



SCHOOL SPIRIT

December 2020

Hello everyone,

A long-standing partner of the Monticello Community School District has been the Monticello School Foundation. The Monticello School Foundation wants our students to have all of the resources needed to have the best educational experience possible. They have worked very closely with the district to provide needed support in our classrooms since 1988. The mission of the Monticello School Foundation is:

The mission of the Monticello School Foundation Board is to secure funds from sources other than the traditional methods of taxation. Upon securing such funds, the Foundation shall guide the expenditure of those funds in an effort to supplement the school district's ability to provide excellent opportunities for all students.



The Foundation's biggest fundraiser has been their Pep Rally and Class Reunions which is normally held in March. Their annual fundraiser normally draws in over 200 people and raises approximately \$35,000. This year due to the coronavirus they are not able to hold the fundraiser in person. However, they are still accepting donations and are planning to hold the event virtually (*more info to come!*). If you would like to donate before years end, simply complete the donation form below and mail to Monticello School Foundation.

The Monticello School Foundation is a huge supporter of our schools and have donated over \$800,000 to Monticello Community School District projects over the years. Here are some examples of items the Monticello School Foundation has purchased in support of the Monticello Community School District over the years:

- Portable Science Lab for the Middle School
- Treadmills for the High School fitness program
- Table saw for the Industrial Tech Department at the High School
- LCD projection devices for the High School Science department
- Chromebooks and iPads to support our 1:1 implementation
- Presentations by guest authors & musicians at Shannon & Carpenter
- Middle School Applied Technology Lab
- Computers for HS Business Education Classes
- Enclosed trailer for hauling equipment, band instruments, etc.
- Math Curriculum
- Gateway to Technology provided continued support to the Applied Technology Lab
- Elementary & Middle School library books
- Field Trip expenses
- Weight room equipment at the high school
- New instruments and band uniforms
- Smartboards
- Employee Recognition Awards
- Sound system for the HS Auditorium
- Books for the ELP program
- Flags & flag holders for HS classrooms
- Teacher Requests – Panther's Wish List

Please consider giving what you can. Your donation is tax deductible and appreciated! Thank you for your continued support of the Monticello School Foundation and the Monticello Community School District.



Happy Holidays!!!

Brian Jaeger
Superintendent

Donation to the Monticello School Foundation

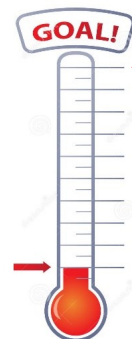
Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please return along with your donation to:
Monticello School Foundation
PO Box 2
Monticello, IA 52310
319-465-3000



← \$30,000

Help us reach our goal!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Carpenter Winter Concert

The Carpenter Winter Virtual Concert will be available for viewing on the district website and social media pages starting December 21.



High School Winter Choral Concert

The High School Winter Choral Concert will be held virtually on December 17 at 7pm. More info to come.

High School Winter Band Concert

The Monticello Concert Band will be live streaming our Winter Concert on Monday, December 21 at 7pm via YouTube. You can follow our Facebook page for the link: @MonticelloHSBand. We hope to bring you some musical cheer!



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:

2020 HOLIDAY KIDS CONCERTS

Aired on: **REAL COUNTRY 99-3 KDST** Sponsored by: **DuTrac Community Credit Union**

During the COVID pandemic, in order to keep everyone safe, we made the decision to replay all of the 2019 schedule (with no changes) this December.

7:40 A.M.	12:25 P.M.	5:32 P.M.
Dec. 1 Sacred Heart Schools Monticello	Carpenter Elementary Monticello 2nd Grade	Western Dubuque Cascade Elementary
Dec. 2 St. Francis Xavier Dyersville Band	Aquin Catholic Elementary School Cascade	Western Dubuque Epworth Elementary
Dec. 3 Carpenter Elementary Monticello 3rd Grade	Carpenter Elementary Monticello 4th Grade	St. Francis Xavier Dyersville 2-3 Grade Choir
Dec. 4 Western Dubuque Peosta Elementary Band	St. Francis Xavier Dyersville K-1 Grade Choir	Seton Catholic Schools Farley
Dec. 5 Seton Catholic Schools Peosta	Western Dubuque Farley Elementary	Western Dubuque Peosta Elementary 1st Grade
Dec. 6 Western Dubuque Dyersville Elementary	Western Dubuque Epworth Elementary	Carpenter Elementary Monticello 4th Grade
Dec. 7 Seton Catholic Schools Farley	Western Dubuque Peosta Elementary Band	St. Francis Xavier Dyersville K-1 Grade Choir
Dec. 8 St. Francis Xavier Dyersville 2-3 Grade Choir	Sacred Heart Schools Monticello	Carpenter Elementary Monticello 2nd Grade
Dec. 9 Western Dubuque Farley Elementary	Carpenter Elementary Monticello 3rd Grade	St. Francis Xavier Dyersville Band
Dec. 10 Western Dubuque Cascade Elementary	Seton Catholic Schools Peosta	Aquin Catholic Elementary School Cascade
Dec. 11 Western Dubuque Peosta Elementary	Western Dubuque Dyersville Elementary	Western Dubuque Farley Elementary
Dec. 12 Western Dubuque Epworth Elementary	St. Francis Xavier Dyersville 2-3 Grade Choir	Carpenter Elementary Monticello 3rd Grade
Dec. 13 St. Francis Xavier Dyersville K-1 Grade Choir	Western Dubuque Peosta Elementary 1st Grade	Sacred Heart Schools Monticello
Dec. 14 Carpenter Elementary Monticello 4th Grade	Seton Catholic Schools Farley	Seton Catholic Schools Peosta
Dec. 15 Carpenter Elementary Monticello 2nd Grade	Western Dubuque Cascade Elementary	Western Dubuque Peosta Elementary Band
Dec. 16 Aquin Catholic Elementary School Cascade	St. Francis Xavier Dyersville Band	Western Dubuque Dyersville Elementary
Dec. 17 Sacred Heart Schools Monticello	Carpenter Elementary Monticello 2nd Grade	Western Dubuque Cascade Elementary
Dec. 18 St. Francis Xavier Dyersville Band	Aquin Catholic Elementary School Cascade	Western Dubuque Epworth Elementary
Dec. 19 Carpenter Elementary Monticello 3rd Grade	Carpenter Elementary Monticello 4th Grade	St. Francis Xavier Dyersville 2-3 Grade Choir
Dec. 20 Western Dubuque Peosta Elementary Band	St. Francis Xavier Dyersville K-1 Grade Choir	Seton Catholic Schools Farley
Dec. 21 Seton Catholic Schools Peosta	Western Dubuque Farley Elementary	Western Dubuque Peosta Elementary 1st Grade
Dec. 22 Western Dubuque Dyersville Elementary	Western Dubuque Cascade Elementary	Carpenter Elementary Monticello 2nd Grade
Dec. 23 Aquin Catholic Elementary School Cascade	St. Francis Xavier Dyersville Band	Sacred Heart Schools Monticello

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The December Board of Education regular meeting will be **Monday, December 21 at 6:00 PM** in the Board room. Thank you!

Winter Break

Winter break is December 23—January 1. **School will resume on Monday, January 4th!** Enjoy the holidays!!



Monticello High School

presents

2020 TOILETRY AND FOOD DRIVE

HELP US REACH OUR GOAL OF 2,020!

December 1-18, 2020

We will have a class competition. Students can bring the items to school to donate. *Thank you!*

*Items needed include: diapers, shampoo, body soap, laundry soap, cleaning supplies, toilet paper, deodorant, dish soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, canned foods, dry foods, etc.



Free Desks & Chairs!

With virtual learning now taking place around Jones County and other obstacles that students are having to face, the Jones County Family Council would like to provide free desks and chairs for any student that needs one (while supplies last). The application is open to any students/families in Jones County. There are no restrictions or guidelines. The link for the application is below:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd8A8V9mh_c-4U7X9cQ_OGPTnKR5Sb-tsLRRBzeQp6mE3bxQA/viewform?usp=sf_link

Our goal is to have the desks delivered or picked up within a week of when the application is submitted. The last day to apply for the desk and chair is December 7. For questions, please contact Heather Weers at hweers@dhs.state.ia.us.



2020-21 Kindergarten Round Up

Kindergarten Round Up for students entering Kindergarten in the fall of 2021 is scheduled for January 4 thru January 29, 2021. At this time parents will be asked to complete some informational forms. Forms can be completed by one of the following options:

1. Download and print the forms.

Forms will be located on our website: <https://www.monticello.k12.ia.us/>. Go to Schools, click on Shannon Elementary, click on Downloads, and then download the Kindergarten Roundup Letter and New Student Form. Mail completed forms to Shannon Elementary, 321 W South St. Monticello, IA 52310

2. Complete the forms electronically by clicking on the New Student Form Survey Link.

The link is located on our website: <https://www.monticello.k12.ia.us/>. Go to Schools, click on Shannon Elementary, click on Downloads, and then click on New Student Form Survey Link

3. Forms can be mailed to you by calling Shannon Elementary Office at 319-465-3000, ext. 4114.

Completed immunizations and a dental exam are required by law for all students entering Kindergarten. Some of the series of vaccines take six (6) months to complete. Start now to make sure all needed immunizations are completed before your child starts school in the Fall 2021-2022.

Students must turn 5 years of age on or before September 15, 2021 to attend Kindergarten.



2020-21 Preschool Information

Registration for the Little Panthers Preschool for the 2021-2022 school year will be available January 4 thru February 26, 2021. Please register your four-year-old in one of the following ways:

1. Download and print the forms.

Forms will be located on our website: <https://www.monticello.k12.ia.us/>. Go to Schools, click on Shannon Elementary, click on Downloads, and then download Little Panthers Preschool Application & Questionnaire. Mail the completed application & questionnaire to Shannon Elementary, 321 W South St. Monticello, IA 52310

2. Complete the application & questionnaire electronically by clicking on the Little Panthers Preschool Application & Questionnaire Link.

The link is located on our website: <https://www.monticello.k12.ia.us/>. Go to Schools, click on Shannon Elementary, click on Downloads, and then click on Little Panthers Preschool Application & Questionnaire Link.

3. The application & questionnaire can be mailed to you by calling Shannon Elementary Office at 319-465-3000, ext. 4114.

General education four-year-old preschool openings are filled through a lottery method. The program includes: breakfast, lunch, milk, and snacks. If your child turns four years old on or before September 15, a Statewide Voluntary Preschool allocation will lower your child's tuition. This program also serves six HeadStart slots and special education students (for both three and four-year-olds). More information about Little Panthers Preschool will be available in the January issue of the *School Spirit*.

If you have any questions for Kindergarten or Little Panthers Preschool, please call Sandy Hinrichs at 319-465-3000 ext. 4114. All Monticello preschool programs are currently taking applications for the 2021-22 school year:

- **Little Panthers Preschool**, Shannon Elementary—Stop in on school days to see Sandy Hinrichs or call (319) 465-3000 ext. 4114
- **Mother Goose Preschool** – Call Ann Eby at 319-465-5675
- **Sacred Heart Preschool**, Sacred Heart School – Stop in on school days to see JoEllen Schlamann or call (319) 465-4605



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 into the HS office.

Keeping Kids Active During COVID-19 Pandemic: What Parents Can Do

COMMUNITY



Why is exercise important for kids during the COVID-19 pandemic?

Regular exercise is essential for everyone, including kids — and you've no doubt heard about the many benefits of physical activity. However, here are a few reasons why exercise is especially crucial for kids during the COVID-19 pandemic:

- **Exercise boosts the immune system:** Research shows that regular, moderate-intensity exercise has immune-boosting benefits that may help children and adults to fight off infections, including COVID-19.
- **Exercise may prevent weight gain:** During the pandemic, families have fewer opportunities for exercise and may be forced to change their dietary habits. Exercise can help kids burn calories and offset the effects of sedentary activities.
- **Exercise reduces stress and anxiety:** Just like adults, children may also be experiencing stress, anxiety, and sadness during these challenging times. Exercise is a proven mood-booster and can help children reduce their stress levels and build emotional resilience.

Experts from Danbury Hospital, Nuvance Health article "Keeping Kids Active During COVID-19 Pandemic: What Parents Can Do" Read the full article at <https://www.danburyhospital.org/newsroom/articles/kids-exercise-and-covid19#>

Exercise Ideas as the weather gets colder

- Using rubber resistance bands for strength based resistance exercises. They are inexpensive and easy to find.
- A DIY ping pong table using a retractable net and your dining room table.
- Swap out your child's fidget spinner with a light weight or can of food.
- An app called Cosmic Kids, which offers yoga specifically geared towards kids.
- Another app called Sworkit, has a kids option and lets you customize types and duration of workouts to do.
- Have your child make an exercise video and then share with friends or family members.
- Send your child to gather specific household items and then race to put them all back.
- Have all family members write down specific exercises and put them in a jar. Pick a number out and have family all do the exercises together.
- More for younger kids, build an obstacle course out of soft/non-fragile items.

Summarized from Joanna Pearlstein's work "How to keep kids active as the weather cools and the pandemic rolls on" published in the Washington Post. Read the full article at <https://www.washingtonpost.com/lifestyle/2020/10/22/kids-activity-covid/>



EF Global Education Excellence Award

Monticello High School has received national recognition for excellence in global education from EF High School Exchange Year, the leader in High School exchange. The EF High School Exchange Year Global Education Excellence Award is presented annually to high schools that demonstrate an extraordinary commitment to international understanding and global awareness. Monticello High School was one of a select group of high schools and districts recognized across the United States for the 2019-2020 school year.

Monticello High School has shown an outstanding commitment to offering a global education," said Bob Fredette, President of EF High School Exchange Year. "By welcoming exchange students into the classrooms, Monticello High School has created new and unique learning opportunities for not just the exchange students, but for the American students and faculty as well."

Last year, Monticello High School welcomed two EF high school exchange students. Not only were Louise Rydell and Lisa Dios accepted into the school, but they became an integral part of the school's academic and extracurricular life and involved the greater community in the exchange experience.

Local exchange coordinator Carla Miller added, "I want to thank the School Board, the high school staff, student host families, and our community for their generosity by welcoming Louise and Lisa, without this support these two wonderful young ladies would not have experienced our wonderful town and have life long memories of their exchange year. "

THANK YOU TO:

- **Amy & Thomas Wright** for their donation of Kleenex, hand sanitizers, and Tylenol.
- **Peg Michaelsen** for the donation of clothing to the High School.
- **Donna Sauser** for her donation of winter gear, coats, and books to Shannon & Carpenter.
- **Angie Cashner** for donating cloth face masks to Carpenter.
- **Mel Pasker, Danielle Johnson, Amie Stadtmueller, Courtney Hinrichs, Ashley Christensen, Carolyn Turnis, and The Eagles Auxiliary** for their donation of winter gear to Shannon & Carpenter.
- **Anna & Izzy Taylor** for donating art supplies to the Middle School.
- **St. Matthew's Lutheran Church WELCA** for donating school supplies to Shannon Elementary.
- **Jen Yates with SAVVAS Learning Company** for the treats for our staff for American Education Week.
- **F&M Bank** for the treats for our staff for American Education Week.
- **The parents** who had pizzas delivered to the HS Staff for American Education Week.
- **Masks for Iowa** for their donation of masks.

Important Information

FACTS ON HEAD LICE

What are head lice?

Lots of children get head lice each year. Head lice are small insects that live on the hairy parts of the body. They are very small, about the size of a sesame seed. Lice can be tan, brown or gray. Lice eggs are called nits. They are tiny, white, and oval. Nits attach to the hair near the scalp, mostly behind the ears and at the base of the scalp. Head lice are not a sign of being dirty, are not dangerous, and do not spread disease. The most common symptom is itching, but some children have no symptoms at all.

How are lice spread?

- *Lice can't jump, they only crawl. Head to head contact is the most common way to get lice.
- *The sharing of clothing (hats, scarfs, coats, sports uniforms) or articles (hair ribbons, barrettes, combs, brushes, towels, stuffed animals) recently worn or used by a person who has head lice.

What can you do to prevent head lice?

*Parents are the key to looking for and treating head lice.

The Iowa Department of Public Health advises parents to spend 15 minutes each week on each child carefully looking for head lice or nits. Talk to your children about what to avoid and what not to share.

- *Avoid head to head (hair to hair) contact during play and other activities at home, school, and elsewhere (sports activities, playground, slumber parties, camp).
- *Do not share combs, brushes, or towels. Disinfect combs and brushes by soaking them in hot water (at least 130 degrees F) for 5-10 minutes.
- *Do not share hats, scarves, coats, sports uniforms, hair ribbons, brushes, combs, or barrettes.
- *Do not lie on beds, cloth furniture, pillows, carpets, or stuffed animals that have been recently used by someone with head lice.

What if you find live head lice or nits ?

The Iowa Department of Public Health recommends a 14-day treatment process. For a brochure talking about treatment recommendations and a treatment calendar detailing what to do each day, please visit:

www.idph.state.ia.us/hcci/common/pdf/headlicebrochure.pdf

- *Do not fumigant sprays or fogs. They are not necessary to control head lice and can be toxic if inhaled or absorbed through the skin.
- *Only ordinary house cleaning, vacuuming, and washing bedding and clothes in hot water and drying on hot/high heat are needed. No special efforts or sprays are needed to clean your home. Only dead or dying lice are found on clothing, bedding or furniture. For stuffed animals and pillows, etc. you cannot wash and dry, seal in plastic bags for two weeks to kill the lice.
- *The use of oils, mayonnaise, lotions, creams, and vinegar has not proven effective. Kerosene, gasoline, and similar products do not work and are dangerous.

The Health Risks of Vaping

Across the country the use of e-cigarettes is spiking among youth but parents aren't even sure what they are and teens mistakenly believe there are no serious health risks. The newer devices look like a computer thumb drive or a pen making it difficult for educators to detect them. E-cigarettes don't give off as much smoke as traditional cigarettes and can often be odorless or have a sweet smell. Nicotine is the primary substance in e-cigarettes. The nicotine cartridge inserted into the e-cigarette gives about 200 puffs, as about much nicotine as two to three packs of cigarettes. Nicotine raises blood pressure and spikes adrenaline levels. As a result, it increases the user's heart rate and can lead to a heart attack. A new study found that some common chemicals used to flavor vape juice could be harmful to people's blood vessels.




Along with nicotine, the vaping liquids contain additives such as propylene glycol and glycerol. These are toxic chemicals that have been linked to cancer, respiratory failure, and heart disease. Researchers are only beginning to discover how vaping affects the physical health over long term. Nicotine is highly addictive and releases dopamine in the brain. Research suggests that nicotine may be as addictive as heroin and cocaine, hence, vaping has a high risk of addiction. Parents, healthcare providers, and policymakers need to take action to reverse this harmful trend. ~Dawn

Graver, School Resource Officer

Weather Information



Cancellations and early closing information will be given on the following TV stations: **KCRG TV-Channel 9; KWWL TV-Channel 7, and KGAN TV—Channel 2.** The following radio stations will also carry school closing information: **KZIA/Z102.9 FM, 1600 AM; KDST (99.3 FM); KMCH (94.7 FM).** It will also be posted on our website and Facebook page and sent out via School Messenger.



Attention Parents and Guardians: Winter is upon us! As we are in the season for cold weather, we would like to remind you that there is no regularly scheduled adult supervision at school buildings before 7:50 AM. (*Exception: Students that ride the shuttle buses may be on the school site (as necessary) prior to 7:50 a.m. and middle school students should not arrive before 7:45 a.m., doors open at 7:50 a.m.*) Except in rainy or sub-zero conditions, buildings are generally not open before 8:00 AM.

Please be certain your children are properly attired for colder temperatures with a winter coat, hat, and gloves. Elementary students also need snow pants, boots, and weather proof gloves for recess and be sure that the extra clothes you have in your lockers are weather appropriate. It is also important for bus riders to have proper winter attire. While it has not happened in recent memory, the possibility exists a bus could break down while on a route. As such it is important the children be warmly dressed in case a bus break down occurs.

Finally, especially for elementary and middle school students, please mark your child's name on their coat, gloves, and hat. District employees (especially bus drivers) regularly find lost articles of clothing, and with no name on the clothing we have no way of returning the items to their owner. Thank you!

Annual Notices

Equal Employment Opportunity

The district shall provide equal opportunity to all employees and applicants for employment in accordance with all applicable equal opportunity laws, directives and regulations of federal, state, and local governing bodies and agencies. The district shall take affirmative action, consistent with its adopted affirmative action plan, in the recruitment, appointment, assignment and advancement of personnel to accomplish the goals of equal employment opportunity. In keeping with the law, the district shall consider the veteran status of applicants. The district will select for employment qualified applicants for each position based upon the applicant's qualifications and without regard to the race, color, age, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, physical attributes, physical or mental ability, ancestry, political party preference, political belief, socioeconomic status, familial status, disability, religion, creed, and/or genetic information of the applicant. The district will not discriminate against any individual with respect to compensation, terms, conditions, or privileges of employment because of such individual's race, color, age, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, physical attributes, physical or mental ability, ancestry, political party preference, political belief, socioeconomic status, familial status, disability, religion, creed, and/or genetic information

Employees or applicants for employment having inquiries regarding compliance with equal employment opportunity and affirmative action are directed to contact the affirmative action/equity coordinator: Todd Werner, Middle School Principal, 860 E Oak St., Monticello, IA 52310. Phone: 319-465-3000. Inquiries may also be directed, in writing, to the Iowa Civil Rights Department or to the Director of the Region VII Office of Civil Rights, Department of Education, Kansas City, Missouri. Such inquiry or complaint to the state or federal office may be done instead of, or in addition to, an inquiry or complaint at the local level pursuant to the complaint procedures set forth in the board's policies.

Continuous Notice of Nondiscrimination

Students, parents, employees, and others doing business with or performing services for the Monticello Community School District are hereby notified that the District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, religion, creed, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, or genetic information (for employment) in any of its education programs, activities, or employment opportunities, pursuant to Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Americans with Disabilities Act, and other applicable state and federal laws. This prohibition on discrimination applies to admission and employment. The District has adopted grievance procedures for processing and resolving formal and informal Title IX sex discrimination and sexual harassment complaints and other discrimination complaints. Inquiries regarding sex discrimination pursuant to Title IX of the District's nondiscrimination policy may be directed to the District's Title IX Coordinator, Todd Werner, 860 East Oak Street, Monticello, Iowa 52310, 319-465-3000 ex2101, todd.werner@monticello.k12.ia.us; other grievances or complaints related to the District's nondiscrimination policy may be directed to the District's Equity Coordinator, Todd Werner, 860 East Oak Street, Monticello, Iowa 52310, 319-465-3000 ex2101, todd.werner@monticello.k12.ia.us. Inquiries related to sex discrimination pursuant to Title IX may also be referred to U.S. Department of Education (attn. Assistant Secretary, Office for Civil Rights; 400 Maryland Avenue Southwest, Washington, DC 20202; 800-421-3481; OCR@ed.gov). Inquires related to other grievances or complaints may be directed to the Director of the Office for Civil Rights U.S. Department of Education, Citigroup Center, 500 W. Madison Street, Suite 1475, Chicago, IL 60661-7204, Telephone: (312) 730-1560 Facsimile: (312) 730-1576, Email: OCR.Chicago@ed.gov)

Parents/Guardians Rights Notification

Parents/Guardians in the Monticello School District have the right to learn about the following qualifications of their child's teacher: state licensure requirements for the grade level and content areas taught, the current licensing status of your child's teacher, and baccalaureate/graduate certification/degree. You may also request the qualifications of an instructional paraprofessional who serves your student in a Title I program or if your school operates a school wide Title 1 program. Parents/ Guardians may request this information from the Superintendent's Office by calling: (319)-465-3000 or send a letter of request to the Superintendent, 850 E Oak St, Monticello, IA 52310. The Monticello Community School District ensures that parents will be notified in writing in their child has been assigned, or has been taught by a teacher for four or more consecutive weeks by a teacher who is not considered highly qualified.



Stay safe this holiday season!



Social Distancing 101

Social distancing means reducing close contact between people to slow the spread of infectious diseases.

Slowing the spread of the virus will help our hospitals and healthcare providers be able to care for patients. If too many people are sick at one time they might not be able to care for everyone who needs help.

AVOID

- Playdates
- House Parties
- Bars
- Non-essential travel
- Shopping Malls
- Gyms
- Group Hangouts
- Weddings

LIMIT

- Grocery stores
- Takeout food
- Pick up medications
- Helping elderly or at-risk neighbors

SAFE

- Read a book
- Watch movies
- Video chat
- Listen to music
- Call a loved one
- Take silly selfies
- Cook a new recipe

Public Health
Jones County Public Health
105 Broadway Place, Suite 11
Anamosa, Iowa 52205
319-462-6945



Food Service News

December Breakfast Menu

Milk served with meal. Menus are subject to change. USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1	2	3	4
	Sausage egg & cheese/bun		BB muffin	Cereal
	Fruit	Grab and Go	String cheese	Poptart
	Fruit juice		Fruit	Fruit
			Fruit juice	Fruit juice
7	8	9	10	11
Breakfast pizza	Chocolate muffin		Bagel	Cereal
Fruit	String cheese	Grab and Go	String cheese	Poptart
Fruit juice	Fruit		Fruit	Fruit
	Fruit juice		Fruit juice	Fruit juice
14	15	16	17	18
Long john	Cereal bar		BB muffin	Cereal
Fruit	String cheese	Grab and Go	String cheese	Poptart
Fruit juice	Fruit		Fruit	Fruit
	Fruit juice		Fruit juice	Fruit juice
21	22	23	24	25
Mini donuts	Cereal bar			
Fruit	String cheese	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL
Fruit juice	Fruit			
	Fruit juice			
28	29	30	31	
NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL		



Why is it important for kids to eat breakfast?

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

FREE School Breakfast & Lunch

The USDA has announced that school meals will be FREE to all students 18 and under. This will last until the end of December or until the current funds that have been established for this program run out. So tell your kids to grab a school breakfast or lunch. This is a great opportunity for our community and it also helps ensure that our students are eating and ready to learn without the worry of money in their accounts. Thank you - Pat Kelly, Food Service Director, pat.kelly@monticello.k12.va.us

December Lunch Menu

Milk served with meal. Menus are subject to change. Choose a salad as an alternate lunch daily (HS & MS only). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1	2	3	4
	Cheeseburger/bun		Chicken & noodles	Sausage pizza
	French fries	Grab and Go	Steamed carrots	Lettuce w/ dressing
	Corn		Pears	Fresh veggies
	Peaches		Frosted Cinnamon roll	Mixed fruit
7	8	9	10	11
Chicken strips	Hot dog/bun		Beef taco/shell	Breaded cheese sticks
Mashed potatoes & gravy	French fries	Grab and Go	Seasoned potato cubes	Lettuce w/ dressing
Diced peaches	Green beans		Corn	Fresh veggies
Roll & butter	Orange slices		Mixed fruit	Mandarin oranges
14	15	16	17	18
Corn dog	Breaded pork/bun		Spaghetti	Garlic cheese bread
Smiley fries	Seasoned potato cubes	Grab and Go	Lettuce w/ dressing	Lettuce w/ dressing
Baked beans	Baby carrots		Apple sauce	Fresh veggies
Pineapple tidbits	Pears		Garlic toast	Fruit
21	22	23	24	25
BBQ rib/bun	Pizza crunchers			
Corn	Lettuce w/ dressing	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL
Apple slices	Fresh veggies			
	Mixed fruit			
28	29	30	31	
NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL		





December 2020

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 ONLINE LEARNING DAY 	3 V Wr @ Durant-5:30 V G/B Bowling vs. W. Delaware-4:00 	4 JV GBB vs N.Cedar-4:00 - HS Gym JV BBB vs N. Cedar-5:15 - HS Gym V GBB vs N. Cedar-6:30 - HS Gym V BBB vs N. Cedar-8:15 - HS Gym	5 Dan Guilford WR Invitational—HS Gym—10:00AM 9/10 BBB vs TBA- Old MS Gym –9:00 JV GBB @ Camanche-1:00 V GBB @ Camanche-2:30
7	8 V G/B Bowling vs Durant & Cascade-4:00 JV GBB @ W. Liberty—4:00 JV BBB @ W. Liberty—5:15 V GBB @ W. Liberty-6:30 V BBB @ W. Liberty-8:00	9 ONLINE LEARNING DAY FFA Fruit Sales Delivery Board/Legislative Forum –6:00pm	10 V Wrestling @ Mid-Prairie—6:00 	11 V Wr @ Oelwein—6:00 JV GBB vs Wilton-4:00 - HS Gym JV BBB vs Wilton—5:15 - HS Gym V GBB vs Wilton-6:30 -HS Gym V BBB vs Wilton-8:15- HS Gym	12 JV GBB vs Bellevue-11:00 - HS Gym JV BBB vs Bellevue-12:30 - HS Gym V GBB vs Bellevue-2:00 - HS Gym V BBB vs Bellevue-3:30 - HS Gym
14 Kirkwood 1st Semester Classes End V G/B Bowling vs Bellevue-4:00 9 Wr @ West Delaware-5:00 9/10 BBB vs Ed-Co-6:00 - HS Gym	15 JV GBB vs Anamosa-4:00—HS Gym JV BBB vs Anamosa-5:15—HS Gym V GBB vs Anamosa-6:30- HS Gym V BBB vs Anamosa-8:15- HS Gym	16 ONLINE LEARNING DAY	17 HS Virtual Vocal Concert—7:00	18 ^{Day 6} SENIOR photos for yearbook due to Mrs. Woodhouse today! JV GBB vs Tipton-4:00- HS Gym JV BBB vs Tipton—5:15 -HS Gym V GBB vs Tipton-6:30- HS Gym V BBB vs Tipton-8:15- HS Gym	19 9/10 BBB vs Mid-Prairie-11:00— HS Gym JV GBB vs Mid-Prairie-30- HS Gym JV BBB vs Mid-Prairie-2:00— HS Gym V GBB vs Mid-Prairie-3:30- HS Gym V BBB vs Mid-Prairie-5:00- HS Gym
21 Board Meeting—6:00 pm HS Virtual Band Concert-7:00	22 JV GBB @ Durant-4:00 JV BBB @ Durant-5:15 V GBB @ Durant-6:30 V BBB @ Durant-7:45	23 No School Winter Break	24 No School Winter Break	25 Happy Holidays!	26
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