

SCHOOL SPIRIT



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Hello everyone,

What a busy month we have had. We have just completed Parent-Teacher conferences at each school...we have been reviewing our survey results from students, staff, and parents...we are preparing for the upcoming ISASP testing in April...we have finalized our negotiations and got contracts out to the staff...and we should be able to finalize the agreement for the sale of the old Middle School by April 24.

As we work our way through this month, please take a few moments to talk with your child about the final two months of school. Talk about the importance of finishing what they have started and working hard down the home stretch. Also, if you have older kids that take the ISASP test, please talk to them about trying their best on this test. We are required to give the ISASP test and the results can vary based on motivation. I always tell my kids that they have put in a lot of time into school this year and it would be great to see what the results of that hard work look like. If even a handful of kids don't try hard on the assessment it can have negative results. It is hard to use this data if kids are not giving maximum effort on the test. The results will lead us down the wrong rabbit hole as we focus on improving student performance. In reality I know these tests are a snapshot of student performance and not the movie reel, however, we are compared with other districts with these tests and I would just like that comparison to reflect the real efforts of our students. Thanks for your help with this.

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,

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.*

April 2023

NEWS & NOTES

of the
Monticello Community School District

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UPCOMING EVENTS

The Shannon Elementary Spring Concert 
"Disney Classics" will be on Tuesday,
April 25 @ 6pm in the High School Gym.

The National Honor Society is encouraging every-
one in the community to wear **BLUE** on April 13
for Child Abuse Prevention month!

Grand March & Post Prom!

This year the Post Prom Committee has changed it up a bit and all activities will be located at Camp Courageous. Prom is April 22, 2023.

Grand March will be at 4:00pm located behind the Durgin Pavilion. In case of rain, it will be held in the Main Lodge. Students need to check in at 3:45pm sharp. Public and family members are welcome. A suggested free-will donation of \$1.00 would be appreciated to help with our fundraising efforts for next year. The doors will open at 3:00pm if anyone would like to take photos prior to the Grand March. The **Prom** dance will be located at the Main Lodge from 8-10pm.

This year's **Post Prom** is packed full with a variety of fun-filled activities. There is something for everyone! Snacks and drinks will be served. The entertainment this year includes: hypnotist, bowling, cards, bags, pool, foosball, and more!

Each MHS Junior and Senior who attends will receive a prize which will be handed out after our entertainment finishes. Check in begins at 10:00pm. Students need to arrive no later than 10:30pm to participate in Post Prom. **It will end at approximately 1:00am.** You do not need to attend prom to attend post prom.

Look for the *Sign Up Genius* for donations of food and drink for Post Prom. This is posted on the Post Prom FB Page. Donations of food/drink can be dropped off after 3:00pm the day of Prom at the Durgin Pavilion. Non-perishable items can be dropped off prior to Prom at the District Office or the HS Office.

Also, we are still accepting prize donations! Monetary or prize donations can be dropped off at the District Office or Superior Appliance. Check our Monticello Post Prom Facebook page for up-to-date information. **THANK YOU!**

Important Dates—Please Mark your Calendars!

- April 5—Senior Class Meeting at HS auditorium during WIN. ALL Seniors should attend this meeting.
- April 20—Deadline for Senior Questionnaire
- April 22—Grand March at 4:00pm, Prom from 8pm to 10pm, followed by Post Prom from 10pm to 1:00am—all at Camp Courageous
- May 15—Senior Silver Service hours due to Mr. Lambert by 3:15pm
- May 17—Cap & gown pick up in the HS Office from 1:00pm to 3:45pm
- May 19—Final notification (by 3:15) to Mrs. Larson of scholarships/awards to be announced at Honors Night
- May 23—National Honor Society Inductions at 7:00pm and Honors Night at 7:45pm HS Gym
- May 24—Last day of classes for seniors who have met graduation requirements
- May 24—Senior Walk Thru, meet at HS commons 8:00am, wear cap & gowns
- May 24—Senior Grill Out at HS commons 12:15pm
- May 24—Commencement Rehearsal for all Seniors at HS gym 1:00pm
- May 24—Baccalaureate at United Church of Monticello 7:00pm
- May 28—Commencement at Football Field 2:00pm
- June 6—Last day of classes

BAND Info

7/8 Grade Band Solo Fun Night!

7/8 grade band Solo Fun Night will be held Friday, April 14 at the middle school from 4:15-7:00pm. Since this is an individually scheduled event, please contact Mrs. Ellis at ellen.ellis@monticello.k12.ia.us if your band student has activities that afternoon/evening that will need to be scheduled around. Thank you.

Attention 4th grade parents! In April and May, Mrs. Ellis and Mr. Garringer 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, 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 Mrs. Ellis at ellen.ellis@monticello.k12.ia.us

OTHER NEWS

PTO NEWS...The Monticello PTO has a lot of exciting events coming soon! Our first event is Spring pictures for the Shannon and Carpenter students on Thursday, April 6.

Next is our walk-a-thon at the track happening May 12 with a rain date of May 16.

The PTO is also busy planning Grandparent's Day and Fun Day! If you would like to join us in the planning of our upcoming events or have new ideas to share with the PTO, please join us at our next meeting on **TUESDAY, APRIL 11** at 7pm in the Shannon Library.



We would like to thank all of the volunteers that help keep the PTO going! A special thank you to everyone who provided food for the teachers during conferences.

SENIORS

Scholarships—Many scholarship deadlines are quickly approaching. Check out the scholarship website for details and deadline information and be sure to turn in completed applications soon!



We want to recognize seniors for the scholarships and awards they have earned. Seniors are responsible for contacting Mrs. Larson with this information no later than May 19. Kathy Larson can be reached at kathy.larson@monticello.k12.ia.us. Honors Night is scheduled for Tuesday, May 23 at 7:45pm. Thank you!



As of 3/23/23 we have four weather make up days: June 1, 2, 5, & 6, 2023. Seniors last day is still May 24!

COMMUNITY CONNECTION

Happy Spring! We hope your March was full of rest and rejuvenation. Now we're heading toward graduation - attendance matters more than ever! Here are some tips for keeping attendance at the forefront of your conversations:

- Talk about why a high school diploma is important to your teen's future.
- Make it clear that missing school is unacceptable.

Contact the school's counselors and teachers if you think your teen may be falling behind academically, missing school more than 2 days per month, or seems to be losing interest in school to help your teen stay on track for graduation.

Know the school's attendance policy. At 10 days Monticello Community School District has a policy where students, parents, and school personnel will meet to discuss the barriers to regular attendance. An attendance contract may be put into place during this meeting. If attendance does not improve after this parent meeting, the County Attorney may be notified.



Resiliency Matters

Resilient individuals are adaptable problem solvers, and are able to face many challenges. The end of the school year may bring many new challenges. If you'd like to become more resilient this spring, consider these tips from Mayo Clinic:

- Get connected. Building strong, positive relationships with loved ones and friends can provide you with needed support.
- Make every day meaningful. Do something that gives you a sense of accomplishment and purpose every day.
- Learn from experience. Think of how you've coped with hardships in the past. Consider the skills and strategies that helped you through difficult times.
- Remain hopeful. You can't change the past, but you can always look toward the future.
- Take care of yourself. Tend to your own needs and feelings. Participate in activities and hobbies you enjoy. Include physical activity in your daily routine. Get plenty of sleep and create consistent bedtime rituals. Eat a healthy diet.
- Be proactive. Don't ignore your problems. Instead, figure out what needs to be done, make a plan and take action.
- Reach out. Becoming more resilient takes time and practice. If you don't feel you're making progress — or you don't know where to start — consider working with a counselor, therapist, or social worker right here at school! With guidance, you can improve your resiliency and mental well-being.

CELEBRATIONS

- Congratulations to Jazz 1 on earning first place in Class 2A of the Coe College Jazz Summit! Brendan Pasker was named the outstanding performance in 2A.
- Congratulations to the boys' basketball team & coaches on making it to State!
- Congratulations to Alex Oswald on completing Iowa Communications Network's Statewide Youth Broadband Advisory Council's (SYBAC) cybersecurity training requirement from Fortinet. Fortinet has addressed a need to further build security expertise by making its self-paced courses from the Network Security Expert (NSE) Training Institute available for free. Throughout the school year, he worked through online material and developed a foundational understanding of the ever-increasing threat landscape and common network security concepts. This is a great accomplishment!
- Congratulations to Jayden Kuper on being named to: the 3A-7 Iowa Basketball Coaches Association All Region Team; the 3A Iowa Girls Coaches Association All District Team; the 2nd Team All State Iowa Sports Writers Association; the 2nd Team All State Iowa Girls Coaches Association.
- Congratulations to Brea Stahlberg on being selected to play in the Iowa Girls Coaches Association All Star Game. She will play on the 3A White Team on April 1st.
- Congratulations to all 12 Varsity Girls Basketball Players on making Academic All-Conference. Team GPA was 3.901.
- Congratulations to Tate Petersen and Preston Ries for making the All Substate Team and to Preston for making the All State First Team and Tate for making the All State Second Team.
- Congratulations to Ian Temple and Alex Oswald for their selection to the 1A/2A All-State Jazz Band! Becky Lang was selected as an alternate!
- Congratulations to Karli Schwendinger and Lauren Koehler on their selection to the Coe College Honor Band!

Thank You!

The Monticello Community School Foundation would like to thank all those who helped in any way to make the 18th Annual Tailgate Party and Alumni Reunion such a huge success on March 4. Over \$33,000 was raised! The Foundation appreciates all those who donated items, purchased tickets to attend the dinner, La Hacienda for a delicious meal, the middle school football players for cleanup, June Fellingner for the decorations, Kevin & Annette Smith for the music and sound system, Nancy Toenjes' Foods Class for the wonderful cookies, the Jones County Dairy Board for the ice cream, Aaron McAtee for the cheese and meat trays, the Chamber of Commerce for beverage service, Culigan Total Water for the bottled water, Karde's and Camp Courageous for the ice, Citizens State Bank and Ohnward Bank & Trust for the cups and napkins, Citizens Investment Center for their hard work, school administrators, Judy Hayen, Brooke Scott, the Phil & Marilyn Hanna Family, The Monticello Express, Annette Smith, and Kathy Harms. **THANK YOU** to all of the volunteers who helped make the night a great success!

— Foundation Board Members: Annette Smith-President, Jon Kyte-Vice President, Roman Welter-Honorary, Phil Hanna, Charlie Becker, Chris Brokaw, Marcia Fisher, Dan Goodyear, Dave Kehoe, Audrey Savage, Terry Smothers, Steve Williams, Julie Welter, Kris Kromminga Riley, and Carrie Yates.

Thank You

- Thank you to **Angie Kearney** for donating games to Panther Academy.
- Thank you to the **Monticello School District Foundation** for a wonderful Pep Rally this year and for all you do for our students and staff.
- Thank you to **Mike & Jill McDermott** and **Deb Johnson** for the donation to the elementary physical education program in memory of Morgan & Blake McDermott.
- Thank you to **Ohnward Bank & Trust, Citizens State Bank, and F&M Bank** for their donations for state wrestling and basketball.
- Thank you to **Jim & Juanita Hargrave** for the donation to the elementary school library.
- Thank you to **Carolyn Dirks** for the recorder and music stand to the elementary music room.
- Thank you to **Lori Welter** for the donation of snacks to Mrs. Isaac's classroom.
- Thank to you **Marcia Carr** for her donation.
- Thank you to **Fareway** for the fruit & veggie tray, and to **Dollar Fresh** for the bottled water for the Transition School Chili Cook-Off.
- Thank you to the **guests** that attended the Transition School Chili Cook-Off and brought donations for the food pantry and the animal shelter.

FOOD SERVICE NEWS

BREAKFAST MENU



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	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<i>MILK served with all meals.</i>					
3 Breakfast burrito or cereal Fruit Fruit juice	4 Ultimate breakfast round or cereal Fruit Fruit juice	5 Mini donuts or cereal Fruit Fruit juice	6 Blueberry muffin or cereal Fruit Fruit juice	7 NO SCHOOL —Good Friday	
10 NO SCHOOL —Teacher Collaboration Day	11 Mini waffles or cereal Fruit Fruit juice	12 Cereal bar or cereal Fruit Fruit juice	13 Breakfast pizza or cereal Fruit Fruit juice	14 Cereal Pop tart Fruit Fruit juice	
17 Apple bites or cereal Fruit Fruit juice	18 Long john or cereal Fruit Fruit juice	19 Breakfast bagel or cereal Fruit Fruit juice	20 Chocolate muffin or cereal Fruit Fruit juice	21 Cereal Pop tart Fruit Fruit juice	
24 Breakfast pizza or cereal Fruit Fruit juice	25 Mini donuts or cereal Fruit Fruit juice	26 Pancake on a stick or cereal Fruit Fruit juice	27 Cereal bar or cereal Fruit Fruit juice	28 Cereal Pop tart Fruit Fruit juice	

LUNCH MENU



USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer. Menus are subject to change.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<i>MILK served with all meals.</i>		<i>Choose a salad as an alternate lunch daily (HS & MS only)</i>		
3 Chicken drumstick Mashed potatoes & gravy Peaches Roll & butter	4 Bacon cheeseburger/bun Sweet potato fries Green bean casserole Pineapple tidbits	5 Chili String cheese Applesauce Frosted cinnamon roll	6 Hot ham & cheese/bun French fries Buttered corn Mixed fruit	7 NO SCHOOL — Good Friday
10 NO SCHOOL —Teacher Collaboration Day	11 Chicken bacon ranch wrap Tater tots Steamed broccoli Tropical fruit	12 Maidrite Potato wedges Steamed carrots Pears	13 Salisbury steak Mashed potatoes & gravy Peaches Roll & butter	14 Garlic cheese bread Lettuce salad w/ dressing Fresh veggies Watermelon
17 Bratwurst/bun Coleslaw Baked beans Mandarin oranges	18 Pasta bake Lettuce salad Green beans Applesauce	19 Deli/bun Baked chips Orange wedges Baby carrots Cookie	20 Breaded chicken / bun Waffle fries Mixed vegetables Diced peaches	21 Stuffed crust pizza Lettuce salad w/ dressing Buttered corn Mixed fruit
24 French toast sticks Sausage links HB patty Strawberries & bananas	25 Chicken taco/soft shell Refried beans Apple slices Vegetable trio	26 Breaded pork patty/bun French fries Baked beans Pears	27 Popcorn chicken Seasoned rice Steamed broccoli Applesauce Roll & butter (6-12 grades only)	28 Breaded cheese stick Lettuce salad w/ dressing Steamed carrots Fresh fruit

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 State Solo & Ensemble @ Cascade
3 G V Golf @ Northeast-Plum River Golf Course-4:00 B V Golf vs Northeast-4:00 G/B V Soccer @ Bellevue-5:00 & 6:30	4 G V Track @ Dbq Senior-4:00 B V Track @ Anamosa-4:30	5 Senior Class Meeting—HS Auditorium during WIN	6 Elementary Spring Pictures B V Track @ Tipton-4:30 B V Soccer vs Western Dubuque-5:30	7 NO SCHOOL— Holiday-Good Friday	8 B V Golf @ Ed-Co-Woods Edge Golf Course-10:00am G V Track @ Beckman -10:00am B V Track @ Davenport Assumption HS-12:00pm
10 NO SCHOOL— Collaboration Day G V Golf vs Beckman @ Dyersville Golf & Country Club -4:00 B V Golf vs Beckman--4:00 G/B JV Track—Home-4:30 G/B V Soccer @ Mid Prairie-5:00 & 6:30	11 G V Track @ Anamosa-4:30	12 Board Work Session—6pm	13 Wear BLUE for child abuse prevention month! B V Golf @ Easton Valley-Plum River Golf Course-9:00 7/8 G Track @ Clayton Ridge—4:00 G/B V Track -home-4:30 G/B V Soccer @ Northeast-5:00 & 6:30	14 MS Band Solo Night Speech/Drama Banquet-MHS Commons-7:00	15 B V Track @ Iowa City West-10:30am
17 FFA State Leadership Conference G V Golf vs Anamosa -4:00 B V Golf @ Anamosa-4:00 G V Track @ Maq. Valley-4:30 G/B V Soccer @ Regina-5:00 & 6:30	18 FFA State Leadership Conference 7/8 G Track @ Maquoketa-4:00 7/8 B Track @ West Delaware-4:00 G V Track @ Dubuque Senior-4:30 B V Track @ Tipton -4:30	19 B V Golf @ Beckman -Dyersville Golf & Country Club-9:30 1:00 Early Dismissal-Prof. Development	20 G V Golf @ N. Scott-Glynn's Creek Golf Course-12:00 7/8 G/B Track @ Maq. Valley-4:15 G/B V Track—home-4:30 B/G Soccer @ Alburnett-5:00 & 7:00	21 G/B V Soccer vs West Branch—5:00 & 6:30	22 Prom Grand March—4:00pm Prom—8-10pm Post Prom 10pm-1:00am All @ Camp Courageous
24 G V Golf @ Cascade-4:00 B V Golf vs Cascade-Fillmore Fairways-4:00 7/8 G Track home-4:00 B V Track @ Anamosa -4:30 G/B V Soccer @ West Liberty-5:00 & 6:30 Board Meeting—6:00	25 7/8 B Track @ Cascade-4:15 G V Track @ Anamosa -4:30 Shannon Elementary Spring Concert-6:00pm-HS Gym	26 B V Golf home-10:00 1:00 Early Dismissal-Prof. Development	27 Drake Relays G/B V Soccer @ West Delaware-4:00 & 6:00 7/8 B Track home-4:00 B V Track @ Clear Creek Amana-4:45	28 Drake Relays G V Golf @ Durant-Wahkonsa Golf Course-12:00 G/B V Soccer @ Anamosa-5:00 & 6:30	29 Drake Relays

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