



SCHOOL SPIRIT

October 2020

Hello everyone,

Hard to believe that it has been over five weeks that school has been back in session. We have all been on a wild ride for the last six months. I appreciate everyone's patience as we all navigate through this difficult time together. I would like to welcome Mrs. Debbie McDermott as our newest school board member. She was appointed and took the oath of office at the end of September. We are very happy to have her experience and insights as a part of the Monticello School Board!!!



With the help of the Jones County Department of Public Health we have been managing each positive COVID test from students and staff and how that affects our school district. We continue to take precautions and learn from each situation; however, I suspect that positive COVID cases and quarantine situations will continue to occur for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year. We will continue to do our best to mitigate those situations but we really need your help with this. If your child is having symptoms that could be related to COVID please keep them home and contact your family doctor for guidance. In some scenarios, we have discovered that people can test positive for COVID even when they thought it was seasonal allergies or a cold. So, for this year it is better to be safe than sorry.

We have started our progress monitoring tests with our students in grades K-8 and will be able to compare these tests with progress monitoring testing we do later in the year. Over the course of the school year this will give us the data necessary to determine if students are at grade level in reading and math. Those students below grade level will be invited to attend summer school during the summer of 2021. We are currently developing our summer school program and investigating resources. Our goal is to have the details of summer school worked out by spring break and then to invite students, hire staff, and assemble our resources in order to be ready for the summer of 2021.

On October 13, 2020 we will be hosting the River Valley Conference Cross Country meet. This meet was supposed to be in Iowa City however the park that the meet was supposed to be in is currently closed. Fourteen conference teams will be bringing boys & girls middle school and high school teams and they will all begin arriving about 3pm. In order to create a more organized event as our visitors arrive on campus we will be dismissing all grade levels at 2:30pm on this day. In the past when we have hosted an event like this we just had the high school kids dismiss early. Since the middle school is on the high school campus they will need to be dismissed early also. If we allowed the elementary to finish the day we would need to bring all bus riders from the high school and middle school to the old middle school gym for 45 minutes to make the bus routes work. Putting over 150 kids in the gym together for 45 minutes is not something we should do at this time. So, our solution is to dismiss all schools at 2:30pm. I do apologize for any inconvenience this may cause our parents but I do feel very excited that we are hosting this event for our athletes and their families.

As always if you have any questions please feel free to send me an email or give me a call at anytime. Thank you for your continued support of the Monticello Community School District!

Sincerely,

Dr. Brian Jaeger
Superintendent

UPCOMING EVENTS

School Pictures

Pictures for our PreK-12 **Online Learning Students** will be on Wednesday, October 14 from 7:30-11:00am in the High School Lobby. If you do not have a picture envelope for your order & payment, some will be available on that day.

Retakes:

Elementary *Retakes*—October 12
Middle School *Retakes*—October 12
High School *Retakes*—October 14



Parent Teacher Conferences

for all schools:
October 26 from 4-8pm
&
October 29 from 4-8pm

More information will be sent out by your Building Principal in October.

Seniors!

Seniors: Senior pictures and baby pictures for yearbook are due Dec. 18.

GUIDELINES FOR SENIOR PHOTOS FOR YEARBOOK:

- Head and shoulders only
- Vertical format
- Clothing should conform to school dress code
- No inappropriate poses
- No other people, animals, objects/props in photograph
- No sunglasses
- Color or B/W are acceptable
- Submit digitally or write name on back if submitting a hard copy
- Must be received by deadline (Dec. 18)



Of course, you are free to have any senior photo poses you wish for your own use. However, the senior portrait selected and submitted for use in the school yearbook must meet the above guidelines.

You may use your Halverson's school photo or have your own taken.

Baby photos are optional but must also be submitted by deadline if you wish one. Copies are preferred to original heirloom photos. Baby pictures not submitted digitally should be labeled on the back with first and last names.

Photos can be emailed to jane.woodhouse@monticello.k12.ia.us or can be turned in to HS office window.

From the High School Counselor's Office

FAFSA for Seniors in October

If your student is going to college next year, there are some important dates coming up in the near future that you need to be aware of. The **FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)** becomes available on **October 1st**. This is an important step in the financial aid process that gives students access to federal student loans, grants, and work-study opportunities in college.

To get ready to file the FAFSA, both you, the parent, and your student should set up a Federal Student Aid ID (FSA ID). This is a username and password that you will use to fill out and sign the FAFSA form. Visit fsaid.ed.gov to set up your ID, and don't forget to write it down! You'll use the same FSA ID every year to file the FAFSA. If you have an older student that you've filed the FAFSA for in the past, you may already have an FSA ID. You will use the same ID for each student's FAFSA.

If you have questions about paying for college, or would like **free help filing the FAFSA**, the Iowa College Access Network offers free resources for college planning and financial aid. You can visit their website, www.ICANSucceed.org, to schedule an appointment, or call their toll free number, 877-272-4692 to talk to an advisor.

Stay on top of the process, and **file your FAFSA as soon as possible after October 1st!**

Scholarships

Seniors planning to seek financial assistance for college are strongly encouraged to check the [scholarship website](https://www.monticello.k12.ia.us/high-school-2/high-school-counseling/scholarships/) (<https://www.monticello.k12.ia.us/high-school-2/high-school-counseling/scholarships/>) and scholarship bulletin board outside the counseling office weekly.

Senior Planning Meetings

Seniors who have not yet met with Mrs. Stenger should do so as soon as possible. The purpose of these meetings is to review their graduation progress and discuss next steps for their post-high school plans. Students can [schedule these here](https://calendly.com/carmen_stenger/senior-meeting?month=2020-09) (https://calendly.com/carmen_stenger/senior-meeting?month=2020-09)

College and Career Visits Virtually

College representatives will be arranging virtual college visits with our school this year. See a list of the scheduled colleges and a link to the Zoom meeting by visiting [here](https://www.monticello.k12.ia.us/college-career-visits/) (<https://www.monticello.k12.ia.us/college-career-visits/>) More will be added as they schedule with us.

PARENTS! PARENTS! PARENTS!

It is vital that the school district has current and updated information on your students, especially for emergency situations, early dismissals, etc. Please log in to your PowerSchool account and make sure everything is current, including your cell phone #'s, home phone #'s, email, mailing address, emergency contacts, etc. AND please answer/update this question in PowerSchool on the E-Registration section - Demographics - "Where does your child go in the event of weather related early dismissals?". This helps us get your child(ren) where they need to go. If you need assistance, please feel free to call Morgan Murray-Zimmerman at 319-465-3000, ext. 2030.

Annual Notice

Hearing Screening: Grant Wood Area Education Agency (GWAEA) screens all students in Alternative Kindergarten (AK), kindergarten, and grades 1, 2, and 5. Students in the Early Learning Program with IEP's will be screened. Students in grades 3, 4, middle, and high school, who are new to the school, that don't have a documented hearing test, and some students with a history of known hearing loss will also be tested. Follow up testing may occur periodically if previous hearing test results were not within normal limits. Parent/guardians not wishing their child's hearing tested should notify the health office in writing at the beginning of the year. Parents/guardians with concerns about their child's hearing should contact the school nurse.

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.

Taking Care of Yourself Matters

You have probably heard it before. We as parents must take care of ourselves in order to best care for our children. As the topic of Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) is discussed more at the state and district level, we want to share ways you can encourage SEL skills in your family. This starts with you as a model.

- 1. Use positive coping strategies when upset.** This could include going for a walk, talking to a trusted friend, or taking some time for yourself to calm down. Kids and teens will look to you as a model for how to handle big emotions.
- 2. Make time for self-care.** Exercise, journal, read, talk to a friend, make something, take a nap, play with your pet, learn something new, spend time outside, engage in a mindfulness activity, or whatever works for you. Find more ideas [here](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1t0WCIBc1k0nSj-OoKaU8H6azD7Bz8Au/view)
- 3. Do something nice for others.** Kindness is like a boomerang. Help others and the good feelings will come right back to you.
- 4. Set family routines.** This might be setting out clothes and supplies the night before, chore time, a family meal at least once a week, and/or where students complete schoolwork. Routines help us find comfort and normalcy during difficult times.
- 5. Be present for your family.** When your self-care time is over, unplug from work and devices and spend focused time with your family.
- 6. Create family projects or activities.** As a family, do something kind for a neighbor, have a game night, or discuss your own goals as a family. What the activity is does not matter as much as everyone being involved.
- 7. What can you take away?** One way to reduce stress is to change your expectations or workload. Can you accept your house being messier, saying “no,” “not at this time,” or “thanks for thinking of me, but I can’t now” to additional responsibilities, using a meal delivery service or quick prep meals, or delegate your child to take on a new task?
- 8. Gratitude is the best attitude.** Take time to think of what you are thankful for. Positivity is contagious.
- 9. Organize.** One way for your life to look and feel less cluttered is to organize one item or area each day. Other ideas may be to use a shared online calendar for your family, organize your closet, or get rid of items you have not used in two years.
- 10. Reach out.** The TED Talk [“How to Make Stress Your Friend”](https://www.ted.com/talks/kelly_mcgonigal_how_to_make_stress_your_friend?language=en) shares research that when our brains are stressed, we need social connection. Ask for help, talk to a therapist, or schedule time to socialize with those that make you feel better. Please remember that your child’s school counselor is happy to help with ideas for you and your family.



THANK YOU TO:

- **Freese Motors, Victoria Berta, and anyone we missed** who donated masks for our staff & students.
- **Steve & Dianna Rucker** for donating a music toy to the elementary music program.
- **Morgan & Calvin Zimmerman family** for their donation of whiffle balls and kickballs for 2nd & 3rd grade recesses.
- **The Prescription Shoppe** for their donation of masks and hand sanitizer.
- **Nick & Shannon Simonson** for their donation of hand sanitizer.
- **The Family of Fred Williams** for their donation to the Athletic Department.
- **The Monticello Community School District Foundation** for their donation for chrome-books, science and physical education curriculum, and some teacher wish list items from the Foundation Gala that was held in March. Very much appreciated!

Recycling Fundraiser



Funds raised from recycling items benefits:
Monticello Middle School 7th Grade

You Can Drop Off The Following to the
Monticello Middle School
(They Don't Have To Be Working)

- Cell Phones
- Calculators
- Ipods/MP3 players
- Video Game Consoles & Handhelds
- Video Games
- Ebook Readers
- Mobile Hotspots
- iPads/Tablets
- Video Cameras
- Inkjet Cartridges
- GPS devices

Monticello Board of Education Corner...

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

First, please welcome our new Board Member Debbie McDermott!



Debbie was appointed at the Special Board meeting on September 9, 2020. Debbie is replacing Bud Johnson who resigned from the Board on 8/24/20. Here is a little bit about Debbie:

I have lived in Monticello for 39 years and we raised our family here. We've always enjoyed the community and the kids loved going to school in Monticello. Now I'm enjoying our grand kids coming through the system. I would hope to have a positive impact on serving on the board. I have board member experience with Sacred Heart School and I enjoyed the meetings, facing the challenges, hearing about successes and figuring out new ways of doing things. I love what I see happening in Monticello and would like to see the progress and excitement continue.



Debbie being sworn in by Board Secretary Judy Hayden.

Second, we'd like to thank all of our staff on getting the new school year started off and for all the extra time and work you are putting in for our students! We appreciate it!

The Flu: A Guide for Parents

Influenza (also known as flu) is a contagious respiratory illness caused by influenza viruses that infect the nose, throat, and lungs. Flu is different from a cold, and usually comes on suddenly. Each year flu viruses cause millions of illnesses, hundreds of thousands of hospital stays, and thousands or tens of thousands of deaths in the United States.

What parents should know

How serious is flu?

While flu illness can vary from mild to severe, children often need medical care because of flu. Children younger than 5 years and children of any age with certain long-term health problems are at high risk of flu complications like pneumonia, bronchitis, sinus and ear infections. Some health problems that are known to make children more vulnerable to flu include asthma, diabetes, and disorders of the brain or nervous system.

How does flu spread?

Flu viruses are thought to spread mainly by droplets made when someone with flu coughs, sneezes, or talks. These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people nearby. A person also can get flu by touching something that has flu virus on it and then touching their mouth, eyes, or nose.

What are flu symptoms? Flu symptoms can include fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, chills, feeling tired, and sometimes vomiting and diarrhea (more common in children than adults). Some people with the flu will not have a fever.

Protect your child

How can I protect my child from flu? The first and best way to protect against flu is to get a yearly flu vaccine for yourself and your child.

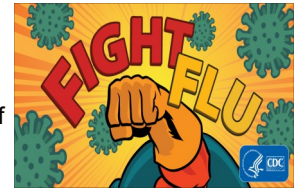
- Flu vaccination is recommended for everyone 6 months and older every year. Flu shots and nasal spray flu vaccines are both options for vaccination
- It is especially important that young children and children with certain long-term health problems get vaccinated.
- Caregivers of children at high risk of flu complications should get a flu vaccine. (Babies younger than 6 months are at high risk for serious flu complications but too young to get a flu vaccine.)
- Pregnant women should get a flu vaccine to protect themselves and their baby from flu. Research shows that flu vaccination protects the baby from flu for several months after birth.
- Flu viruses are constantly changing and so flu vaccines are updated often to protect against the flu viruses that research indicates are most likely to cause illness during the upcoming flu season

If your child is sick

Can my child go to school, day care, or camp if he or she is sick? No. Your child should stay home to rest and to avoid spreading flu to other children or caregivers.

When can my child go back to school after having flu? Keep your child home from school, day care, or camp for at least 24 hours after their fever is gone. (The fever should be gone without the use of a fever-reducing medicine.) A fever is defined as 100°F (37.8°C) * or higher.

For more information, visit www.cdc.gov/flu/protect/children.htm or call 800-CDC-INFO



WE are in need of SUBS!

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

Substitute Special Education Associates

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

Substitute Bus Driver

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

Substitute Food Service

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

Substitute Registered Nurse

- \$124 per day (based on 8 hour day), on call, as needed basis

Applicants must have a high school diploma and pass a background check. Apply online at <https://www.monticello.k12.ia.us/district-2/human-resources/employment/>. For questions or more information, please contact Brooke Scott at the District Office at 319-465-3000 or brooke.scott@monticello.k12.ia.us. EEO.



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.

Food Service NEWS



October Breakfast Menu				
<i>Milk served with meal.</i>				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1	2
			Breakfast pizza	Cereal
			Fruit	Poptart
			Fruit juice	Fruit
				Fruit juice
5	6	7	8	9
Mini donuts	BB muffin		Cereal bar	Cereal
Fruit	Fruit	Online Learning Day	Fruit	Poptart
Fruit juice	Fruit juice		Fruit juice	Fruit
				Fruit juice
12	13	14	15	16
Long john	Yogurt		Breakfast pizza	Cereal
Fruit	String cheese	Online Learning Day	Fruit	Poptart
Fruit juice	Fruit		Fruit juice	Fruit
	Fruit juice			Fruit juice
19	20	21	22	23
Pancakes w/ syrup	Mini donuts		Cereal bar	Cereal
Fruit	Fruit	Online Learning Day	Fruit	Poptart
Fruit juice	Fruit juice		Fruit juice	Fruit
				Fruit juice
26	27	28	29	30
Mini donuts	Yogurt		Breakfast pizza	Cereal
Fruit	String cheese		Fruit	Poptart
Fruit juice	Fruit	Online Learning Day	Fruit juice	Fruit
	Fruit juice			Fruit juice

October Lunch Menu				
<i>"USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer"</i>				
<i>Milk served with meal. Choose a salad as an alternate lunch daily (HS & MS only). Menus are subject to change.</i>				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1	2
			Cheeseburger/bun	Sausage pizza
			Hashbrown patty	Fresh veggies
			Pineapple tidbits	Apple sauce
				Cookie
5	6	7	8	9
Chicken strips	Meatball sub		Shredded BBQ pork/bun	Garlic cheese bread
Mashed potatoes & gravy	French fries		Steamed carrots	Lettuce/dressing
Diced peaches	Green beans	Grab & Go Lunch	Mandarin oranges	Fresh veggies
Roll & butter	Apple slices		Cookie	Mixed fruit
12	13	14	15	16
Corn dog	Chicken nuggets		Walking taco	Breaded cheese sticks
Seasoned diced potatoes	Mashed potatoes & gravy		Buttered corn	Lettuce/dressing
Fresh broccoli	Diced pears	Grab & Go Lunch	Mixed fruit	Fresh veggies
Pineapple tidbits	Roll & butter		Roll & butter	Orange slices
19	20	21	22	23
Breaded pork/bun	Salisbury steak		Breaded chicken/bun	Pizza crunchers
Baked beans	Mashed potatoes & gravy		Smiley fries	Lettuce/dressing
French fries	Peaches	Grab & Go Lunch	Steamed Broccoli	Fresh veggies
Pears	Roll & butter		Watermelon	Mandarin oranges
26	27	28	29	30
Country fried steak	Mandarin chicken		Macaroni & cheese	Bosco's
Mashed potatoes & gravy	Seasoned rice		Sausage links	Lettuce/dressing
Diced peaches	Corn	Grab & Go Lunch	Green beans	Fresh veggies
Dinner roll & butter	Apple sauce		Pears	Fresh fruit
			Garlic toast	

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!



LUNCHES on WEDNESDAYS!

The Food Service Department will be offering a 'Grab and Go' lunch for Monticello students every Wednesday. The only lunch pickup location will be at the main entrance of Shannon Elementary between 11:00–11:30 am (Wednesdays Only).

There are a few requirements to be able to pick up a 'Grab and Go' lunch:

- Lunches will only be available for children enrolled in the Monticello School District.
- The child will be charged a lunch to their existing lunch account. This will be the same as the normal daily lunch plan.
- If your child receives a free or reduced lunch, they will be charged accordingly.
- Parents can pick up the lunches for their children and adult lunches will be available for parents at a cost of \$4.00.

If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact me @ pat.kelly@monticello.k12.ia.us. Thank you! - Mr. Pat Kelly, Food Services Director

October is National Principals Month!

Please help us as we recognize our Principals for all they do!



Denny Folken, Shannon & Carpenter Elementary Principal

Mr. Folken has started his 18th year as our Principal for Shannon & Carpenter Elementary. Mr. Folken is married and has 3 children. He enjoys spending time with family and friends, the outdoors, and watching sports. The Monticello Panthers, Iowa Hawkeyes, and the Pittsburgh Steelers are his favorite sports teams. His advice to someone who wants to be a principal would be to encourage them to job shadow a principal for a week and that would hopefully give them a good idea on whether it's a good fit. If he could travel anywhere his top 3 destinations would be Germany, Italy, and New Zealand.

Thank you Mr. Folken!

Todd Werner, Monticello Middle School Principal

This is Mr. Werner's first year as our Middle School Principal. Mr. Werner is married and has 3 children. He is originally from Williamsburg, Iowa. He enjoys spending time with family, golfing, hunting, and working on home projects. If he could be any famous person for a day he would be Patrick Mahomes because it would be amazing to play quarterback for a day with his talent! The Iowa Hawkeyes are his favorite sports team. The most memorable moments of his career are anytime a student or athlete is successful at something they didn't think they could do.

Thank you Mr. Werner!



Joan Young, Monticello High School Principal

Mrs. Young has started her 19th year as our High School Principal. Mrs. Young is married and has 3 children and 5 grandchildren. She is originally from Manning, Iowa. She likes to garden in her free time. The Monticello Panthers, Chicago Cubs, and Chicago Bears are her favorite sports teams. If she could be any famous person for a day she would be Amelia Earhart so we would know where she disappeared! If Joan could go back in time and give herself some advice it would be 'know what's really important in life and embrace change'. The most memorable moment of her career is when the staff and students returned to the high school in August 2020!

Thank you Mrs. Young!

October 2020

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 7/8 VB vs N. Cedar-4:15 Var XC @ Epworth- W. Dbq-4:15 9/10/JV/V VB vs N. Cedar—5:00	2 JV/V FB @ Camanche—5:00	3 Freshman Volleyball Tournament—Home—9:00
5	6 7/8 XC @ W. Delaware-Fairgrounds-4:00 7/8 FB @ Camanche-4:15	7 ONLINE LEARNING DAY	8 Var XC @ Dewitt Central @ Grace Lutheran Camp-4:45 7/8 VB @ Mid-Prairie -4:15 9/10/JV/V @ Mid-Prairie—5:00	9  JV/V FB @ W. Liberty—5:00	10 JV VB Tourney @ Tipton MS-8:30 am
12 Elementary & MS Picture Retake Day 9 VB @ Anamosa—4:00 7/8 FB vs Anamosa-4:15	13 MS/Var XC Conference Meet- Home—4:30 9/10/JV/V @ Anamosa—5:00	14 ONLINE LEARNING DAY HS Picture Retake Day PreK-12 Online Learning Students Picture Day @ HS-7:30-11am Board Work Session—6:00pm	15 Varsity VB Conference Tourney @ TBA—5:00	16 Football Playoffs—TBD	17 FFA Feed the Farmers 
19 BPA Fall Leadership Conference @ Urbandale	20	21 ONLINE LEARNING DAY Var XC Districts-Home-4:00	22	23	24 All-State Band/Vocal Auditions @ Independence 
26 Elem/MS/HS Parent Teacher Conferences—4-8pm Board Meeting—6:00pm	27	28 ONLINE LEARNING DAY 93rd National FFA Convention & Expo @ Indianapolis	29 Elem/MS/HS Parent Teacher Conferences—4-8pm 93rd National FFA Convention & Expo @ Indianapolis	30 93rd National FFA Convention & Expo @ Indianapolis	31 93rd National FFA Convention & Expo @ Indianapolis Dance Team Show State XC – 10am

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