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Hello everyone,

It is hard to believe that we are in May already. The year seems to be moving along quickly but if I were to ask any senior they would say it is not moving fast enough. I have talked to many of them and they are very ready for the end. I think we can all remember the end of our school career when we could not wait to "finish the race" so to speak. I wish there was a way to help them to understand that they should stop and appreciate the moment. I guess that would be like asking a runner to slow down and appreciate the race 100 yards from the finish line. It is probably not going to happen.

I would like to congratulate all of our seniors and wish them the best as they move into the last month of their high school career. We are currently finalizing plans for graduation which will be held on the football field at 2pm, May 28. Let's hope the temperature is 75 and we have a sunny graduation day. I would love to send the class of 2023 off with a wonderful program on a beautiful day.

If you are a parent of a senior, congratulations to you too! It is a lot of hard work to get to this point. Helping with homework, concerts, sports, school play, speech, drama (not the good kind), this week my friends are so important and next week getting left out of the sleepover, skinned knees, learning how to ride a bike, birthday parties, learning how to drive a car, dating, breaking up for the first time, PROM, 4H, boy scouts/girl scouts/campfire girls, getting a job, balancing their time, getting good grades, taking Kirkwood classes, selecting a college, financial aid, etc....this list could go on and on. WOW it is a lot of work being a parent. I know that graduation is only a ceremony but as a parent, at some point this summer, it will hit you that this chapter is coming to an end. My advice is to appreciate it, celebrate it, and when they walk across that stage, it is emotional and AWESOME! I hope you feel that sense of pride when you see them get that diploma. They have earned it and so have you!

For the students in all of the other grades, the last day of school this year will be Thursday, June 1st. We will have a 1pm dismissal on June 1st. Let's hope for no more delays or cancellations so that date does not have to change.



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,

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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.

May 2023



of the Monticello Community School District

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Congratulations Class of 2023!



The Commencement Ceremony for the Monticello Class of 2023 is scheduled for Sunday, May 28 at 2:00pm at the High School Football Field. Congratulations Class of 2023 and Best Wishes in the future!

June 1st is the last day of school with a 1:00pm dismissal. Seniors last day is May 24! Enjoy your summer vacation!



The Annual Band Round-Up Concert will be on Tuesday, May 2 in the High School Gym. It will include performances from all of our bands

grade 5th-12th! The music will begin at 7:00pm.

DAY OF CARING

Monticello High School is teaming up with the City of Monticello Parks and Recreation Department as well as the Main Street organization to organize the annual Community Day of Caring on May 12 from 12:30-2:30 pm. This year we are asking for donations to help us purchase supplies such as rakes, brooms, gloves, buckets, and scrub



brushes so we can do even more to help keep our community looking amazing. We have some big things planned this year! We greatly appreciate anything you can give to help!



May 26 is the last day to purchase the 2023 MHS Yearbook.

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

Important Dates—Please Mark your Calendars!

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 Breakfast at HS commons – immediately following the walk thru

May 24—Commencement Rehearsal for all Seniors at HS gym—immediately following the senior breakfast

May 24—Baccalaureate at United Church of Monticello 7:00pm

May 28—Commencement at Football Field 2:00pm

June 1—Last day of classes with 1:00 early dismissal

Jones County Regional Center Kirkwood for Kids

MINI Summer Camps for Grades K-8

Cost, registration, and course descriptions can be found at https://www.kirkwood.edu/site/index.php?p=42850 Scholarships are available. Reach out to melissa.millsap@kirkwood.edu or 319-465-2302 for more information.

Camps that will be offered include:

- Summertime Slime
- Art Academy
- Discovering Birds
- Snack Attack

- Becoming the Babysitter
- Youth YogArt
- Geometry in Nature is Cool General Hospital

IMPORTANT INFO

The Middle School Nurse's office is looking for donations of girls athletic shorts, sizes XS—Large.

Any donations can be dropped off at the middle school. Thank you!

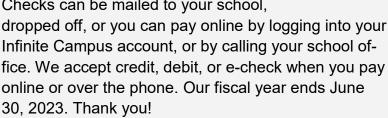
As the temperatures start to get warmer, please encourage your students to bring a water bottle to school with them so they can stay hydrated.



TAKE NOTE

Just a reminder, if you have any outstanding fees or a negative lunch account, please have them paid soon.

Checks can be mailed to your school,



KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Kindergarten Registration is for students entering Kindergarten in the fall of 2023 is now open! At this time parents will be asked to use the electronic registration form to create their student in Infinite Campus: 23-24 New Student Online Registration. This form is located on the school website: https://www.monticello.k12.ia.us/. Go to Schools>Shannon Elementary>Downloads>Kindergarten/New student letter, online registration form, and mandatory forms. (do not use an incognito/private browser)

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 of 2023. Print off these additional forms and present them to Sandy Hinrichs, Shannon Elementary School Secretary. Forms included: IDPH Dental Screen, IDPH Vision Screen, Iowan Migrant Parents Form (everyone must fill out), Home Language Survey, and physical form. These forms are located in the downloads folder on our website under Shannon School.

There are some items that you will need to download, fill out and turn into Shannon Elementary by the time your child starts school. You may drop them off at the school, email them to sandy.hinrichs@monticello.k12.ia.us (in the subject give the full name of your child) or mail them to: Shannon Elementary School, 321 W South St., Monticello, IA 52310. We look forward to meeting your child!

If you have any trouble with registering, please contact Morgan Murray-Zimmerman at 319-320-1132.

TAP STUDENTS: If your student works with Angie Kurt-Sconsa, the Transition Coordinator, watch for information about our TAP Summer Camp. It will run weekdays from June 5-16 and we will be exploring a variety of careers. Sign -up letters will be emailed. You can also email Mrs. Sconsa for more information: angie.sconsa@monticello.k12.ia.us.

Parents of next year's Seniors:



Summer is a great time to take senior portraits!

Senior and baby pictures for the yearbook are due **before winter break of senior year**. Plan to take photos over the summer and have one thing crossed off the senior to-do list! A free option is available for a yearbook photo on Halverson's school picture day in the fall also. Guidelines are listed below:

GUIDELINES FOR SENIOR PHOTOS FOR YEARBOOK

- · 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 (preferred) or write name on back if submitting a hard copy.
- must be received by deadline (before winter break of senior year)

PTO NEWS...The PTO has a lot of exciting events coming up including our Walk-athon scheduled for Friday, May 12 and our Fun Day scheduled for Wednesday, May 31. Please be on the lookout for information for volunteer options coming home in your child's folder. Also if you are interested in helping plan such events or share new ideas with the PTO please feel free to join us at our meetings. Our next meeting is Tuesday, May 16 in the Shannon Library at 7 pm.

Homecoming for the 2023-24 school year will be the week of September 18-23, 2023.



CELEBRATIONS

- Congratulations to **Tate Petersen** on being named this month's IHSAA Student-Athlete of the Month!
- Congratulations to soloists Mia Jaeger, Lucy Maddock, Kendall Siebels, and a singing ensemble (made up of Jessica Stadtmueller, Bella Mullen, Becky Lang, Marisa Grant, Lucy Maddock, Mia Jaeger, Emma Schwendinger, and Meredith Parker) on receiving Division 1 ratings at the Solo & Ensemble Contest. This is the first time singers have participated in this event since the year before Covid!
- For the second year in a row, Monticello has been awarded the NAMM Foundation's Best Communities for Music Education! We are one of 6 districts in Iowa to receive this award. Congratulations to our Music Staff, Students, District, and Community for receiving this great honor!



THANK YOU!

- Thank you to Diana Jones for donating costumes & props to the elementary music program.
- Thank you to Melissa Porter and Whitney Kraus for helping with Spring photos at Shannon & Carpenter.
- Thank you to everyone who helped with the Shannon Elementary Concert.
- Thank you to the Monticello PTO for the food during conferences.
- Thank you to **Tara Norton** for donating boxes of crayons to elementary students at Carpenter.
- Thank you to **Macy & Taylor McDonough** for the donation of physical education equipment to the adapted physical education class at the middle school in memory of Blake & Morgan McDermott.
- Thank you to **Heather McDonald** for the donation of clothes, shoes, and coats to the Elementary.
- Thank you to **Kelsie Wennekamp** and **Lauren Shady** for the donations to the middle school nurses office.
- Thank you to **Billy & Mandy Norton** and **Dan & Megan Brunscheen** for the donation of softball equipment to the HS softball team.
- Thank you to **Orbis** for the donation of an AED to the athletic department.
- Thank you to **June Fellinger** for the decorations and help for Grand March and Prom. We appreciate all you do every year!
- Thank you to everyone who donated yarn for the High School PBIS activity!

THANK YOU from the MHS BPA!

Thanks to all that supported the high school Business Professionals of America (BPA) this spring as we were preparing for the national conference. Special thanks to Greg Quinn of GQ Entertainment for providing the entertainment at our Family Feud Game Show Night and also to the Monticello Rotary Club, ITS- Infrastructure Technology Solutions, and Kathy & John Harms for their generous donations to help make that night a success.

Many thanks to our community members that supported our *Egg Your Yard* Fundraiser to help fund National and Fall BPA conferences.



Lastly, thanks to our very supportive district who participated in *Jeans for a Week* for BPA. The support we get from our community is awesome!



On behalf of the **2023 Post Prom Committee**, we want to extend our sincerest gratitude for your generous contributions this year. The kids loved the prizes and had a lot of fun! We are truly blessed for your continued support to the youth in our community and hope that everyone will also show their support by continuing to visit our local business-

Sincerest Thanks!

Post Prom Committee 2023: Terri Tallman, Debra Brokaw, Dionne Prull, Jami Schlarmann



Teacher Appreciation Week is May 8-12 Support Staff Appreciation Week is May 15-19 School Nurses Day is May 10!

Please join us in saying thank you to our employees. The time you spend with students goes further than you know. Thanks for shaping the future of our children.

We appreciate ALL you do!

May is School Board Recognition Month



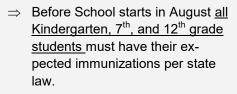
L to R—Mandy Norton, Amanda Brenneman, John Schlarmann, Craig Stadtmueller, and Mark Rieken

Your school board is working hard to make sure all students succeed. Take a minute and say thanks to the following members of the Monticello Board of Education: Craig Stadtmueller, President, Mandy Norton, Vice-President, John Schlarmann, Amanda Brenneman, and Mark Rieken. Thank you for all you do!

NOTICE

As of July 1, 2023, we will no longer be printing the *School Spirit*. It will be emailed to parents and will be available on our Facebook page and website for all others. Sorry for any inconvenience.

IMPORTANT!





- ⇒ <u>All Kindergarten and 9th grade students must</u> have a current Dental screening certificate on
- ⇒ All Kindergarten students must be up to date on their preschool shots and have received their 4year-old boosters of Dtap, Polio, MMR, and Varicella.
- ⇒ All 7th grade and above students must show proof of having received a Tdap (Tetanus/ Acellular Pertussis) vaccination booster AND a Meningococcal vaccination on or after 10 years of age.
- ⇒ All students in grades 7-12 interested in participating in sports must have a current physical and concussion form on file.
- ⇒ All 12th grade students must show proof of receiving 2 DOSES of Meningococcal vaccine; or 1 dose if first dose was received at 16 years of age or older.

<u>Asbestos Notification</u>—(Annual Notice)

The Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act of 1986 (referred to as AHERA) was enacted by Congress to determine the extent of and develop solutions for any problems schools may have with asbestos. This notification, education and training of our employees, plans and procedures to minimize the disturbance of asbestos containing materials, and plans for regular surveillance of the asbestos containing materials are a part of our efforts to meet government regulations. A copy of the asbestos management plan is available for your inspection—contact Dennis Dirks at dennis.dirks@monticello.k12.ia.us.

OTHER NEWS



SENIORS

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



katherine.larson@monticello.k12.ia.us. Honors Night is scheduled for Tuesday, May 23 at 7:45pm. Thank you!



COMMUNITY CONNECTION



A mental illness is a condition that affects a person's thinking, feeling, behavior or mood. These conditions deeply impact day-to-day living and may also affect the ability to relate to others. Mental health conditions are far more common than you think, mainly because people don't like to, or are scared to, talk about them. However:



- 1 in 5 U.S. adults experience mental illness each year
- 1 in 20 U.S. adults experience serious mental illness each year
- 1 in 6 U.S. youth aged 6-17 experience a mental health disorder each year
- 50% of all lifetime mental illness begins by age 14, and 75% by age 24

There are many tools that can improve the experience on the road to wellness: medication, counseling/ therapy, social support, and education. Acceptance and encouragement from friends, family and others can also make a difference. Monticello Community School District has been able to bring awareness and meet mental health needs by hiring a school based therapist for the district. With the collaboration between the school counselors, school social worker, and school based therapist, the district has resources to offer to all students that are in need. Remember, **YOU ARE NOT ALONE**.

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 nondiscrimination policy may be directed to the District's nondiscrimination policy may be directed to the District's Equity Coordinator, Todd Werner, at 860 East Oak Street, Monticello, Iowa, 319-465-3000 ext.2101, 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)

FOOD SERVICE NEWS











MILK served with all meals.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1 Mini waffles or cereal Fruit Fruit juice	2 Blueberry muffin or cereal Fruit Fruit juice	3 Long john or cereal Fruit Fruit juice	4 Breakfast bake or cere- al Fruit Fruit juice	5 Pop tart or cereal Fruit Fruit juice
8 Cereal bar or cereal Fruit Fruit juice	9 Mini donuts or cere- al Fruit Fruit juice	10 Breakfast pizza or cereal Fruit Fruit juice	11 Chocolate muffin or cereal Fruit Fruit juice	Pop tart or cereal Fruit Fruit juice
Pancake sausage bites or cereal Fruit Fruit juice	16 Breakfast burrito or cereal Fruit Fruit juice	17 Long john or cereal Fruit Fruit juice	18 Breakfast patty or cereal Fruit Fruit juice	19 Pop tart or cereal Fruit Fruit juice
22 Breakfast bagel or cereal Fruit Fruit juice	23 Cereal bar or cereal Fruit Fruit juice	24 Mini donuts or cereal Fruit Fruit juice	25 Blueberry muffin or cereal Fruit Fruit juice	26 Pop tart or cereal Fruit Fruit juice
29 NO SCHOOL— Memorial Day	30 TBD	31 TBD	1 TBD	

LUNCH MENU 💍 🎉

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

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1 Salisbury steak Mashed potatoes & gravy Buttered corn Fruit Dinner roll & butter	2 Chicken club/bun Seasoned potatoes Green beans Orange wedges	3 Mini corn dogs Baby carrots Grapes Sugar cookie	4 BBQ rib sandwich French fries Baked beans Apple wedges	5 Walking taco Seasoned rice Tropical fruit Apple churro
8 Breaded chicken patty/ bun Seasoned potato wedges Mixed vegetables Applesauce	9 Pizza crunchers Lettuce salad w/ spinach Fresh cauliflower & broccoli Mixed fruit	10 Cheddar dog/bun Tater tots Steamed carrots Peaches	11 Chicken nuggets Sweet potato fries Green beans Sliced pears	12 Garlic cheese bread Lettuce salad w/ spin- ach Fresh cucumbers & tomatoes Watermelon
French toast sticks w/ syrup Sausage links HB patty Strawberries & bananas	16 Popcorn chicken Seasoned rice Steamed broccoli Diced peaches	17 Deli sandwich Cheddar sun chips Baby carrots Apple wedges	18 Pulled pork/bun Baked beans Coleslaw Mandarin oranges	19 Quesadilla Lettuce salad Steamed carrots Applesauce
22 Pizza burger/bun French fries Broccoli Mixed fruit	23 Chicken Drumstick Mashed potatoes & gra- vy Pineapple/mandarin oranges Roll & butter	24 Cheeseburger/bun Sweet potato fries Corn Diced pears	25 Breaded pork/bun Onion rings Green beans Peaches	26 Breaded cheese sticks Lettuce salad Vegetable Watermelon
29 NO SCHOOL— Memorial Day	30 TBD	31 TBD	1 TBD	

Choose a salad as an alternate lunch daily (HS & MS only)







MAY 2023

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 G V Golf @ Bellevue-	2	3 G V Conference Golf	4	5	6
4:00 B V Golf vs Bellevue- 4:00	B V Conference Golf Meet-11:00 @ Sad- dleback Ridge Golf	Meet @ Muscatine Golf Course-10:00	G/B V Conference Track Meet @ Tipton -4:30	G/B 7/8 Track @ West Branch-4:30	IHSMA Large Group Festival IHSMA Large Group Festival
G 7/8 Track @ Beck- man—4:00 B V Track @ Ca- manche-4:00 B V Soccer @ Cascade	Course Band Round Up- 7:00 -HS Gym	1:00 Early Dismissal-Prof. De- velopment		G/B V Soccer vs Tip- ton-5:00 & 6:30	
-5:00 8	9	10	11	12	13
G V Golf vs Camanche 4:00	Kirkwood 2nd Semester Ends	NURSES DAY!	G/B V Track Dis-	Community Day of Caring	
B V Golf @ Ca- manche-Valley Oaks Golf clug-4:00	G 7/8 Track @ Ma- quoketa-4:15	B Golf Sectionals @ TBA- 10:00 Early	tricts—Home-4:00	PTO Walkathon—9am @ Track	
G/B JV Track Conference Meet @ Northeast-4:30	B 7/8 Track @ Ana- mosa-4:15	Dismissal-Prof. De- velopment Board Work		G/B V Soccer @ Maquoketa—5:00 & 6:30	
G/B V Soccer @ Beck- man—5:00 & 6:30	HS Dessert Concert- 7:00-Berndes Center	Session—6pm		•	
-	•	Teacher Appreciation W	eek*		
15	16	17	18	19	20
Seniors—Silver Service hours due to Mr. Lambert by 3:15 today!	PTO Walkathon <i>Rain</i> date	1:00 Early Dismissal-Prof. De- velopment	State Track @ Drake	State Track @ Drake	State Track @ Drake
B V Golf Districts @ TBA-10:00	V BB DH @ Beck- man—5:00	Senior Cap & Gown pick up in HS Office 1-3:45pm		8th Grade Canoe Trip	
G V Soccer @ Marion—5:00	PTO Meeting– Carpenter Library–7:00	JV BB DH vs Beckman- 5:00			
-	*Sup	port Staff Appreciation V	Veek*	-	
22	23	24	25	26	27
JV/V BB @ Mid-Prairie -5:00 & 7:00	National Honor Soci- ety Induction–7:00 – HS Gym	1:00 Early Dismissal-Prof. Development	7/8 Concert on the Green –12:00	JV/V BB @ Vinton- Shellsburg-5:00 & 7:00	
7/8 Vocal Concert- 7:00– HS Auditorium	Seniors Honors	Seniors Last Day of School Seniors walk-thru	9/10 SB DH vs Dbq. Hempstead-5:00	7.00	
Board Meeting—6:00	Night—7:45-HS Gym	schools, breakfast, & Graduation Practice- 8:00am	V SB DH @ Belle- vue- 5:00		
aduation May 28 May US		JV SB vs Bellevue-5:00			
_{2pm} -HS Football Field		Baccalaureate at Peace United Church—7:00pm			
29	30	31	1	2	3
NO SCHOOL— Memorial Day	9/10 BB DH vs Vinton Shellsburg-5:00	PTO Fun Day!	Last day of school! 1:00 Early Dismissal	JV/V BB vs Maquo- keta Valley-5:00 & 7:00	V SB Tourney @ Central City—11:00
	JV/V SB vs Benton Community-5:00 & 6:30	V/JV BB @ N. Linn- 5:00 & 7:00	V BB DH vs Anamosa- 5:00 V SB DH vs Anamosa- 5:00	9/10 SB @ Western Dubuque-5:00	Have a good Summen

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