



SCHOOL SPIRIT

April 2021

Hi everyone,

Spring has sprung! Sun, cold, wind, rain, snow, fog, ice...that really sums up the weather over the last few weeks. Today is about 50 and overcast, I'll take it! Spring also means we are in the home stretch. Ahead of us is Prom, ACT, ISASP Testing, Spring Sports, School Play, Kindergarten Roundup, Graduation, Concerts, etc. As of today, the last day of the school year will be May 28th. That is so much better than many districts around us. Some, because of the derecho and snow days, are not ending until the second week of June.



Even with all of the complications related to COVID this school year I feel like we have really had a good year. Students and families have been given the option for in-person or online learning and even though we had to bring some online learners back at the end of the first semester, those that are still online seem to be doing really well. In-person learning (after we have evolved from continuous health related changes) pretty much looks like it has in the past. With the exception that we are all wearing masks. We are planning an outdoor learning activity at the elementary this spring, we have had our annual ski trip at the middle school, and at the high school our student leadership organizations have been working hard to help the community.

School facilities are continuously being improved on a big and a small scale. Currently we are working on several projects: exploring solar power as an option to lower energy costs, adding lighting to the new softball parking areas, pricing out a digital marquee for the front of the HS/MS complex, updating our camera systems at Shannon elementary, repairing our road around the HS, repurposing a pavilion to be placed next to the tennis courts (the pavilion was previously at the old softball fields), and in general just taking good care of all the things we have related to our buildings and grounds.

As we close in on the end of the year it is always fun to see our kids get excited about the summer. The closer and closer the summer gets; each building begins to become a buzz of excitement. I would really appreciate it if you would take a little time to talk to your child about "Finishing Strong" this year. Just like in a race, the last lap is an important one. There are many important milestones we need to pass before we finish at every grade level. Just a short conversation explaining that before they start to celebrate, they need to finish the race, would be very helpful.

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

Sincerely,

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

PARENTS! PARENTS! PARENTS!

It is vital that the school district has current and updated information on students. Please remember to log into your PowerSchool account and make sure everything is current, including your cell phone #'s, home phone #'s, email addresses, mailing address, emergency contacts, etc. This is very important, especially for emergency situations. If you need assistance, please feel free to call Morgan Murray-Zimmerman at 319-465-3000, ext. 2030.

UPCOMING EVENTS



It's the first day after winter break at East High. The Jocks, Brainiacs, Thespians, and Skater Dudes find their cliques, recount their vacations and look forward to the new year. Basketball team captain and resident jock, Troy, discovers that the brainy Gabriella, a girl he met singing karaoke on his ski trip, has just enrolled at East High. They cause an upheaval when they decide to audition for the high school musical that is being led by Ms. Darbus. Although many students resent the threat posed to the "status quo," Troy and Gabriella's alliance might just open the door for others to shine as well.

- **Thursday, April 1** — Virtual Viewing Only at 7pm
- **Friday, April 2** — Virtual and Live Viewing at 7pm
- **Saturday, April 3** — Virtual and Live Viewing at 7pm

Adults \$5, Senior Citizens & Students \$4, Ages 5 & under Free

Seating will be limited so pre-order and pick up tickets by contacting Kim Ralston in the High School office. Any individual who will need a seat will require a ticket (even if they will have free admittance). Admittance without a ticket will not be permitted and tickets will not be sold at the gate. For virtual online performances, tickets must be purchased here: <https://www.showtix4u.com/event-details/49820>

Shannon Elementary Virtual Spring Concert



Will be posted to the school website, social media pages, as well as Seesaw on

Thursday, May 6

7/8 Grade Band Solo Fun Night!

7/8 grade band Solo Fun Night will be held April 16 at the middle school from 4:30-7pm. Since this is an individually scheduled event, please contact Ms. Walker at ellen.walker@monticello.k12.ia.us if your band student has activities that afternoon/evening that will need to be scheduled around.



Attention 4th Grade Parents:

In April and May, Ms. Walker and Mr. Garinger will be visiting with 4th grade classrooms at Sacred Heart and Carpenter to begin the process of recruiting members for next year's 5th grade band. There will be a scheduled "video/ demonstration day" for each class, musical aptitude quiz, and "instrument matching" time for individuals. It's a great opportunity for students to learn about band, and all students will get to participate regardless if they are planning to join band or not. It's a great time to start discussions at home about the possibility of joining our band family next fall! If you have questions at any time, please contact Ms. Walker at ellen.walker@monticello.k12.ia.us.

Grand March & Post Prom!



The Post Prom Committee will be hosting a Grand March on Saturday, April 17 at 4:00 pm at the Monticello Football Field, masks optional (rain location is in the High School Auditorium, masks required). Students need to check-in at 3:45 pm sharp. A suggested free will donation of \$1.00 would be appreciated to help with our fundraising efforts for next year. The football field will be opened at 3:30 pm.

This year's Post Prom Party will be held at the High School commons area, gym, auditorium, and wrestling room. This year's entertainment is filled with a variety of activities. We have something for everyone! We will be serving snacks and drinks and will have a prize for each MHS Junior and Senior that attends after our entertainment finishes. The events will start at 11:00 pm. We are asking for students to arrive no later than 12:00 am. Doors will lock at 12:00 am and will end approximately at 1:30 am. Masks are required for Post Prom. Parent donations of food/drink can be dropped off after you come to Grand March in the high school commons. Students/parents/community can drop off donations at the District Office or the HS Office. Check our Monticello Post Prom Facebook page for up to date information.

May 28 is the last day of school! Seniors last day is May 26!

Panther Academy has Openings!

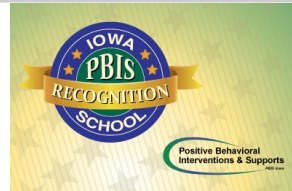


Panther Academy currently has openings for students for their before and after school program and also their summer program. Panther Academy is our before & after school childcare and summer program located at Shannon Elementary. Please contact Director Tammy Helgens at 319-465-5425 or via email: tammy.helgens@monticello.k12.ia.us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

CELEBRATIONS!

Congratulations Monticello High School PBIS Team!

The Monticello HS Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) Team was recognized through the Iowa Department of Education for their efforts in PBIS Implementations. The High School building was a recipient of the BANNER PLUS Recognition for the 2019-2020 school year. PBIS is a multi-tiered system of support for academics and behavior which provides the framework for school district to implement and monitor prevention and intervention practices for both virtual and face-to-face instruction.



The HS Student Council would like to thank everyone who participated in our Tress Forever fundraiser this past month. Our goal was to raise \$300, and we exceeded this goal by raising \$573! Thank you to all students and community members that helped out!



WE Teachers Award recipient Nick Thumma teaches elementary vocal music and fine arts. Growing up, many teachers inspired him to become one himself, especially his high school choir director, who helped Nick combine his love of music with a dream of teaching. "I try to provide my students with experiences they will remember forever," says Nick. "It is so fun to see former students yell your name in the grocery store and say they loved my class."

With his WE Teachers Award, Nick picked up supplies to add more fun into his classroom learning, including a parachute, balls and craft items. He was also able to get some much-needed essentials for his classroom like cleaning supplies, headphones and chargers for tech. *Congrats Mr. Thumma!*



Good luck to our students participating in activities this Spring!

GO PANTHERS!



THANK YOU TO:

- **Ohnward Bank & Trust** and **Citizens State Bank** for their donations for state wrestling, state boys basketball, and state boys bowling.
- **Fidelity Bank** for their donation for state boys basketball.
- **Shirley Meier** for her donation for state boys basketball.
- **Makenzie Kahler** for donating recorders for Carpenter 3rd graders.
- **Linda Siebels** for the donation of clothing to the Middle School nurse's office.
- **Phil Hanna** for doing the heart and lung dissection with the 5th graders.
- **Brian Meyer** and **Legacy Lanes** for allowing the 6th graders to bowl!
- **The Jones County Every Child Reads Group** for donating books to the elementary schools to use as prizes for Read Across America Week.
- **Stephanie Hanley** for her donation of Legos.

From the HS Counseling Office...

We want to recognize seniors for the scholarships and awards they have earned. Seniors are responsible for contacting Mrs. Stenger with this information no later than **Friday, May 21**. Carmen Stenger can be reached at carmen.stenger@monticello.k12.ia.us. Honors Night is scheduled for **Tuesday, May 25** at 7:30 pm. Thank you!

Important Dates—Please Mark your Calendars!

April 17—Grand March @ 4:00pm, Prom at the Jones County Youth Development Center from 8-11pm, followed by Post Prom at the HS from 11pm—1:30am

May 10—Senior Silver Service hours due in the office to Mr. Lambert by 3:15 pm

May 19—Cap & gown pick up in the HS Office from 1-3:45 pm

May 25—National Honor Society Inductions at 7:00 pm and Honors Night at 7:30 pm—HS Auditorium

May 26—Last day of classes for seniors who have met graduation requirements

May 26—Senior Grill Out 12:15pm

May 26—**Mandatory** Commencement Rehearsal for all seniors at 1:00 pm

TBD—Baccalaureate

May 28—Last day of classes

May 30—Commencement at 2:00 PM

As of April 1, there are only **41 days left** in this school year...



Signs of Depression

Extreme weather, a pandemic, a long winter, and the unknown for the future can trigger stress and negative emotions in people of all ages. Here are some signs of depression to watch for:

- Loss of interest in enjoyed activities
- Persistent or more intense sadness and/or irritability
- Loss of appetite or increased appetite
- Sleep problems
- Lack of energy
- Loss of hope or excitement for the future
- Feeling life isn't worth living
- Suicidal thoughts or attempts



If you or a loved one are experiencing several of these symptoms for two weeks or more, it is time to reach out for help. Resources include your child's school counselor, making an appointment with your medical provider, and counseling. You can reach a building school counselor by calling

465-3000. The Foundation 2 Mobile Crisis Outreach program can be called or texted 24/7 at 800-332-4224. You can read more about depression during a pandemic at <https://tinyurl.com/yjayd2u>

COMMUNITY



CONNECTION

You are
Not Alone!

Monticello School Foundation Pep Rally and Class Reunion Update!

The Foundation's biggest fundraiser has been their Pep Rally and Class Reunion. Their annual fundraiser normally draws in over 200 people and raises approximately \$35,000. This year, due to the coronavirus, they were not able to hold the fundraiser in person. However, they are going virtual and still accepting donations.



If you would like to donate, simply mail your donation to Monticello School Foundation, PO Box 2, Monticello, IA 52310 or they are now able to accept donations online. **If you would like to donate online, please go to the following link and make your donation:**

https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=KSCJCG4TNUYL2

In the coming weeks you will be able to bid on auction items and purchase items on the Teacher's Wish List. There will also be a story in *The Monticello Express* explaining how this year is different but how people can still support the Monticello School District.

The Monticello School Foundation is a huge supporter of our schools and has donated over \$800,000 to Monticello Community School District projects over the years.

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!

Food Service NEWS

April Breakfast Menu

Milk served with meal.				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1	2
			Breakfast pizza	No School - Good Friday
			Fruit	
			Fruit juice	
			Milk	
5	6	7	8	9
Long john	Cereal bar	Chocolate muffin	Sausage/egg/cheese/bun	Poptart
Fruit	Fruit	Fruit	Fruit	Fruit
Fruit juice	Fruit juice	Fruit juice	Fruit juice	Fruit juice
Milk	Milk	Milk	Milk	Milk
12	13	14	15	16
Mini donuts	Pancake on a stick	Cereal bar	Dutch waffle	Poptart
Fruit	Fruit	Fruit juice	Fruit	Fruit
Fruit juice	Fruit juice	Fruit juice	Fruit juice	Fruit juice
Milk	Milk	Milk	Milk	Milk
19	20	21	22	23
Long john	Cereal bar	Breakfast pizza	Blueberry muffin	Poptart
Fruit	Fruit	Fruit	Fruit	Fruit
Fruit juice	Fruit juice	Fruit juice	Fruit juice	Fruit juice
Milk	Milk	Milk	Milk	Milk
26	27	28	29	30
Mini sugar donuts	Blueberry muffin	Cereal bar	Dutch waffle	Poptart
Fruit	Fruit	Fruit	Fruit	Fruit
Fruit juice	Fruit juice	Fruit juice	Fruit juice	Fruit juice
Milk	Milk	Milk	Milk	Milk



FREE 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 the school year. 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.ia.us

April 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
			Cheeseburger/bun	No School - Good Friday
			Seasoned potato cubes	
			Steamed broccoli/cheese	
			Fresh fruit	
5	6	7	8	9
Chicken strips	Mini corn dogs	Deli/bun	Mandarin orange chicken	Garlic Cheese bread
Mashed potatoes & gravy	Sweet potato waves	Carrot sticks	Seasoned rice	Lettuce w/ dressing
Mandarin oranges	Mixed vegetables	Fruit	Green beans	Corn
Roll & butter	Pineapple tidbits	Cookie	Pears	Diced peaches
12	13	14	15	16
Pasta bake	Salisbury steak	Sun Butter & Jelly	BBQ rib/bun	Sausage pizza
Lettuce salad/dressing	Mashed potatoes & gravy	Carrot sticks	Hashbrown patty	Steamed broccoli
Mandarin oranges	Peaches	Fruit	Baked beans	Apple slices
Garlic toast	Roll & butter	Cookie	Orange slices	Side kick / frozen juice
19	20	21	22	23
Maidrite/bun	Breaded pork/bun	Deli/bun	Popcorn chicken	Breaded cheese sticks
French fries	Waffle fries	Fresh vegetable	Seasoned rice	Lettuce salad w/ dressing
Buttered corn	Baked beans	Fruit	Green beans	Fresh veggies
Watermelon	Peaches	Cookie	Mixed fruit	Pears
26	27	28	29	30
Beef taco/shell	Country Fried Steak	Sun Butter & Jelly	Chicken nuggets	Pizza crunchers
Seasoned potato cubes	Mashed potatoes & gravy	Fresh vegetable	Mashed potatoes & gravy	Lettuce/dressing
Mandarin oranges	Apple sauce	Fruit	Mixed fruit	Fresh veggies
Cookie	Roll & butter	Cookie	Roll & butter	Fresh fruit



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April 2021

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Elem/MS/HS Parent Teacher Conferences 4-8pm B V Track @ Kingston Stadium vs CR Washington -4:00 Spring Musical— <u>Virtual viewing only</u> at 7pm	2 No School—Good Friday Spring Musical—Virtual & Live viewing at 7pm	3 Spring Musical—Virtual & Live viewing at 7pm 
5 G V Golf @ Northeast - Plum River Golf Course—4:00 B V Golf vs Northeast-4:00 	6 Iowa Jazz Band Championships G V Golf vs N. Cedar-4:00 B V Golf @ N. Cedar-4:00 Golf & Country Club-4:00 G V Track @ Dub. Senior-4:00 B V Track @ Anamosa-4:30	7 12:00 Early Dismissal Jostens graduation orders pick-up in high school entrance.	8 7/8 B Track @ Beckman -4:00 B V Track @ Tipton—4:30 FFA Banquet—6:00 @ Jones County Youth Development Center	9 G V Track @ Beckman—4:30 G V Soccer vs Mid-Prairie-5:00 @ football field B V Soccer vs Mid-Prairie-6:30 @ football field	10 B V Golf Tournament @ Woods Edge (Ed-Co) - 8:30 B V Track vs Dav. Assumption @ Bettendorf HS-12:00
12 G V Golf @ Hart Ridge Golf Course—4:00 B V Golf @ Tipton Golf & Country Club-4:00 Speech/Drama Banquet-6:30-HS Commons	13 G V Track @ Anamosa-4:30 	14 12:00 Early Dismissal Board Work Session -6:00 PM	15 B V Golf Tournament vs Easton Valley @ Plum River Golf Course-9:00 G V Track @ Tipton City Park—4:30 B V Track-home-4:30	16  7/8 Band Solo Night-4:30-7pm B V Soccer @ Cascade-5:00 G Soccer vs Columbus-5:30 @ football field	17 ACT Testing @ MHS -8:00-3:00 B V Track @ Iowa City West-11:30 Grand March -4:00 @ HS football field PROM 8-11 @ Youth Dev. Center Post Prom @ HS Gym—11:00-1:30 
19 Iowa FFE Leadership Conference-Ames B V Golf @ Beckman-Dyersville Golf & Country Club-10:00 Seniors—Cap & gown hand out @ HS Office—1-3:45 G V Golf vs Anamosa -4:00 7/8 G Track @ Cascade-4:15 G V Track @ Maq. Valley-4:00 B JV Track @ Marion-Marion Thomas Park-4:45	20 Iowa FFE Leadership Conference-Ames High School ISASP Testing - Reading - Grades 9-11—8-10am B V Golf @ Anamosa-4:00 7/8 B Track @ West Delaware-4:00 B V Track @ Tipton-4:30 G V Soccer vs W. Liberty-5:00 @ football field B V Soccer vs W. Liberty-6:30 @ football field	21 12:00 Early Dismissal	22 HS ISASP Testing-Math—Grades 9-11—8-10am G V Golf @ N. Scott-Glynns Creek Golf Course-12:00 7/8 G Track @ Maq. Valley-4:15 G V Soccer @ Marquette Catholic-Felderman Park in Bellevue-3:45 G/B V Track—home-4:30 B V Soccer @ Marquette Catholic-Felderman Park in Bellevue-5:15	23 G V Soccer vs Anamosa-5:00 @ football field B V Soccer vs Anamosa -6:30 @ football field	24
26 G V Golf @ Cascade-Fillmore Fairways-4:00 B V Golf vs Cascade-4:00 7/8 G Track-home-4:00 G V Track @ Center Point Urbana-4:45 Board Meeting—6:00 PM	27 HS ISASP Testing-Lang. Arts—Grades 9-11—8-10am 7/8 B Track @ Cascade-4:15 G/B V Track @ Anamosa -4:30 G V Soccer @ W. Branch-5:00 B V Soccer @ W. Branch-6:30	28 B V Golf Tournament-home-10:00 12:00 Early Dismissal	29 HS ISASP Testing-Science—Grade 10—8-10am 7/8 B Track home-4:00 G V Track @ Marion-Marion Thomas Park-4:45 B V Track @ Clear Creek Amana-4:45	30 Senior Decision Day! G V Golf @ Wilton-Wahkonsa Golf Course-12:00 G V Soccer vs Regina-5:00 @ football field B V Soccer vs Regina -6:30 @ football field	<i>For up to date information, please check our website at www.monticello.k12.ia.us</i>

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