

SCHOOL SPIRIT

November 2020

Hi everyone,

Welcome to November! We have ALL really come a long way since March. As we were planning for the start of the school year over the summer months, I was not sure that we would be in school in November. The implementation of our Return to Learn Plan has gone about as well as we could have expected. We continue to learn more and evolve each week and the plan continues to get better and stronger. YES, I wish for the days of normalcy...so does everyone, however



our reality looks like we will be in the current situation at least until the end of the 2020-2021 school year. So, we all must do our best to succeed in this difficult time. Our students are worth it!

It has been a really big challenge for our teaching staff to teach in person and online. We are not surprised that we have more people struggling with online learning because it is so different than in person learning. At this time, we are seeing about 60% of the online learners struggling with the coursework, especially at the secondary level, as compared to past years when only about 20% of students were struggling in an in-person environment. That seems to match the articles I have read in the last year on the difficulty of online learning. The reason each teacher is teaching online and in person classes is to allow those who are struggling online to come back to in person learning and make it as seamless as possible. Parents, this has to be your decision. Even if your child wants something different. Children's brains are not developed to the same level as an adult and they will not have the full capacity to understand long term benefits and consequences until they are closer to 23-25 years old. So, if you have tried online learning and it is not working....pull the rip cord....you can still salvage the first semester.

As we begin the winter sports seasons we will still have wrestling, bowling, and basketball. We are following the guidelines of our state associations and taking some extra precautions with our athletes and coaches. Fans, we are asking you to do your part and stay masked up when attending winter events. If you are concerned about attending in the gym we are trying to work out a way to broadcast home games for basketball and wrestling over the internet this season. Stay tuned as more information will come out on this one soon.

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,

Brian Jaeger Superintendent

American Education Week is November 16-20, 2020

November 16-20 Americans nationwide will join the National Education Association in raising awareness about the need to provide every child with a quality public education. The celebration highlights the importance of bringing together educators, parents, students, and communities in a unified effort to

build great public schools. Please join us as we thank all of our educators, staff, parents, students, and community. Thanks for all you do to make the Monticello Community School District what it is today!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

DuTrac has decided that due to the COVID pandemic, they will be replaying last year's holiday concerts starting in December! Here is the schedule:



7:40 A.M.

- Sacred Heart Schools Monticello Sacred Heart Schools Monticeilo
 St. Francis Xavier Dyersville Band
 Carpenter Elementary Monticello 3rd Grade
 Western Dubuque Peosta Elementary Band
 Seton Catholic Schools Peosta
 Western Dubuque Dyersville Elementary
 Seton Catholic Schools Farley
- St. Francis Xavier Dyersville 2-3 Grade Choir Western Dubuque Farley Elementary Western Dubuque Cascade Elementary Western Dubuque Poosta Elementary Western Dubuque Epworth Elementary St. Francis Xavier Dyersville K-1 Grade Choir
- Carpenter Elementary Monticello 4th Grade
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Western Dubuque Cascade Elementary St. Francis Xavier Dyersville Band

5:32 P.M.

Western Dubuque Cascade Elementary Western Dubuque Epworth Elementary
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Speech and Drama Social Distancing **Fundraiser**

The Speech and Drama Department would like to thank everyone for their past years of supporting our programs. COVID has placed some restrictions on our normal door to door fundraising activity so we've had to get a little creative. Instead of going door to door we are asking anyone interested in donating to the speech and drama department to send your donations to the following:

> Monticello Speech and Drama 850 E. Oak St. Monticello, IA 52310

All donations are used for purchasing scripts, costumes, royalties, and entry fees. Once again thank you for your support.

School Picture Make Up Day-Friday, November 13

If you haven't had your school picture taken yet or if you need a retake, please come in on Friday, November 13. Halverson Photography will be here with the following schedule:

- 7-8 am Online Learners in the HS Entrance
- 8 am MS & HS brick & mortar students in the **HS Entrance**
- Once done at HS, relocate to Shannon for brick & mortar students
- Once done at Shannon, relocate to Carpenter Gym for brick & mortar students

Cash & Carry Sale

Saturday, November 7, 2020 8am-3pm (unless all is sold before 3pm)

(old) Monticello Middle School 217 South Maple St, Monticello, IA

I Miscellaneous items, filing cabinets, tables, chairs, desks, teacher desks, computer tables, etc. for sale.

I *only furniture items are being sold at this time

- Visitors will be allowed to walk thru the Middle School and make an offer on furniture items. Items will need to be moved by the purchaser, so bring help if needed.
- •All items are sold 'as is' and must be paid for and picked up by 3pm.

Veterans Day Celebration

Unfortunately, we aren't able to have our Veterans Day Breakfast this year. But we will be holding a virtual celebration, so check out our website (www.monticello.k12.ia.us) on November 11.

Thank you to all our Veterans!

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
- 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.

THANK YOU TO:

- Menasha Corporation Foundation/ORBIS for their donation to the high school choir, band, and drama departments.
- Menasha Corporation Foundation/ORBIS for their donation to the school lunch program.
- Kraus Plumbing & Heating for their donation of a therapy pea pod for Mrs. Sandin's classroom.
- Accent Construction for their donation.
- The family of Naomi Bender for their donation to the Shannon Library.
- Joan McKim for her generous donation of personalized bandannas for Champ and Mrs. Hospodarsky.
- The Monticello Fire Department for their donation of fire truck pencil cases with My Family Emergency Plan card for Shannon Elementary.
- Ohnward Bank for providing pizzas for the High School & Middle School teachers during conferences.

High School Counselor's Office News

Seniors: If you are considering college next year, please fill out the <u>FAFSA</u> (https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa) ASAP. <u>Watch this video</u> (https://www.loom.com/share/21a18a17381448229624c0572eb011ab) for more info. Let Mrs. Stenger know when you have completed the FAFSA and receive a prize! If you haven't yet, <u>schedule a senior meeting</u> (https://calendly.com/carmen_stenger/senior-meeting?month=2020-10) with Mrs. Stenger by the end of this month.

College and Career Virtual Visits

This year we will be posting links to virtual college representative visits and career speakers/tours on our <u>College/Career Visits webpage</u>: https://www.monticello.k12.ia.us/college-career-visits/. Check it out!

High School Students Interested in NCAA Sports

Here is a quick overview of the NCAA Eligibility Center process to help guide student-athletes and ensure they are ready for college sports. Students are responsible for maintaining their academics throughout high school. These tips will help keep them on track for meeting academic initial-eligibility standards:

Grade 9

Students work with their counselor to ensure they take appropriate NCAA core courses.

Grade 10

Students register with the NCAA Eligibility Center at eligibilitycenter.org.

<u>Grade 11</u>

- Students work with their school counselor to ensure they will graduate on time with the required number of NCAA
 core courses.
- Students take the ACT or SAT and submit their scores to the NCAA Eligibility Center using code 9999.
- Students ask their counselor to upload their official transcript to the NCAA Eligibility Center at the end of the year.

Grade 12

- Students complete last NCAA core courses.
- Students take the ACT or SAT again, if necessary, and submit their scores to the NCAA Eligibility Center using code 9999.
- Students should apply to the school of their choosing and confirm they have been accepted.
- Students request final amateurism certification beginning April 1 before enrolling in college in the fall.
- Students ask their counselor to upload their final official transcript with proof of graduation to the NCAA Eligibility Center.

Monticello Board of Education Corner...

The Board of Education held a special meeting on October 14, 2020. One of the topics at the special meeting discussed was the fate of the old middle school. The Board & Superintendent Jaeger would like to receive some feedback from the community.

- Should it be demolished?
- · Should we keep the gym?
- Should we keep the gym, demolish the classroom portion of the building and convert the band and choir rooms into a wrestling practice facility?

The least expensive option we received from OPN Architects was \$1.34 million which would be to demolish the entire building with site grading, topsoil replacement, and seeding included. **We'd love to hear your input!** Contact us via email. Our emails are located on our website at https://www.monticello.k12.ia.us/district-home/board-of-education/



L-to-R: Amanda Brenneman, Debbie McDermott, Craig Stadtmueller, Mandy Norton, and John Schlarmann

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The Amazing Brain: What Every Parent and Caregiver Needs to Know

Experience Shapes Our Brains

How your child's brain develops each and every day is being shaped by the environment and experiences you provide. The world your child lives in actually affects how their brain grows. Your child needs lots of new, positive experiences in a safe, stable home environment to build a healthy brain. Healthy relationships are the most important experiences your child can have.



6 Steps to Help Children Grow Healthy Brains

1. Help Me Make Connections

Babies build their brains by connecting with you and the world around them. Spending quality time with your child can increase your child's brain power. Children need the right experience at the right time. Learn as much as you can about age-appropriate activities to take advantage of windows of opportunity for your child's brain development.

2. Be There For Me

Healthy, caring relationships are food for a child's growing brain. Children learn about healthy relationships and how to handle stress from you--your child needs you to love them, comfort them, and encourage them.

3. Understand the Building Blocks of My Brain

A child's brain develops from the bottom up like a stack of building blocks. The brainstem and mid-brain ("survival brain") are the first areas to develop and connect. These areas control the body functions that keep us alive. The limbic system is the next building block that handles our basic emotions. The top building block of the brain is the cortex. The cortex is responsible for our most complicated thinking from decision-making to multi-tasking to controlling our emotions. Reading, writing, language and arithmetic are all cortex functions, so children need to spend lots of time in this area of their brains to learn new skills.

4. Build My Self-Esteem

We build a child's self-esteem through praise, encouragement, and positive experiences. Give your child opportunities to succeed at new tasks and develop skills.

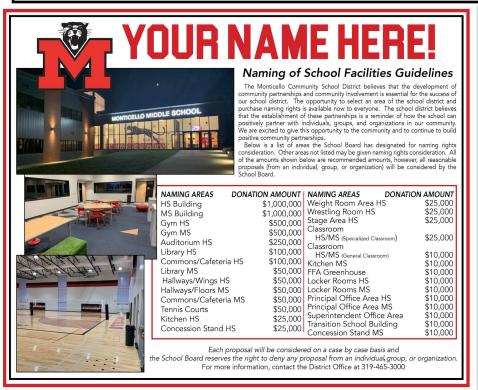
5. I Need To Feel Safe

It is important to create a predictable, stable environment for your child. When a child feels safe and nurtured, they can focus their energy on upper brain development and learning. Children growing up in fear or chaos tend to spend more time in "survival brain" trying to feel OK. They adapt to their environment, but it comes at a high cost. Because these children are spending less time in the cortex or "thinking brain," they often have problems paying attention, sitting still, and controlling their emotions.

6. Keep Being There.

There are big brain changes during adolescence. The adolescent brain goes through major remodeling that starts around puberty and continues into the early 20's. Teens need parents and caregivers in their lives more than ever to help them finish building their brains.

Excerpts from an article by Linda Burgess Chamberlain, PHD, MPH.



Looking For a Way to Support the Monticello School District Foundation?

What better way than to buy a brick on the "Wall of Support" in the HS Auditorium. For more information, or to print the form below, please go to our website at www.monticello.k12.ia.us, click on "District" then click on "MCSD Foundation".

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The Perpetual Fund is growing to ensure excellence in the e. The Monticello School Foundation has received approval foard of Education to install engraved bricks in the high schoonow have the opportunity to see your name engraved in a brive your place by donating a brick with your individual family or class engraved on the brick "Wall of Support" in the ornum of the high echool.

Engraved bricks may be ordered by using the engraved brick order form. Each brick requires a separate order form and a \$125.00 donation. No messages, numbers, logos or symbols. No names of businesses or organizations are allowed.

e information . . . write the Monticello School District Foundation, PO Box 2 Monticello IA 52310.

Clip the coupon below and mail today to PO Box 2 Monticello IA 52310 Engraved Brick Order Form - Copy as needed

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2020 Certified Enrollment

Each year our District has to certify our enrollment to the lowa Department of Education by October 15. See below for enrollment data for this year and last year.

Description	2020	2019	Change
Resident Public Students Attending your District	907.10	906.00	1.10
Resident Public Students Attending another Iowa Public School District	44.40	45.00	-0.60
Non Public Shared Time and CPI Students Dual Enrolled for District Classes	2.22	2.82	-0.60
Non Public Shared Time and CPI Students Dual Enrolled for PSEO Classes	0.00	0.00	0.00
Residential Facility Students Enrolled for District Classes	0.00	0.00	0.00
Actual Enrollment	953.72	953.82	-0.10
Non-Resident Public Students Attending your District	86.00	78.00	8.00
PK Students Attending your Statewide Voluntary Preschool Program	26.50	30.00	-3.50
Total School Age Students Provided Instructional Programs/Services by your District	995.32	986.82	8.50
Limited English Proficient Weighting	1.76	1.76	0.00

Novembe	r Breakfast l	Menu			
			equal opportunity provider and	l emplouer.	
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
2	3	4	5	6	
Rainbow yogurt	BB muffin		French toast/syrup	Cereal	
Granola	String cheese	Grab and Go	Fruit	Poptart	
Fruit	Fruit		Fruit juice	Fruit	
Fruit juice	Fruit juice			Fruit juice	
9	10	11	12	13	
Breakfast pizza	Cereal bar		Sausage, egg & cheese/bun	Cereal	
Fruit	Mozzarella cheese stick	Grab and Go	Fruit	Poptart	
Fruit juice	Fruit		Fruit juice	Fruit	
	Fruit juice			Fruit juice	
16	17	18	19	20	
Long John	BB bagel		Chocolate chip muffin	Cereal	
Fruit	String cheese	Grab and Go	Fruit	Poptart	
Fruit juice	Fruit		Fruit juice	Fruit	
	Fruit juice			Fruit juice	
23	24	25	26	27	
Mini donuts	Cereal bar				
Fruit	Mozzarella cheese stick	No School	No School	No School	
Fruit juice	Fruit				
	Fruit juice				
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French toast/syrup					
Fruit					
Fruit juice					









The Monticello High School Student Council will be doing our annual food/toiletry drive

this Holiday season. Stay tuned for more details. Thanks!

November :	Lunch Men	u		
Milk served u	rith meal. Menus are subject t USDA is an eq	o change. Choose a salad a ual opportunity provider a		S & MS only).
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2	3	4	5	6
Deli turkey & cheese	Cheeseburger/bun		Walking taco	Sausage pizza
Sun chips	Diced potatoes	Grab and Go	Seasoned rice	Lettuce
Baby carrots	Pineapple tidbits		Corn	Fresh veggie
Apple sauce			Mandarin oranges	Apple sauce
9	10	11	12	13
Chicken strips	Cheesy hotdog/bun		Chicken & noodles	French toast w/syrup
Mashed potatoes & gravy	French fries	Grab and Go	Corn	Sausages links
Diced peaches	Green beans		Mandarin oranges	Hash brown patty
Roll & butter	Orange slices		Frosted cinnamon roll	Strawberries & bananas
16	17	18	19	20
Corn dog	Breaded pork / bun		Macaroni & cheese	Breaded cheese sticks
Smiley fries	Seasoned potatoes	Grab and Go	Green beans	Lettuce salad w/ dressing
Baked beans	Baby carrots		Mixed fruit	Fresh veggies
Pineapple tidbits	Pears		Roll & butter	Peaches
23	24	25	26	27
Chicken nuggets	BBQ rib / bun			
French fries	Corn	No School	No School	No School
Mandarin oranges	Fresh veggies			
Roll & butter	Pears			
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Breaded chicken / bun				
Waffle fries				
Broccoli w/ cheese sauce				
Peaches				



November 2020

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3	4	5	6	7
	7/8 GBB @ Bellevue-4:15		7/8 GBB vs Cascade-4:15 VB Banquet—7:00pm	High School Standards Improvement (SID) Day	Garage Sale at old Middle School— 8am-3pm
9 7 GBB vs Maquoketa— 4:15 8 GBB @ Maquoketa— 4:15 7/8 Wrestling @ Cas- cade—4:15	FFA Fall Festival- Youth Development Center-6:00	Veteran's Day Virtual Celebration Board Work Session—6:00pm	7/8 GBB vs N. Cedar-4:15	School Picture Make Up Day RVC Honors Band @ TBA	FFA Ignite, Amplify & Transform Con- ferences
7/8 Wrestling @ Maquoketa-4:15 7/8 GBB vs Cas- cade-4:15	17	18 merican Education Week	19 7 GBB vs Northeast-4:15 8 GBB @ Northeast-4:15 7/8 Wrestling @ Durant- 4:15	20	21
23	24	25	26	27	28
7/8 GBB vs Camanche- 4:15 7/8 Wrestling- Home - 4:15 Board Meeting-	G/B Bowling vs Marion –4:00 JV/V GBB @ Camanche-6:00	No School Thanksgiving Break	No School Thanksgiving Break	No School Thanksgiving Break	
6:00 PM			Thanksgiving		
30 7/8 GBB vs Bellevue- 4:15 JV Wrestling Tourney @ N. Linn—5:30					

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