



March Staff Spotlight

By Meghan Besler, Macey Burlage, Katie Stadtmueller, Marlee Gassmann, & Destiny Wall



Tammy Lawrence



Melody Pasker



Jamie Vroegh

Questions:

1. What made you want to work at Monticello Middle School?

Vroegh - I love the community and my family lives here. I also love the goals, values, and people in the district.

Lawrence - The school schedule lines up with my kids' schedule.

Pasker - The schedule matched my kids' schedule.

2. What is your favorite part of your job?

Vroegh - Able to work with students every day and see them learn and grow.

Lawrence - Interacting with and helping students.

Pasker - some of the hilarious things the kids will say, and helping kids find a book they enjoy.

3. What are your favorite memories from working here?

Vroegh - Just getting to truly get to know students and enjoy having in-depth conversations with students.

Lawrence - The *Minute to Win it* assemblies.

Pasker - The fire alarm when we got evacuated, moving into the new school.

4. What do you do every day?

Vroegh - I am a shared counselor split between Monticello and Anamosa grades K-12.

Lawrence - I'm in charge of the study hall and an SSR class. I work with a group of students going to different classes to help them with their work.

Pasker - I Monitor study halls and SSR when I don't have students, I read and maintain the library.

5. How long have you been working at Monticello Middle School?

Vroegh - I have been in education for 10 years. I have been at Monticello for the last 5 years.

Lawrence - Since 2018, 4 years.

Pasker - 6th year.

6. Did you work anywhere else before Monticello Middle School?

Vroegh - Yes, I worked at Olin Elementary.

Lawrence - Yes, I worked part-time at Culver's Garden Center.

Pasker - I worked in a food microbiology lab before I had kids, then I stayed home once I had kids.

7. Do you like the new or old school better?

Vroegh - I love the new middle school. I think it brought positivity and new life for students and staff last year.

Lawrence - The new school because it's air-conditioned and it has a nice layout.

Pasker - I like the air conditioning here, but I like that there is more area in the whole school.

Positive Panther Spotlight

By: Aedan Althoff, Brady Gogel, Ryker Hein, and Lincoln Schreiber

5th Grade Nominations

- Fifth grader Landry Schauf was nominated by Brooke Lundgren for his outstanding work in the PBIS categories.
- Fifth grader Kayla Arduser was nominated by Brooke Lundgren for his outstanding work in the PBIS categories.

6th Grade Nominations

- Sixth grader Kaylee Lawrence was nominated by Jennifer Schauf for her outstanding work in the PBIS categories.
- Also in Sixth Grade was Jackson Telleen, he was nominated by Jenna Peters for his outstanding work in the PBIS categories.

7th Grade Nominations

- Seventh Grader Trenton Seemann was nominated by Ellen Ellis for his outstanding work in the PBIS categories.
- Also in Seventh Grade was Brynn Schmitt, She was nominated by Ellen Ellis for her outstanding work in the PBIS categories.

8th Grade Nominations


- Eighth Grader Neavah Norton was nominated by Kathrine Larson for her help in the office and respect to other teachers and students.
- Eighth Grader Cambryn Lee was nominated by Doug Ries for her outstanding work in the PBIS categories.

Things to do to Qualify for This:

- Listen and focus on what is going on.
- Talk when appropriate.
- Care for others.
- Be respectful to their teachers.
- Be Responsible and get to class on time.
- Get work turned in on time.
- Help teachers with things they need help with.

MARCH FUN FACTS AND TRIVIA

By Lena Lippstock and Enee Himes Luensman

1. Who won the 2021 UK Open Darts held in March in England? James Wade (England)
2. In which year's March 4, Franklin D. Roosevelt inaugurated as the 32nd president of the United States? 1933
3. The name of March comes from which word, also the first month of the earliest Roman calendar? Martius
4. What is the birth flower of March? Daffodil 
5. Which US national park was founded in March 1872? Yellowstone National Park
6. March 1 began the numbered year in which country until the end of the 15th century? Russia
7. The Anglo-Saxons called March "Hlyd monath" meaning what? "Stormy Month"
8. What is the month of March named in Chinese (Mandarin)? Sanyuè

MMS March Events

By: Bentley Martin, Isaac Kray, and Quinn Thomas

JH Boys Track

Junior High Track is well on its way as practices have started and the boys are preparing for their first meet! There are nine 7th grade and twelve 8th grade boys signed up. They are coached by Coach Reade and Coach McQuillen. Coach McQuillen says, "We are excited to see 7th graders set personal best times and distances (PRs). And we are looking forward to seeing the 8th graders go from finishing 2nd place in conference last year to 1st this year!" Come cheer on the boys and girls if you can!

JH Girls Track

The first meeting for girls track is on Monday, March 28th and their first track practice is on Friday, April 2. Coach Mrs. Schmitt and Coach Mrs. Schauf are both excited to see their team and they are ready to start the fun track season with the girls! The coaches are ready to see the girls persevere and have fun running!

Bowling

With the Middle School bowling team finally kicking off, they are practicing super hard for their first game with West Delaware coming up soon. They have some really great bowlers and we are excited to see them have fun at their games! The average number of points that we are getting are well over 100! Bowling is going to be great this year with some cool new coaches and some amazingly helpful lessons!

Choir

Choir has been a fun success for most choir students as the honor choirs have gone great and now they have a super fun concert coming up with some classics and some songs that you will love, all chosen by the 8th graders in choir! There will also be a little bit of a surprise at the concert too, as we are going to be learning choreography (dancing) to most of the songs that they will sing!

Band/Jazz Band

Jazz band ended but it was a great time for all! They scored a 1 on their competition and also had some really great soloists! You may think that 1 is the worst, but it is one of the best! The jazz band soloists were; Aedan Althof, Cameron Pasker, Porter Campbell, Bentley Martin, Skylar Christensen, Antonio Lagunes, Alan Arriaga-Rangel, and Aidan Mullen. Get ready for the regular band's solos coming up on April 8th! Each band student is required to do a solo for a panel of judges and Mrs. Ellis can't wait to hear how they end up!



March Jokes and Riddles

Brynn Schmit and Skylar Christensen

1. Which crime fighter likes March the most?

Robin

2. Why is March the best time to use a trampoline?

Its spring-time

3. What falls during March but never gets hurt?

The rain



4. What do you call a fake diamond in Ireland?

A sham-rock

5. Why Shouldn't you Iron your four leaf clover?

Because you shouldn't press your luck

6. What do you get when two leprechauns have a conversation?

A lot of small talk

7. How do NCAA basketball players stay cool during a game?

They stand near the fans

8. Why don't they hold NCAA tournament basketball games in the jungle?

Too many cheetahs

9. Two basketball teams play a final four game. The underdog team ended up winning, but not a single man from either team scored a basket. How can this be?

They were women's basketball teams



March Student Creations

By Kennedy Hermsen, Koye Jaeger, and Halle Recker

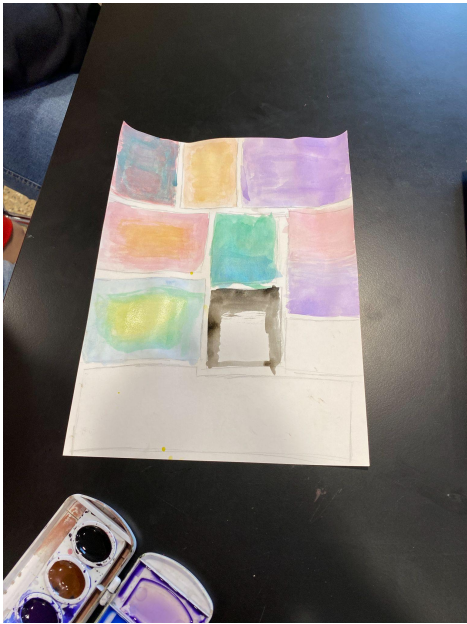
Here is a picture of last semester's finished clay animal pots in art. This project took about a week.

Here are some of the students who created them:

Red Kool-aid man- Porter Campbell
Sea turtle- Kiara Mysak
Amputated crab- Hannah Butterworth
Steve the Crab- Lilly Stoll
Blue the dog- Tate Long
Holstein cow- Dylan Ricklefs

Here is another picture of this semester's clay animal pots. They have to be hardened and then they will be ready to be pots. These pots are being made by day 1, period 5 Art.

In Mrs. Wallerich's WIN group they are making student Journalism. Here is a picture of Vanessa Clapp's journal.



Happy
Spring

