 22 -- Spring Break (Also KCC Spring Break)	
27 - 2pm dismissal	
1 - No School, Collab Day	April
10 - 2pm dismissal	
19 - No School - Holiday	
22 - No School, PD Day	
24 - 2pm dismissal	
4 - PROM	May
10 - Kirkwood Second Semester Classes End	
15 - 2pm dismissal	
22 - Last day for Seniors	
26 - HS Graduation	
27 - No School - Holiday	
29 - Last day of school	

March 2018

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Day 1 2:00 Early Dismissal Elementary Parent Teacher Conferences—2:30-8	2 No School—Teacher Collaboration Day 5-12 Band Round-Up—7:00 -@ HS Gym	3 NEIBA Jazz Fest @ Hudson MCS D Foundation Dinner & Auction—5:30 PM @ Berndes Center 
5 Day 2 7-12 Vocal Concert—HS Gym-7:00	6 Day 3 MS Parent Teacher Conferences—4-8	7 Day 4 2:00 Early Dismissal—Prof. Dev Board Work Session -6:00 PM	8 Day 5 Play—7:00 PM	9 Day 6 Play—7:00 PM	10 State Individual Speech @ CR Kennedy—8:00 NE District FFA Convention
← National School Breakfast Week! →					
12 Band/Vocal Trip to NY	13 Band/Vocal Trip to NY Boys V Track @ ISU Leid Rec Center—4:00 Girls V Track @ Wartburg College—11:30	14 Band/Vocal Trip to NY	15 Band/Vocal Trip to NY	16 Band/Vocal Trip to NY Girls V Track vs. Dbq. Wahlert @ U of Dubuque—4:00	17  Boys V Track vs. Dbq. Wahlert @ U of Dubuque—10:30
← No School—Spring Break →					
19 Day 1 FFA Banquet—5:30—Jones County Youth Development Center	20 Day 2 PTO Meeting —6:30—Carpenter Library	21 Day 3 National Honor Society Applications are due today!	22 Day 4 Girls Var Track vs N. Cedar @ Cornell College Boys/Girls V Conf Track Meet @ U of Dbq-4:30	23 Day 5 	24 Boys V Track @ Cornell College—11:00
26 Day 6 All-State Festival Individual Speech @ Cedar Falls Board Meeting—6:00 PM	27 Day 1 Elementary Family Night-5:30-7:30—Berndes Center	28 Day 2 2:00 Early Dismissal—Prof. Dev	29 Day 3 Boys V Track @ Cascade-4:15	30 Day 4 No School—Good Friday	31 Boys V Soccer @ Solon—8:00

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