



SCHOOL SPIRIT

September 2020

Hi everyone,

Over the last several weeks we have been giving tours of the new middle school to many community groups. These tours went right up until the start of the school year. I hope you had a chance to look through the new middle school and see some of the spaces and designs that we have been working on for the last two years. I am so pleased with how the building has turned out and I hope you are too. Most of the comments I have received have been positive and most commented on things like the classroom spaces, entry areas, murals, exterior of the building, gym, library, music rooms, etc. It has all come together so well.



Also, you may already know that our Return to Learn Plan was approved by the school board on July 27 and rolled out to the community the next day. We have had to make some very tough decisions along the way but safety for the students and staff has been the main focus. For students that are returning for in-person learning, there are several considerations they will need to keep in mind as we begin the school year.

1. **ALL** parents will need to take their child's temperature before they send them to school. If your child has a temperature over 100.3 then keep them home.
2. If your child is displaying symptoms of the COVID 19 virus please keep them home. Also make sure to update your child's emergency contact information so we can use it in the event they are not feeling well and need to go home.
3. Face coverings on school busses and in buildings will be **required** for all students and staff. This can be a mask, bandanna, or face shield. Face coverings will become optional when participating in PE, lunch, recess, and after school athletic programs.
4. If you can transport your child to and from school it will limit their exposure to other students on the bus. Even though the rides are sometimes only for a few minutes, reducing exposure is one way to limit the spread of the COVID 19 virus.
5. We will be opening up all buildings by 7:30am each day in case parents need to drop their students off a little early. There will be supervision and breakfast available before school.
6. Please send your child to school with a water bottle and hand sanitizer if possible. We will have hand sanitizer at every entrance but a personal hand sanitizer would be best.
7. Please remember our school calendar changes. The first week of school from August 24 – 28 we will only be meeting in-person from 8-12 each day. In the afternoon teachers will be providing online lessons for all students. In addition, each Wednesday starting September 2 will be an online learning day. No in-person learning will take place those days and every student is expected to participate.
8. Participation in online learning is required for all students. Unlike last spring, online learning is required for every student.
9. Each day we will be cleaning extensively. Our custodians will clean playground equipment, restrooms, cafeterias, classrooms, and in general everything students can touch. On Wednesdays, we will do extra deep cleaning with no students in the buildings.
10. Finally, we will begin the sports seasons with the following changes for spectators. In football, we will be creating a designated area behind each goal post for fans to sit in lawn chairs. This area is not standing room only because standing will block the vision of other fans. We will also block off every other row of the football bleachers. These changes should allow us to have enough social distance outside to create a safe environment for all. In volleyball, we will also close every other row of seats for our fans and require a face covering when in attendance at all times. We will not be using our pep band during home events. There will be more information published about cross country as we get closer to hosting a home meet.

We have worked very hard to make plans to have a football, volleyball, and cross country season. Our athletes are required to follow strict rules of participation according to the state. We ask our fans to be flexible and to remember that these changes are not forever and if we all do our part we increase our odds to not have a COVID 19 outbreak in our school and jeopardize our students learning time or athletic participation.

As always, if you have any questions please feel free to call or email me at any time. Thank you so much for your continued support of the Monticello Community School District.

Sincerely,

Dr. Brian Jaeger, Superintendent
brian.jaeger@monticello.k12.ia.us

UPCOMING EVENTS

School Pictures are on the following days:

- Elementary—Friday, September 11
- Pictures for our Online Learning Students will be on Wednesday, October 14 from 7:30-11:00am at the High School. If you do not have a picture envelope for your order & payment, some will be available on that day.
- MS & HS pictures were taken in August.

Retakes:

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



Parents of Seniors: Senior and baby pictures for yearbook are due before winter break. They can not be accepted late. Make an appointment now and plan to turn them in before winter break, semester one of senior year. Photos may be submitted digitally or by hard copy. Thanks!

THANK YOU TO:

- **The Century House** for their donation for employee years of service awards.
- **Monticello Community School District Education Foundation** for their donation of our employee years of service awards.
- **Betty Prull, Karen Thomsen, Freese Motors, Edelyn King, Carol Hansen, Dawn Eitel, Joan Koppes, Sue Russ, Paladin Attachments, Jo Moreia Da Silva, Joan McKim, and anyone we missed** who donated masks for our staff & students.
- **Accent Construction** for their donation.
- **Courtney Hinrichs** for her donation of backpacks.
- **St. Matthew's Church and Greg & Diana Jones** for their donation of school supplies.
- **Rick Meyer & State Farm Insurance** for their donation of water bottles.
- **Citizens State Bank** for their donation of lanyards for masks.
- **Brody Spahr** for donating a water bottle to the Middle School.
- **Steven & Susan Swift** for helping get awesome carts for Elementary Art & music.
- Thank you to the following people and businesses for donating items to help create individual instrument kits for elementary music:
 - * **Spahn and Rose Lumber & Dave Haag and The Treble Makers** for donating dowels to make the rhythm sticks. **Also to Greg & Angie Wink** for cutting and arranging them.
 - * **Debbie McDermott and Jenny Claussen** for donating pool noodles to help make the pool noodle sand blocks.
 - * **Farmers Best Popcorn and Jenna Peters** for donating popcorn seeds for the egg shakers.
 - * **Nick & Lynn Thumma** for donating materials.
 - * **Erin Dietz** for donating baggies.



Homecoming 2020 Lineup of Events! September 21-25, 2020



Monday, 9/21 - 7:00pm Coronation followed by the Powder Puff game at 7:15. These events will be at Dean Nelson Field.

Friday, 9/25 - 7:00pm Football Game vs Tipton—Varsity only. JV game will be played on Monday, 9/28.

Unfortunately, we will not be able to have a dance and parade this year. We will have dress up days each day that week with daily winners, and a door decorating contest for each classroom. Seniors can also decorate a parking spot to use for the week. Thanks for your cooperation and understanding!!

Please contact Mary Jane Maher
 at maryjane.maher@monticello.k12.ia.us with any questions.

GO PANTHERS!!!

Parents/Guardians of Shannon & Carpenter Elementary Students

Want to be a member of The Monticello PTO, please join us!

What is the Monticello PTO?

A non-profit organization made up of volunteers who support the health and education of elementary students. Some activities the PTO supports are the Fun Run, Walk-a-Thon, and Fun Day. The Monticello PTO has established fundraisers that raise money to support students. In previous years the PTO has purchased playground equipment, educational rugs, easels for 1st grade, iPads, iPad carts and cases, mats for Physical Education, items for the sensory library, flexible seating, supported educational field trips, basketball hoops at Shannon, and more!

Who can participate in the Monticello PTO?

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

The PTO will be seeking a new Secretary this year and if interested please reach out to Nikki Siebels at n.siebels@gmail.com. The PTO would like to thank Michelle Hinrichs for her many years of volunteering for the PTO and for her most recent service as our PTO Secretary.

Please keep an eye out for more information about future PTO meetings and events as we navigate through all the new guidance for Covid!



LIBRARY BOOKS

Please help your student remember to return any library books that were checked out from the spring to the school libraries.



Driveway Emblems

Show your school and community pride with a painted emblem on your driveway! For \$25 the Monticello Band Parents will paint this emblem on your paved driveway on a good weather day. Already have one and need it refreshed? Only \$10. Contact Diane Temple at templefamilyiowa@gmail.com for more information.

COMMUNITY



CONNECTION

“Same Storm, Different Boat”

Since March, we’ve all dealt with the uncharted waters of the storm known as COVID-19. While we sometimes hear “we’re all in the same boat” the phrase “same storm, different boat” is a more fitting description of how we’ve come through the last 5 months. Our experiences through this storm may have been vastly different: different circumstances, different experiences, different perspectives. While we’ve all experienced COVID-19, we haven’t experienced it in the same ways.

Some of our boats may be like yachts (easily maneuvering through the waves), whereas others might be more like a kayak (frequently getting pummeled with large amounts of water). Some of us have experienced real hardships since March: loss of financial security within the family, loss of a loved one, feelings of loneliness and isolation. Others may not have had as difficult a time. Some of us may have had a mix of both experiences, depending on the day.

Some of us feel excited to be back at school, whereas others of us might feel scared and anxious. We are on **different** boats, all looking to survive and make our way through. Let us all navigate our route through this storm with respect, empathy, kindness, and compassion (both for ourselves and for others).

If your child or family needs support as we begin this school year, please do not hesitate to reach out to our School Counseling Team which consists of:

- Carmen Stenger, High School Counselor, ext. 1315; carmen.stenger@monticello.k12.ia.us
- Kathy Larson, Middle School Counselor, ext. 2103; katherine.larson@monticello.k12.ia.us
- Aimee Hospodarsky, Elementary School Counselor, ext. 3117; aimee.hospodarsky@monticello.k12.ia.us
- Sammy Grippo, K-12 School Counselor (shared with Anamosa); samantha.grippo@monticello.k12.ia.us
- Adam Prister, K-12 Social Worker (shared with Anamosa); Adam.prister@monticello.k12.ia.us

Breakfast Menu

Milk served with meal.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1 Sausage pancake on stick	2	3 Breakfast pizza	4 Cereal
	Fruit	NO BREAKFAST	Fruit	Poptart
	Fruit juice		Fruit juice	Fruit
7	8 Chocolate chip muffin	9	10 Long John	11 Cereal
NO SCHOOL	Fruit	NO BREAKFAST	Fruit	Poptart
	Fruit juice		Fruit juice	Fruit
				Fruit juice
14 Mini donuts	15 Cereal bar	16	17 Breakfast pizza	18 Cereal
Fruit	Fruit	NO BREAKFAST	Fruit	Poptart
Fruit juice	Fruit juice		Fruit juice	Fruit
				Fruit juice
21 Long john	22 Sausage pancke on stick	23	24 Blueberry muffin	25 Cereal
Fruit	Fruit	NO BREAKFAST	string cheese	Poptart
Fruit juice	Fruit juice		Fruit	Fruit
			Fruit juice	Fruit juice
28 Sausage pancake on stick	29 Chocolate chip muffin	30 Breakfast pizza		
Fruit	Fruit	Fruit		
Fruit juice	Fruit juice	Fruit juice		



Food Service
NEWS

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

Lunch Menu

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Choose a salad as an alternate lunch daily - HS & MS only. Milk served with meal. Menus are subject to change.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1 Popcorn chicken	2	3 Grilled chicken/bun	4 Breaded cheese stick
	Baby carrots	GRAB & GO DELI	Smiley fries	Lettuce w/dressing
	Pineapple		Orange slices	Fresh veggies
	Roll & butter			Fruit cocktail
7	8 Mandarin chicken	9	10 BBQ pork/bun	11 Stuffed crust pizza
NO SCHOOL	Seasoned rice	GRAB & GO DELI	French fries	Lettuce salad w/ dressing
	Steamed broccoli		Carrots	Assorted veggies
	Pears		Sliced apples	Peaches
14 Hot dog/bun	15 Salisbury steak	16	17 Popcorn chicken	18 Quesadilla
Diced potatoes	Mashed potatoes & gravy	GRAB & GO DELI	Broccoli	Lettuce salad w/ romaine
Celery sticks	Pineapple		Watermelon	Baby carrots
Mandarin oranges	Roll & butter			Mixed fruit
21	22 BBQ rib/bun	23	24 Grilled cheese sandwich	25 Garlic cheese bread
Corn dog	French fries	GRAB & GO DELI	Diced potatoes	Lettuce w/ dressing
Baked beans	Grapes		Fresh veggie	Assorted veggies
Apple sauce			Orange slices	Pears
Cookie		30		
28 Breaded pork patty/bun	29 Country fried steak	30 Mashed potatoes & gravy		
Smiley fries	Mashed potatoes & gravy	GRAB & GO DELI		
Mixed vegetables	Mixed fruit			
Watermelon	Roll & butter			

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 	2 ONLINE LEARNING DAY	3 XC @ Regina (Iowa City Kickers Club) -5:30 JV/V VB @ Bellevue-6:00	4 V FB @ Bellevue—7:00	5 V VB Tourney Home vs Midland-8:30
7 LABOR DAY—NO SCHOOL 	8 9/10/JV/V VB vs Center Point-Urbana—5:00	9 ONLINE LEARNING DAY Board Work Session—6:00 PM	10 NE District Dairy Cattle/Tri-State Dairy Days @ Calmar 7/8 VB vs Anamosa—4:15 @ New Middle School Gym 9/10/JV/V vs Anamosa -5:00	11 Elementary School Picture Day! JV/V FB vs Anamosa- 5:00	12 Iowa FFA Dairy Cattle/Milk Quality & Products CDEs @ Manchester MS XC meet—home—8:00 Var XC Meet—home—9:00 9/10/JV VB Tourney—home-9:00
14	15 7/8 FB vs Tipton—4:15 7/8 VB @ Cascade-4:15 9/10/JV/V VB @ Cascade-5:00	16 ONLINE LEARNING DAY 	17 7/8 VB vs Wilton @ New Middle School Gym MS & V XC @ Cascade—Fillmore Fairways-4:30 9/10/JV/V VB vs Wilton—5:00	18 JV/V FB @ Maquoketa-5:00	19 Varsity VB Tourney @ Lisbon—9:00
21  Homecoming Coronation-7:00 @ Football Field Jr/Sr Girls Powder Puff Game @ Football Field-7:15 Board Meeting—6:00 PM	22  7/8 VB @ Maquoketa-4:15 9 VB vs West Dubque-5:00	23  ONLINE LEARNING DAY	24  7/8 FB vs Mid-Prairie-4:15 7/8 VB vs Camanche-4:15 9/10/JV/V VB vs Camanche-5:00	25  V FB vs Tipton-7:00	26  7/8 XC @ Anamosa-8:30 V XC @ Anamosa -9:30 V VB Tourney-Home-8:30 JV VB Tourney @ Cascade-9:00
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28 9 VB @ Cascade-5:00 JV FB vs Tipton-6:00	29 MS FB vs Maquoketa-4:15 7/8 VB @ Northeast-4:15 9/10/JV/V VB @ Northeast—5:00	30 ONLINE LEARNING DAY HS Academic Awards & National Honor Society Awards presented virtually—9:00am			

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

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