

# SCHOOL SPIRIT



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Hello everyone,

As we begin the month of November we are just past the halfway point for the first semester. Students have been working very hard in every academic area to learn, collaborate, apply knowledge, and create something that shows an understanding of each academic standard they are learning about. When I walk through classrooms I see student-centered activities that challenge each of our students. I see technology being used in innovative ways to enhance the lesson in ways we could not do even 10 years ago. Most of all I see an incredible staff working with our students to create interest, excitement, understanding, and opportunities for every child.

Outside of the classroom we have had several students participate in extracurricular activities this fall. Looking at the numbers, we had about 50% of the students in grades 7-12 participate in cross country, volleyball, and football. In addition, so many more of our students participated in other activities such as Marching Band, Choir, FFA, and Drama. It is so great to see so many kids participating in all of these activities. Also, I have a lot of appreciation for all of our coaches and sponsors for all of these activities. Success in these areas does not happen by accident. It takes great coaches and sponsors to build successful programs.

We have an amazing staff in the Monticello Community School District. They go above and beyond to create opportunities for our students inside and outside of the classroom. You may not know this but that does not happen everywhere. So many other school districts are struggling to find staff and have extremely high turnover rates. We have had our challenges but we have had a strong core group of staff who continue to be amazing year in and year out. Combine that with some incredible new staff this fall and we have the makings of something pretty special.

In the spirit of Thanksgiving, I want to share how thankful I am for ALL of you and your continued support of the Monticello Community School District. As always if you have any questions please feel free to send me an email or give me a call at any time.



Sincerely,

**Dr. 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.*

## November 2023

### NEWS & NOTES

### of the Monticello Community School District

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#### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

#### NO SCHOOL!

Thanksgiving Break is  
November 22-24.

Have a Happy  
Thanksgiving!

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Panther Players Fundraiser

The Panther Player's fundraiser will take place on Monday, November 6. Panther Player members will be canvassing the town asking for a \$3 donation. They will be hitting the streets starting at 5:30 pm and will be done at 7:00 pm. If a Panther Player doesn't make it to your house and you would still like to donate all donations can be sent to Kim Carlson at the Monticello High School. The Panther Players thank you in advance for your support!



### Veterans Day Celebration

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10

All veterans are invited to Monticello High School on Veterans Day, Friday, November 10. Breakfast for the veterans will be served from 7-8:00am in the Family Consumer Science Room. Following breakfast, veterans are invited to join the student body in the auditorium for a short assembly.


**THANK YOU to all our Veterans!**

**PTO News...** Thank you to all the volunteers who brought in food for the staff during conferences! It was greatly appreciated. Everyone is welcome to join us for our next meeting Tuesday, November 14, at 7pm in the Shannon library.



Picture retake day for all schools is Friday, November 10. (don't forget to bring back the other pictures).

**Mark your calendars!**  
**Carpenter Elementary Fine Arts Night**  
Tuesday, December 12 at 6:00pm in the HS Gym  
Join us for our Winter Concert & Art Show!



Join the Monticello High School Drama Department for this year's production of

## *Shrek the Musical, Jr!*

Show dates are Thursday, November 2 at 7pm; Friday, November 3 at 7pm; and Saturday, November 4 at 2pm.

Admission is \$6 and can be paid at the door.



**Location: MHS Auditorium**  
**November 2, 3 @7:00pm**  
**November 4@2:00pm**

Once upon a time, in a faraway swamp, there lived an ogre named Shrek. One day, Shrek finds his swamp invaded by banished fairytale misfits who have been cast off by Lord Farquaad, a tiny terror with big ambitions. When Shrek sets off with a wisecracking donkey to confront Farquaad, he's handed a task — if he rescues feisty princess Fiona, his swamp will be righted. Shrek tries to win Fiona's love and vanquish Lord Farquaad, but a fairytale wouldn't be complete without a few twists and turns along the way.

# IMPORTANT INFO

## Monticello Board of Education Corner... School Board Election—November 7 Get out and VOTE!

The 2023 School Board Election is set for **Tuesday, November 7, 2023.**

Two seats are up for election on the Monticello Board of Education.

Seeking seats this year are:



- Tony Amsler
- Amanda Brenneman (incumbent)
- John Schlarmann (incumbent)
- Darin Siebels

Polls will be open from 7am-8pm. *More election information is available on the Jones County election website.*



**Be a Voice for Iowa Students.**  
*Get Out and Vote in the November 7 School Board Election.*



## 2023 Certified Enrollment

Each year our District has to certify our enrollment to the Iowa Department of Education by October 15. See below for enrollment data for this year and last year.

Description	2022	2023	Change
Resident Public Students Attending your District	905.30	909.30	4.00
Resident Public Students Attending another Iowa Public School District	61.80	59.20	-2.60
Non Public Shared Time and CPI Students Dual Enrolled for District Classes	2.10	0.13	-1.97
Non Public Shared Time and CPI Students Dual Enrolled for PSEO Classes	0.00	0.00	0.00
Residential Facility Students Enrolled for District Classes	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Actual Enrollment</b>	<b>969.20</b>	<b>968.63</b>	<b>-0.57</b>
Non-Resident Public Students Attending your District	70.10	75.00	4.90
PK Students Attending your Statewide Voluntary Preschool Program	29.50	29.50	0.00
Total School Age Students Provided Instructional Programs/Services by your District	977.50	984.43	6.93
Limited English Proficient Weighting	1.57	1.78	0.21

## Parents/Guardians!

Winter is setting in...are you receiving our text messages?

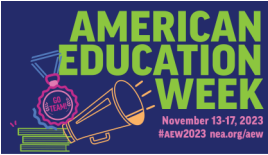
**If not, text Y or YES to 67587**



Also, if you are not getting our emails, make sure your email is correct in Infinite Campus. We use School Messenger to send out our delays, cancellations, and important messages. Thank you!



# CELEBRATIONS



## American Education Week is November 13-17, 2023

Americans nationwide will join the National Education Association in raising awareness about the need to provide every child with a quality public education. The celebration highlights the importance of bringing together educators, parents, students, and communities in a unified effort to build great public schools. Please join us as we thank all of our educators, staff, parents, students, and community. Thanks for all you do to make the Monticello Community School District what it is today!

- \* Congratulations to Cameron Pasker on being selected to the OPUS Honor Choir for the 3rd year in a row!
- \* Congratulations to the following volleyball players on their all conference awards: 1st team Jayden Kuper; 2nd team: Keziah McQuillen; and Honorable Mention Jordan Fangmann!
- \* Congratulations to the Girls' Cross Country Team on advancing to state and placing 3rd; and to Aedan Althoff & Alex Oswald from the boys' team on qualifying for state!
- \* Congratulations to the football team on making the playoffs for the 5th year in a row and on being District Champs for the 3rd straight year!

## Thank You

- Thank you to **Karde's, Monticello River Rentals, Jones County Conservation, and Anamosa Bow Hunters** for their donations for the 7th Grade Outdoor Ed Day.
- Thank you to **Melissa Allardyce and Sabrina LaBarge** for their donation of classroom materials to Mrs. Hulet's classroom.
- Thank you to the **Fine Arts Boosters** for the donation for retractable banners to be used at the elementary holiday concerts.
- Thank you to **Dr. Quinn Behrends** for his donation of student rewards to Carpenter Elementary.

### Carpenter Elementary Music

will be collecting food and other items for the Monticello Food Pantry. We will collect items at school in the music room starting November 6—December 13. See below for their specific needs, however any donation will be accepted. Participation in this drive is voluntary.



- ◆ Laundry soap, toilet paper, Kleenex, paper towels, cleaning supplies, toothpaste, toothbrushes, bar soap, shampoo, feminine products, shaving products, deodorant, diapers, baby food/formula, and canned goods.

\*\*Please note that the items listed above are their current needs, other non-perishable food donations will also be accepted.

Our goal is to collect 1,000 items. If the students meet this goal, all grade levels will get an EXTRA RECESS

Volunteers are needed to help deliver items to the food pantry any day after December 13. If you are interested please email Mr. Thumma at [nick.thumma@monticello.k12.ia.us](mailto:nick.thumma@monticello.k12.ia.us). Thanks! - Mr. Thumma, K-4 Music Teacher

## YOUR NAME HERE!

### Naming of School Facilities Guidelines

The Monticello Community School District believes that the development of community partnerships and community involvement is essential for the success of our school district. The opportunity to select an area of the school district and purchase naming rights is available now to everyone. The school district believes that the establishment of these partnerships is a reminder of how the school can positively partner with individuals, groups, and organizations in our community. We are excited to give this opportunity to the community and to continue to build positive community partnerships.

Below is a list of areas the School Board has designated for naming rights consideration. Other areas not listed may be given naming rights consideration. All of the amounts shown below are recommended amounts, however, all reasonable proposals (from an individual, group, or organization) will be considered by the School Board.

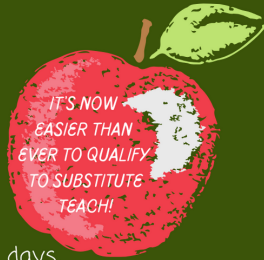
NAMING AREAS	DONATION AMOUNT	NAMING AREAS	DONATION AMOUNT
HS Building	\$1,000,000	Weight Room Area HS	\$25,000
MS Building	\$1,000,000	Wrestling Room HS	\$25,000
Gym HS	\$500,000	Stage Area HS	\$25,000
Gym MS	\$500,000	Classroom	
Auditorium HS	\$250,000	HS/MS (Specialized Classroom)	\$25,000
Library HS	\$100,000	HS/MS (General Classroom)	\$10,000
Commons/Cafeteria HS	\$100,000	Kitchen MS	\$10,000
Library MS	\$50,000	FFA Greenhouse	\$10,000
Hallways/Wings HS	\$50,000	Locker Rooms HS	\$10,000
Hallways/Floors MS	\$50,000	Locker Rooms MS	\$10,000
Commons/Cafeteria MS	\$50,000	Principal Office Area HS	\$10,000
Tennis Courts	\$50,000	Principal Office Area MS	\$10,000
Kitchen HS	\$25,000	Superintendent Office Area	\$10,000
Concession Stand HS	\$25,000	Transition School Building	\$10,000
		Concession Stand MS	\$10,000

Each proposal will be considered on a case by case basis and the School Board reserves the right to deny any proposal from an individual group, or organization. For more information, contact the District Office at 319-465-3000

# SUBSTITUTES NEEDED!

## Become a Substitute Teacher for Monticello CSD!

Join Our Education Team And Become A Substitute Teacher For Monticello!



### Benefits:

- \$18.00 per hour for the first 10 days, \$22.66 per hour for the rest of the 23-24 school year.
- You decide the days you'd like to work
- Help your community when substitute teachers are needed the most!



### Substitute Teachers In Iowa Must Have:

- An Iowa teaching license // or substitute teacher license // or paraeducator certification.
- An associate's degree // or a baccalaureate degree // or 60 college credits through a regionally accredited college or university.
- Completed a substitute authorization course\*
- At least 18 years of age.

\*Those with a teaching license do not need to complete a substitute authorization course.



### How Do I Start?

Everything you need to become a substitute teacher can be found at [subcentral.vista-iowa.com](http://subcentral.vista-iowa.com)

**We can also use sub associates, sub bus drivers, & sub food service employees!**

### Substitute Special Education Associates

- Starting wage \$11.00 per hour
- On call, as needed basis
- Provide one-on-one or small group assistance to special needs students
- Previous healthcare or working with children preferred

### Substitute Bus Driver

- Starting wage \$19.50 per hour
- Must have a CDL license with the school bus passenger endorsement
- On call, as needed basis

### Substitute Food Service

- Starting wage \$13.00 per hour
- On call, as needed basis

After 10 days of subbing in our District, the sub will get the base pay for that position. Applicants must have a high school diploma and pass a background check.

To apply please stop by the District Office @ 850 E Oak St, Monticello, IA or apply online via our website at [www.monticello.k12.ia.us/district-2/employment/](http://www.monticello.k12.ia.us/district-2/employment/)

For questions or more information, please contact Brooke Scott at 319-465-3000, option 1 or [brooke.scott@monticello.k12.ia.us](mailto:brooke.scott@monticello.k12.ia.us). EEO

## 2024 Seniors!

Senior and baby pictures for the yearbook are due **before winter break of senior year**. Submit your Senior's photo 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)



Photos can be emailed to [emily.marjoua@monticello.k12.ia.us](mailto:emily.marjoua@monticello.k12.ia.us) or can be turned in at the office drive up window. Baby photos are optional but must also be submitted by deadline if you wish one. Copies and digital submissions are preferred to original heirloom photos. Baby pictures not submitted digitally should be labeled on the back with first and last names. For senior pictures, of course, you are free to have any senior photo poses you and your photographer wish for your own use. However, the senior portrait selected and submitted for use in the school yearbook must meet the above guidelines. Thanks!

## Help Your Child Succeed in School: Build the Habit of Good Attendance

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### DID YOU KNOW?

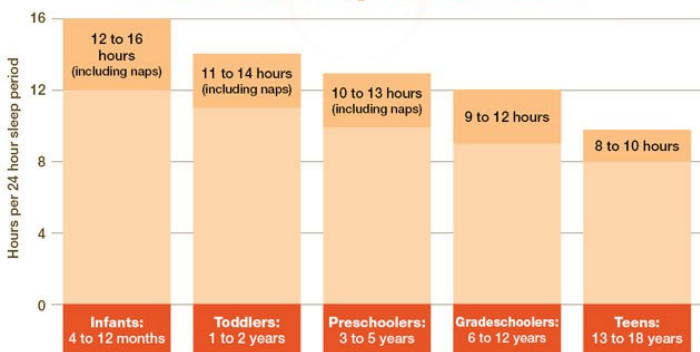
- Starting in preschool and kindergarten, too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school.
- Missing 10%, or about 2 days each month over the course of a school year, can make it harder to learn to read.
- Being late to school may lead to poor attendance.
- By 6th grade, absenteeism is one of three signs that a student may drop out of high school.
- By 9th grade, attendance is a better predictor of graduation rates than 8th grade test scores.

### WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Talk about the importance of showing up to school every day.
- Help your children maintain daily routines, such as finishing homework and getting a good night's sleep.
- Try not to schedule dental and non-urgent medical appointments during the school day.
- Communicate with the school. Teachers may be able to provide work for students online.
- If your child seems anxious about going to school, contact teachers or school counselors for assistance.

We look forward to seeing children in school and guiding them through the learning process! Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school and themselves. Good Attendance is a skill that will help students succeed at all levels.

### How much sleep do kids need?



### Attention Parents & Guardians!

Please be certain your children are properly attired for colder temperatures with a winter coat, hat, and gloves. Thank you!



### FAFSA for Seniors

If your student is planning to attend college next year, he/she may be looking for information about the FAFSA. The FAFSA is the Free Application for Federal Student Aid and gives students access to federal student loans, grants and work-study opportunities in college. Due to the recent passing of the FAFSA Simplification Act, there will be a few changes in the FAFSA for the 2024-2025 school year.

The main change is the release date. Normally the FAFSA opens October 1, however, **the 2024-2025 FAFSA will not open until sometime in December—the exact date has not yet been released.**

To get ready to file the FAFSA, both the parent and the student should set up a Federal Student Aid ID (FSA ID). This ID is required before you begin filling out the FAFSA and may take 3-5 days to process. Access the Federal Student Aid website to start the process of getting an FSA ID. Once the FSA ID's for the student and parent have been established, you will use this information to begin completing the FAFSA.

Stay tuned for more FAFSA information as we learn about the release date.

# FOOD SERVICE NEWS

## BREAKFAST MENU



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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
		1 Pancake sausage bites Fruit Fruit juice	2 Fruit stuffed bagel Fruit Fruit juice	3 Cereal Pop tart Fruit Fruit juice
6 Loaded hash brown patty Fruit Fruit juice	7 Frosted long John Fruit Fruit juice	8 Blueberry muffin Fruit Fruit juice	9 Mini waffles Fruit Fruit juice	10 Cereal Pop tart Fruit Fruit juice
13 Mini donuts Fruit Fruit juice	14 Breakfast sandwich Fruit Fruit juice	15 Chocolate muffin Fruit Fruit juice	16 Chocolate chip cereal bar Fruit Fruit juice	17 Cereal Pop tart Fruit Fruit juice
20 Breakfast pizza Fruit Fruit juice	21 Cheese omelet Fruit Fruit juice	22 <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	23 <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	24 <b>NO SCHOOL</b>
27 Biscuits & gravy Fruit Fruit juice	28 Frosted long John Fruit Fruit juice	29 French toast w/ syrup Fruit Fruit juice	30 Blueberry muffin Fruit Fruit juice	

MILK served with all meals.

## LUNCH MENU



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




MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
		1 Hotdog/bun French fries Macaroni salad Applesauce	2 Chicken bacon club Curly fries Fresh veggies Pineapple/mandarin oranges	3 Macaroni & cheese Little smokies Mixed vegetables Peaches Dinner roll & butter (6-12)
6 Philly beef cheese steak Peppers & onions Seasoned potatoes Apple slices	7 Turkey & gravy over Mashed potatoes Peas Blushing pears Roll & butter	8 Breaded pork/bun French fries Broccoli w/ cheese sauce Mixed fruit Cookie	9 Grilled Hot Ham & cheese Sweet potato fries Green beans Applesauce	10 Pizza dippers Leafy green salad Fresh veggies Watermelon
13 Maidrite/bun French fries Steamed carrots Peaches	14 Au gratin potatoes & ham Vegetable medley Mixed fruit Fresh baked roll	15 Mini corn dog Onion rings Baked beans Strawberries & grapes	16 Popcorn chicken Seasoned rice Green beans Mandarin oranges	17 Stuffed crust pizza Leafy green salad w/ dressing Fresh veggies Applesauce Cookie
20 Spaghetti w/ meat sauce Steamed broccoli Pineapple chunks Garlic twist	21 Deli on Croissant Sun chips Fresh veggies Orange wedges	22 <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	23 <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	24 <b>NO SCHOOL</b>
27 Mandarin orange chicken Seasoned rice Mixed vegetables Fruit Roll & butter (6-12)	28 Cheeseburger French fries Coleslaw Fruit	29 BBQ rib Sweet potato waffle fries Baked beans Fruit	30 Chili String cheese Applesauce Freshly baked cinnamon roll	

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

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# NOVEMBER 2023

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 <b>1:00 Early Dismissal– Prof. Development</b>  FFA National Convention-Indianapolis	2 7/8 GBB @ Anamosa MS-4:00  FFA National Convention-Indianapolis  Fall Musical— <i>Shrek Jr</i> , 7:00pm	3 FFA National Convention-Indianapolis FB playoffs @ Indianapolis-7:00pm  Fall Musical— <i>Shrek, Jr</i> —7:00pm	4 FFA National Convention-Indianapolis  Fall Musical— <i>Shrek, Jr</i> — 2:00pm
6 7/8 GBB vs Cascade-4:00  Panther Players Fundraising Night-5:30-7pm	7  <b>School Board Election Day!</b>  7/8 Wr @ Maq. Valley-4:30 FFA Fall Fest @ Jones County Youth Development Center—7:00	8 <b>1:00 Early Dismissal– Prof. Development</b>  <b>Board Work Session—6pm</b>	9 7/8 GBB vs Beckman—4:00  7-12 Conference Band Festival @ Northeast—7:00	10 <b>All Schools—Picture Retake Day!</b>	11 <i>Veterans Day!</i>  FFA IAT Conferences in Ankeny  
13 7/8 GBB @ Camanche MS-4:00  7/8 Wr @ Maquoketa--4:00	14 Volleyball Banquet- HS Commons-6pm  PTO Meeting– Shannon Library-7pm	15 <b>1:00 Early Dismissal– Prof. Development</b>	16 Band All State Musical Festival @ Iowa State University  7/8 GBB vs Northeast-4:00	17 Band All State Musical Festival @ Iowa State University	18 Band All State Musical Festival @ Iowa State University  HS Dance Team Show-Home
20 7/8 GBB @ Maquoketa MS-4:00	21 Var G/B Bowling vs Marion -3:15 JV/V GBB @ West Delaware– 6:00 & 7:15	22 <b>No School Thanksgiving Break</b>	23 <b>No School Thanksgiving Break</b> 	24 <b>No School Thanksgiving Break</b>	25 V GBB vs Maq. Valley @ Kirkwood Community College—10:50am
27 7/8 GBB @ Bellevue -4:00 7/8 Wr @ Beckman-4:00 <b>Board Meeting—6:00</b>	28 JV/V GBB vs Tipton-4:00 & 6:00  JV/V BBB vs Tipton—5:15 & 7:30	29 <b>1:00 Early Dismissal– Prof. Development</b>	30 7/8 GBB vs Anamosa-4:00  V Wr-Home-5:30	1 JV/V GBB @ West Branch-4:30 & 6:00  JV/V BBB @ West Branch—4:30 & 7:30	2 FFA IAT Conferences and Iowa FFA Association Board of Directors Meeting NEIBA District Honor Band @ Oelwein V Wr Tourney-Home-10:00 JV/V GBB vs West. Dbq-3:30 & 5:00

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