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Hello everyone,

We have all made it through 2021! I picture myself someday with my great grandchildren sitting on my lap listening to the stories I tell them about the old days from 2019-2021. I am not sure they will believe all that we have had in our lives over the last three years. As unpredictable and surreal as the last three years have been, I still believe in the power of hope, hard work, and always being the best you can be. Some of the greatest stories from history were grown from adversity by those who overcame obstacles at times when it looked like no one could. The theme from those great stories and great people often revolves around resilience and staying the course. Most importantly they just keep moving forward. That is what we keep doing in the Monticello Community School District...we just keep moving forward. If we continue down that path at some point we will look up and say, "just look how far we've come!"

One of our traditional upcoming events is the Monticello School Foundation Pep Rally (formerly known as the GALA). This is an exciting event that recognizes classes from years past and raises needed funds that go directly into our classrooms for our students. This year the Pep Rally is on March 5, so please mark your calendar. I would love to see a great turn out in support of our school and our students. A special thank you to all of the Monticello School Foundation board members who work hard year after year to always make this event a success.

Finally, to all of our staff, students, and parents...thank you for all you have done in 2021 to make the Monticello Community School District a great place. I am looking forward to 2022 to see what it will bring for all of us. I am optimistic that if we stick together we can continue to move in a direction that we are all proud of and see positive results.

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



Sincerely,

Brian Jaeger, Superintendent

The **MISSION** of the Monticello Community Schools, a district striving for educational excellence, is to prepare students through challenging experiences, to be caring, productive, creative citizens, who will be life-long learners.

January 2022



of the Monticello Community School District

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

Foundation Pep Rally info on page 6!

UPCOMING EVENTS

District Speech Contest Help Needed! Saturday, January 22 (shifts available 7:30 am-12 or 12—4:30 pm)

Monticello will be hosting the district speech contest in January and volunteers are needed. There are several areas you could volunteer. Room chair keeps the room running on time, time keeper (just have to know how to run a stopwatch), or concession helper. If you are interested in helping contact Kim Carlson either by phone 465-3000, ext. 1328 or email kim.carlson@monticello.k12.ia.us

The High School Business Professionals of America (BPA) Group collected toys for "Toys for Tots". Thank you to everyone who donated, especially the TOMY Outlet Store in Dyersville, that donated 3 huge boxes of toys!



Jammin' in January Fundraiser

Get a good dose of jazz music and the music of small groups at the Fine Arts Boosters' annual Jammin' in January event January 10 at the Monticello Community Building. An appetizer bar opens at 6:30pm with music starting at 7pm. Desserts are served at intermission. There's a \$10 admission fee.

Winter Break

Winter break is December 22— January 2. No School on January 3—Teacher Collaboration Day. School will resume on Tuesday, January 4!

FOOD DRIVE

THANK YOU!

The High School Student Council would like to thank all the students and families who contributed to the Food/Toiletry Drive this Holiday Season. Altogether we brought in 1,150 items.





- Thank you to **everyone** who helped with the Carpenter Concert.
- Thank you to **Elise & Jean Kehoe** for transporting all of the food drive donations from Carpenter Elementary for the Food Pantry.
- Thank you to Mary Rose Coleman, Luanus Jamieson, Cindy Bagge, Vicki Edwards, Marla Paulsen, Linda Siebels, and Elle Finch for their clothing donations to the middle school & high school.
- Thank you to **Bright Stars Preschool Camp Fire group** for donating coats, hats, and mittens to Shannon Elementary
- Thank you to **TOMY Outlet Store in Dyersville** for their generous donation of toys for BPA's Toys for Tots drive.
- Thank you to everyone who donated clothing to the middle school and high school. The community has been so helpful in providing needs for our students. We greatly appreciate your generosity & support!
 Ms. Heinrich & Ms. Vroegh.

High School Scheduling Dates

The following dates are of note for 8-11th grade students in regards to scheduling high school credit and college credit classes for next year:

- <u>Wednesday, January 12</u> 8th Grade tours of Agriculture, Business, Family & Consumer Science, and Industrial Technology facilities & class information
- <u>Thursday, January 27</u> 9th-11th Grade scheduling meetings
- Friday, January 28 8th Grade scheduling meetings
- <u>Tuesday, February 8</u>
 High School & Kirkwood registration sheets due

If your child misses any of the dates above, please remind them to stop in the high school office as soon as possible so they do not miss opportunities for next year.

Job Shadow Opportunities

Want your child to experience a job firsthand? Encourage your junior or senior to register for a group job shadow, a two to four hour experience on a job site! The Workplace Learning Connection application is open from January 3-26 at <u>https://</u> www.workplacelearningconnecti ons.com/Default.aspx? wpn=WLC

This is a wonderful, free opportunity for your child to confirm a career interest they have or explore their options.



Silver Service Opportunities

The Gingham Dog is looking for students willing to help out at the store. You can help during the day and on Saturdays when it works in your schedule. Contact Bonnie at 319-465-5856.

The Rotary is sponsoring a Disney Trivia event on January 15 at the Berndes Center. They are looking for HS students interested in Silver Service hours to help with concessions and to help with activities/movies with younger children. The time would be from 5-9pm. All the proceeds from the event will go to the new Austin Smith Inclusive Playground being built. Please contact Dr. Jaeger for more information. brian.jaeger@monticello.k12.ia.us

SENIORS

Scholarships are beginning to be posted. They will be posted alphabetically by name of scholarship as we post them. When active, the scholarship name will be turned green.

Go to the school's website at www.monticello.k12.ia.us and go to the High School page. Click on the Counseling tab, then click on Scholarships on the right. Also check out the Counseling Announcement link for other counseling office information and other college and scholarship announcements.

Board of Education Corner...

At the Nov. 22 Board meeting, Debbie McDermott was recognized for her year of service on the Monticello Community School District Board



of Education. Thank you Debbie for all you've done for our staff & students!

At that same meeting, newly elected members Mandy Norton, Mark



Rieken, and Craig Stadtmueller were sworn in. They will serve a four-year term. Mark replaces Debbie McDermott. Welcome Mark to the Monticello CSD Board of Education!

PRESCHOOL INFORMATION

Statewide Voluntary Preschool Programming for Four-Year-Old Children

For 2022-23, we are expecting to receive state funding to support preschool programming for four-year-old children. Here are some Frequently Asked Questions to help community members gain a better understanding of what this preschool funding means to Monticello.

Which preschools are partners in the MCSD Program? Little Panthers Preschool (Shannon Elementary), Mother Goose Preschool (St. Matthew Lutheran Church) and Sacred Heart Preschool (Sacred Heart School)

How will the funding be used? There are many assurances (i.e., requirements) that need to be met when using preschool funding. Money will be spent to make sure that these assurances are met. The assurances include (but are not limited to):

- •Facility requirements including accessibility and playground guidelines
- •Costs associated with teacher and paraprofessional professional development and certifications
- •Paying staff costs for required instruction, program operation, home visits, family nights, and parent/teacher conferences
- Supplies and Equipment

Which children will this funding support? Funding must be used to support children that turn age four on or before September 15th. Will my four-year-old receive free preschool? Mother Goose and Sacred Heart are half day programs and are tuition free. Little Panthers is a full day program and has a max tuition of \$135.00. All three programs run Monday thru Thursday.

Will my four-year-old receive transportation to and from preschool? The school district may be able to provide free transportation using an existing bus route. Check with your preschool provider for more information.

Where can I obtain more information about the Statewide Voluntary Preschool Program for Four-Year-Old Children? You can visit with representatives of the participating preschools and you can visit the lowa Department of Education web site: https://www.educateiowa.gov/pk-12/early-childhood/statewide-voluntary-preschool-program-four-year-old-children

All Monticello preschool programs are currently taking applications for the 2022-23 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 319-480-1279
- Sacred Heart Preschool, Sacred Heart School Stop in on school days to see JoEllen Schlarmann or call (319) 465-4605
 REGISTER NOW:



Little Panthers Preschool

Registration for the Little Panthers Preschool for the 2022-2023 school year will be available January 4 thru February 28, 2022. 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 picked up at Shannon or 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).

This preschool is an inclusive, full-day program (Monday through Thursday) for students of all needs. Our program offers: a certified teacher and paraprofessional, large and small group instruction, learning centers, developmentally appropriate schedule and activities, thematic instruction, social skills curriculum, and breakfast, lunch, milk, and snacks.

If you have any questions for Kindergarten or Little Panthers Preschool, please call Sandy Hinrichs at 319-465-3000 ext. 4114.

KINDERGARTEN ROUND UP

2022-23 Kindergarten Round Up

For students entering Kindergarten in the fall of 2022 is scheduled for January 4 thru January 28, 2022. 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 picked up at Shannon or 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 2022-2023.

Students must turn 5 years of age on or before September 15, 2022 to attend Kindergarten.

COMMUNITY CONNECTION

Reasons for Routines

What better time of year than a new year to create or continue routines! This includes routines for you in your daily life, with your children, as a family, in the classrooms, and within your career.

10 Benefits of Routines:

- 1) Provides comfort, consistency, and a sense of safety and security
- 2) Creates stability during times of change or trauma resulting in lowered stress
- 3) Teaches responsibility, independence, time management, and life skills
- 4) A way to find purpose and practice positive self-care
- 5) Daily routines set healthy, constructive habits to guide adequate nutrition and sleep
- 6) Helps create efficiency, a sense of normalcy, and can free up time for other things
- 7) Routines with others can strengthen values, beliefs, interests, and relationships
- 8) Offers excitement as you anticipate special time with someone else, like a family member
- 9) Eliminates power struggles and helps create partnerships between parents and children
- 10) Results in daily accomplishments and achievement increasing confidence and pride

5 Tips for Routines with Children:

- 1) Create or present *realistic* routines as a partnership valuing and engaging your child
- 2) Identify and communicate the importance, key timeframes, and specific steps needed for success
- 3) Teach the routine with examples, explanations, and modeling (even if you think they know)
- 4) Use charts, pictures, checklists, visuals, or a form of writing to show and track progress
- 5) Provide positive reinforcement and praise in effort, individual step completion, and end results

Acknowledgements:

The Importance of Schedules and Routines by U.S. Department of Health & Human Services

Health Benefits of Having a Routine by Northwestern Medicine Health Beat

The Secret Benefit of Routines by Ellie Robins with Headspace



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POST OFFICE BOX 2 • MONTICELLO IA 52310-0002 Monticello School Foundation Pep Rally & Alumni Reunion March 5, 2022

The Monticello School Foundation is excited to be back for the annual Pep Rally and Alumni Reunion to be held March 5, 2022. It is with great enthusiasm that we announce our theme is Back in Black and Red. It's a celebration of the strength of our school, the resiliency of our community and the drive to ensure our children have the best opportunities possible!

In an attempt to get alumni back together, we are recognizing the classes of '11, '12, '01, '02, '91, '92, '81, '82, '71, '72, '61, '62, '51, '52, '41 and '42 this year.

A monetary donation or an item for the silent or live auction is instrumental in raising additional funds to purchase computers to support the 11 initiative and new Science equipment slotted for this year's support to the Monticello Community Schools. Your donation will facilitate students' virtual travel to places around the world while still in their classrooms! Your donation, no matter how large or small, makes an incredible difference in the Monticello educational environment. Get creative; a unique item or basket would be a great addition to the evening. Please show your support for the kids and teachers by donating an item that will both help the school and a great way to promote your business.

Come enjoy a relaxing evening in your red and black and help us raise funds for the future of Monticello High. There will be plenty of opportunities to help support Monticello schools. There is a silent and live auction and we are continuing the popular Panther's Wish list put together by the teaching staff of items they would like to use in their classrooms but isn't in the school's budget to purchase.

Thank you, in advance, for your generous donation, but equally important, thank you for your endless support of the Monticello Community School District, the Monticello School Foundation and all the students. Your daily contributions to our community do not go unnoticed.

Tickets for the evening can be purchased individually for \$25 or a table of 8 can be purchased for \$200. Every \$500 donation will receive up to 8 tickets and every \$1000 donation will receive up to 16 tickets. Individuals and/or businesses can be a sponsor for the event as well. Every sponsor will be recognized during the evening. Sustaining sponsorships are \$100, Foundation sponsorships are \$250, Major sponsorships are \$500 and Visionary Sponsorships are \$1000.

So gather your friends, dust off your Panther gear and make plans to join us March 5. Thanks again for your support! Monticello School Foundation Board

Please contact any board member, or the Superintendent's Office 319-465-3000, ext 5200

I would like to donate an auction item. Date it may be picked up	Name
 I would like to be a sponsor – Sustaining (\$100) Foundation (\$250) Major (\$500, includes up to 8 tickets) 	Address
 Major (\$500, includes up to 0 treats) Visionary (\$1000, includes up to 16 tickets) Other I would like to come and enjoy the evening. number of tickets @ \$25 Current teachers & staff can enjoy the evening for \$10 number of tickets @ \$10 You may also donate on PayPal. 1) https://paypal.me/MonticelloSchoolFoun?country.x=US&locale.x=en_US 2) Search on PayPal to give @MonticelloSchoolFoun 	Phone Number Please return to – Monticello School Foundation PO Box 2, Monticello, IA 52310-0002 The Monticello School District Foundation is a 501(c)3. EIN #42-1313635

FOOD SERVICE NEWS

BREAKFAST MENU 💣 😡

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3 NO SCHOOL— Teacher Collabora- tion Day	4 Pancakes w/ syrup Fruit Fruit juice	5 Cereal bar Fruit Fruit juice	6 Cinnamon roll Fruit Fruit juice	7 Breakfast pizza Fruit Fruit juice
10 Long john Fruit Fruit juice	11 Sausage, egg & cheese/bun Fruit Fruit juice	12 Banana muffin Fruit Fruit juice	13 Breakfast burrito Fruit Fruit juice	14 Cereal Pop tart Fruit Fruit juice
17 NO SCHOOL — Professional Devel- opment Day	18 Chocolate muffin Fruit Fruit juice	19 Cereal bar Fruit Fruit juice	20 Mini sugar donuts Fruit Fruit juice	21 Breakfast pizza Fruit Fruit juice
24 Long john Fruit Fruit juice	25 French toast sticks w/ syrup Fruit Fruit juice	26 Blueberry muffin Fruit Fruit juice	27 Yogurt w/ granola Fruit Fruit juice	28 Cereal Pop tart Fruit Fruit juice
31 Breakfast combo patty Fruit Fruit juice	MILK served with all meals.			

LUNCH MENU 🖄

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3 NO SCHOOL — Teacher Collabora- tion Day	4 Cheeseburger/ bun Smiley fries Corn Diced pears	5 Mini corndogs Baked beans Sun chips Apple slices	6 Salisbury steak Mashed potatoes & gravy Peaches Roll & butter	7 Pepperoni pizza Lettuce salad w/ dressing Steamed carrots Strawberry ap- plesauce
10 Cheese dog/bun Seasoned potatoes Broccoli w/ cheese sauce Mandarin oranges	11 Chicken nuggets Smiley fries Green beans Mixed fruit	12 Chili String cheese Applesauce Frosted Cinnamon roll	13 BBQ rib/bun Cheesy potatoes Baked beans Orange slices	14 Breaded cheese sticks Garden salad Fresh vegetables Fruit
17 NO SCHOOL — Professional Devel- opment Day	18 Chicken & noo- dles Steamed broccoli Pears Dinner roll	19 Tenderloin/bun Tater tots Steamed carrots Applesauce	20 Chicken strips Mashed potatoes & gravy Mandarin oranges Dinner roll	21 Garlic cheese bread Salad w/ dressing Fresh cucumbers & tomatoes Diced peaches
24 Popcorn chicken Seasoned rice Mixed vegetables Pineapple chunks	25 Ham & cheese melt French fries Diced pears Side kick	26 Pasta w/ meat sauce Lettuce salad Mixed fruit Bread stick	27 Breaded chicken/ bun Seasoned potatoes Corn Applesauce	28 Pizza quesadilla Lettuce salad Baby carrots Peaches
31 Pulled pork/bun Baked beans Coleslaw Banana	MILK served with all meals.	Choose a salad as an alternate lunch daily (HS & MS only)		

JANUARY 2022					
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
3 NO SCHOOL — Teacher Collabora- tion Day Var. Reserve BBB vs Center Point Ur- bana-6:30	4 JV/V GBB @ Northeast-4:30 & 6:00 JV/V BBB @ North- east-4:30 & 7:30	5	6 V WR @ N. Cedar-6:00	7 JV/V GBB vs Cas- cade-4:00 & 6:15 JV/V BBB vs Cas- cade—5:15 & 7:30	8 NEIBA District Honor Jazz Band FFA Ignite, Amplify, & Transform Conferences and FFA State Officer Candidate Workshop V WR @ BGM-10:00 JV/V GBB @ Regina— 1:00 & 3:30 JV BBB @ Regina— 2:15 V BBB vs Regina @ Coe College—6:00
10 Spring Play Audi- tions-3:30 & 7:00 Jammin' in January Jazz Band—7:00 @ Monticello Com- munity Bldg	11 1st Semester Ends MS 1st Sem. Awards Ceremony—2:00 G/B Bowling @ May City Bowl-3:00 JV/V GBB @ Camanche -4:00 & 6:00 JV/V BBB @ Camanche -5:15 & 7:30 Spring Play Auditions- 7:00	12 2:00 Early Dismissal-Prof. Development Board Work Session—6pm	13 V WR @ Wilton- 5:30 Var. Reserve BB vs Cascade-6:00	14 JV/V GBB vs Bellevue-4:00 & 6:15 JV/V BBB vs Bellevue- 5:15 & 7:30	15 Large Group Confer- ence Speech @ Regi- na—9:00 V WR @ Marion—9:30 9/10 BBB @ Mid- Prairie-12:00 JV/V GBB @ Mid- Prairie-1:30 & 3:45 JV/V BBB @ Mid- Prairie-2:45 & 5:00
17 NO SCHOOL— Prov. Development Day JV WR @ Solon-3:30 Speech Preview Night—7:00	18 Kirkwood 2nd Semes- ter Begins JV/V GBB vs N. Ce- dar-4:00 & 6:15 JV/V BBB vs N. Ce- dar—5:15 & 7:30	19	20 7/8 BBB @ Bellevue—4:15 V WR @ West Branch-5:30	21 JV/V GBB vs West Branch-4:00 & 6:15 JV/V BBB vs West Branch—5:15 & 7:30	22 Marion Junior High Honor Band Large Group District Speech—Home V WR @ Midland- 10:00
24 IHSMA State Jazz Festival JV WR @ Northeast- 5:00 9/10 BBB @ Ed-Co- 6:00 JV/V GBB @ West Delaware-6:00 & 7:30 Board Meeting—6:00	25 7/8 BBB @ Cas- cade-4:15 V WR @ Ed-Co- 6:00 (Colesburg)	26 2:00 Early Dismissal-Prof. Development	27 G/B Bowling @ Bellevue Horizon Lanes-4:00 8 BB @ Maquoketa- 4:15 JV/V GBB vs Ana- mosa-4:00 & 6:15 JV/V BBB vs Ana- mosa—5:15 & 7:45	28	29 G/B Bowling Tour- nament @ Inde- pendence/Cadillac Lanes-9:00 V WR Home—10:00 V/JV BBB @ East Dubuque/Fulton HS- 3:00 & 4:30
31 7/8 BB @ N. Cedar- 4:15 (Stanwood)					

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