

Hi everyone,

It is the start of a new year and it is a time for reflection and setting some goals for ourselves. I encourage each of you to set some goals for yourself in 2023. I have some professional goals for our school district

- Goal 1: I would like to continue to attract and retain the best staff.
- Goal 2: I would like our professional learning to focus on classroom instructional strategies. Goal 3: I would like to see our staff continue to use data to make decisions and drive instruction.
- Goal 4: I would like to continue to provide support to our staff and students' mental health.

In 2023, our school district has been successful in many ways. I commend our entire staff for the work they are doing every day, inside and outside of the classroom, to make our students be the best they can be. Three reasons we have found so much success in 2023:

- 1. We have so many incredible people working in the Monticello Community School District who care so much about each student.
- 2. We have so many wonderful students that work hard and take pride in doing well and learning every day
- 3. We have incredible parents, community members, support organizations, community groups, and businesses that support our schools in so many ways.

I feel very blessed to be a part of this wonderful school district and I am looking forward to another great year in 2024 because we have many wonderful opportunities for our students that are just over the horizon. Thank you to everyone who works in, attends, or supports the Monticello Community School District. You are the best!!!

A long-standing partner of the Monticello Community School District has been the Monticello School Foundation. The Monticello School Foundation wants our students to have all of the resources needed to have the best educational experience possible. They have worked very closely with the district to provide needed support in our classrooms since 1988. The mission of the Monticello School Founda-. tion is:

It is the mission of the Monticello Community School District Foundation Board is to secure funds from sources other than the traditional methods of taxation. Upon securing such funds, the Foundation shall guide the expenditure of those funds in an effort to supplement the school district's ability to provide excellent opportunities for all students.

The Monticello School Foundation has donated approximately \$1,000,000 to Monticello Community School District projects over the last 35 years. Here are some examples of items the Monticello School Foundation has purchased in support of the Monticello Community School District over the years:

· Elementary and MS library books

Weight room equipment at the HS

Purchase of Teacher Wish List items

• iPads for the Middle School & Elementary Computers for HS Business Classes

- Sound system for the HS auditorium
- Field trip expenses
- New instruments & band uniforms
- Employee Recognition Awards
- Laminator for the MS
- · Chromebooks & cases
- · Enclosed trailer for hauling equipment · LCD projection devices for the High School Science department
- Presentations by guest authors & musicians in the elementary schools... AND MUCH MORE!

How can you help the Monticello School Foundation? Answer...By attending their biggest fundraiser which is the Monticello School Foundation Tailgate Party and Alumni Reunion dinner and auction to be held Saturday, March 23 at the Berndes Center! Please consider attending this event to help support Monticello students. Tickets will be available soon at any Monticello School Öffice or at the District Office.

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.

Monticello Community School District

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

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UPCOMING EVENTS

District Speech Contest Help Needed! Saturday, January 20 (shifts available 7:30am-12 or 12-4:30pm)

Monticello will be hosting the District Speech Contest on January 20 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, option 2 or email

kim.carlson@monticello.k12.ia.us.

Winter Break

Winter break is December 22— January 1. No School on January 2—Teacher Collaboration Day. Classes resume on Wednesday, January 3!

Jammin' in January

If you need something to get rid of the winter blues, try some jazz at the Fine Arts Boosters' Jammin' in January Monday, Jan. 8. For \$10, you'll get a tasty meal of hearty appetizers and sweet desserts, but the best part is hearing the middle school and high school jazz bands and some small group performances. You'll be tapping your toes and your heart will be smiling as you support these outstanding musicians. The appetizer buffet opens at 6:30pm, and the music begins at 7:00pm at the Youth Development Center.

Thank You

- Thank you to **everyone** who helped with the Carpenter Fine Arts night.
- Thank you to **Joslynn Kray** and **Liam Geyer** for the donation of hats, gloves, and snow pants to Shannon & Carpenter Elementary.
- Thank you to the **Eagles ladies** for the donation of coats to Shannon & Carpenter Elementary.
- Thank you to **Terminal Lance Arms** for donating worms for our 6th grade class to observe how worms move without a skeleton.
- Thank you to **Rebecca DeWitte** for sharing her organ donation experience with our 6th grade class as they study organs.
- Thank you to The Delphian Club for their donation to the elementary schools.
- Thank you to Amanda Hackney for creating choreography for one of our Carpenter Elementary holiday songs.
- Thank you to Kathy Harms for the donation of gloves to the Middle School.
- Thank to St. Matthews WELCA for their donation to the elementary schools.
- Thank you to **Doug Green** for donating wooden starts to the 3rd grade classrooms.
- Thank you to **Clint & Monica Gray** for their donation to the hot lunch program.
- Thank you to Jackie Mayo & family for donating items to the elementary music classrooms.

We're Hiring for the 2024-25 School Year!



• We currently have an opening for a 6th Grade Teacher!

Apply online at: https://www.monticello.k12.ia.us/district-2/human-resources/employment/

HS Counseling Office News

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:

• January 11

8th Grade tours of Agriculture, Business, Family & Consumer Science, and Industrial Technology facilities & class information

- February 6 9th-11th Grade scheduling meetings
- February 9 8th Grade scheduling meetings
- February 13

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 sophomore, 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 8-26 at https://www.kirkwood.edu/ workplace-learning-connection/ job-shadows/index.

The Workplace Learning Connection portal to apply for summer Internships is also open until February 9.

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



Silver Service Cord

SILVER SERVICE CORD

The goal of the Silver Service Cord is to recognize students who have contributed to their community or school by volunteering their time and talents. Interested MHS students must complete 300 hours of service during four years of high school starting with the summer after eighth grade, to receive the Silver Service Honor cord on Senior Honors night. More specific details can be found on our website: https:// www.monticello.k12.ia.us/ silver-service/

SENIORS

Scholarships are beginning to be posted. They will be posted alphabetically by name of scholarship as we post them.

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.

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!



PRESCHOOL INFORMATION

Statewide Voluntary Preschool Programming for Four-Year-Old Children

For 2024-25, 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 15. 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 Friday with no preschool on Wednesdays.

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://educateiowa.gov/pk-12/early-childhood/statewide-voluntary-preschool-program-four-year-old-children.

All Monticello preschool programs are currently taking applications for the 2024-25 school year:

- •Little Panthers Preschool—Please see registration information at the bottom of this page.
- •Mother Goose Preschool Call Ann Eby at 319-480-1279 or Jess Luetkemeier at 563-357-3002.

•Sacred Heart Preschool- Call Sacred Heart at (319) 465-4605.



2024-2025 Little Panthers Preschool

If you are interested in registering our 4-year old for the Little Panthers Preschool for the 2024-2025 school year, please do so 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. 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 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 Link.

3. The application & questionnaire can be picked up at Shannon or mailed to you by calling Shannon Elementary Office at 319-465-3000, press 5 and then 2.

Applications will be available on January 3 and are due January 31. Preschool openings are filled through a lottery method. Head Start slots and Empowerment grants are available. This preschool is an inclusive, full-day program Monday through Friday with no preschool on Wednesdays for students of all needs. Our program offers:

- A certified teacher & paraprofessional
- Large & small group instruction
- Developmentally appropriate schedule and activities

REGISTER NOW!

• Thematic instruction

• Learning centers

- Social Skills curriculum
- Breakfast, lunch, milk, and snack

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Kindergarten Registration for the 2024-2025 school year will be ready on January 3rd. Kindergarten Registration is for students entering Kindergarten in the Fall of 2024. Parents are asked to use the electronic registration form to create their student in Infinite Campus: https://monticelloia.infinitecampus.org/campus/OLRLogin/ monticello?configGroupID=4. Students must turn 5 years of age on or before September 15, 2024 to attend Kindergarten. Contact Morgan Murray-Zimmerman at morgan.murray@monticello.k12.ia.us with any questions regarding your Parent Infinite Campus account.

Completed immunizations, physical, 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 2024!

There are some forms that you will need to download, fill out, and turn into Shannon Elementary by the time your child starts school. Forms include: IDPH Dental Screen, IDPH Vision Screen, Iowan Migrant Parents Form (*everyone must fill out*), Home Language Survey, and a physical form with LEAD screening date. These forms are located in the Downloads folder on the school <u>website</u> under Shannon Elementary.

You may drop them off at Shannon Elementary, 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. Thank you!

COMMUNITY CONNECTION

Routines & Schedules

This month is a great time to reevaluate your family routines and schedule! Think about your current schedule and routines. What can you add or change to make your routine and schedule flow together?

So...What's the difference:

- A schedule is the activities that occur across the day.
- A routine is the steps taken to complete the schedule.

Some things to try:

- Encourage your child to help in your daily routine! This promotes responsibility and boosts positive feelings of family involvement.
- Have a visual schedule or steps of the routine your child should complete.
- Review your schedule to help students know and prepare for what's happening.
- Try to keep your routine and schedule as similar as possible. Children will need to be flexible but if you know there is a change, try and give your child a warning.
- Encourage your child to make a choice in the activity or routine.
- Try the "two great choices"- give your child two choices to increase a sense of control and compliance. "It's time to get into the car. Do you want to bring a book to read or listen to a story on tape?"
- Model the steps of the routine and practice them with your child.
- Give positive feedback and explanations for when your child attempts to follow or is successful in following the routine.

Schedules and routines help children feel safe, secure, and comfortable.

Citations: ECLKC. (2022, June 10). The importance of schedules and routines. The Importance of Schedules and Routines. Retrieved January 16, 2023, from https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/about-us/article/importance-schedules-routines

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Foundation Annual Tailgate Party & Alumni Reunion - March 23, 2024

Get your tickets today! Tickets are available from any Foundation Board Member or at any Monticello School Office.



MONTICELLO SCHOOL FOUNDATION 18TH ANNUAL TAILGATE PARTY & ALUMNI REUNION MARCH 23, 2024 "Get Your Foot in the Door 2024"

STARTING AT 5:30 MONTICELLO BERNDES CENTER

The Monticello School Foundation is excited for our annual Tailgate Party & Alumni Reunion. Our theme this year is *"Get your Foot in the Door 2024."* The event is 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!

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 enrich our K-6 English Language Arts curriculum and music department. 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. Please show your support for the kids and teachers by donating and attending. It's a way to 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 Community Schools. 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 is not 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 teachers and students. Your daily contributions to our community do not go unnoticed.

Tickets for the evening can be purchased individually for \$30 or a table of 8 can be purchased for \$240. 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 23. Thanks again for your support!

- Monticello School Foundation Board

Please contact any board member, or the Superintendent's Office 319-465-3000, option 1

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) 	Address
Major (\$500, includes up to 8 tickets) Visionary (\$1000, includes up to 16 tickets)	Phone Number
Other I would like to come and enjoy the evening. I would like to come and enjoy the evening. number of tickets @ \$30 Current teachers & staff can enjoy the evening for \$15 number of tickets @ \$15 You may also donate on PayPal.	Please return to – Monticello School Foundation
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FOOD SERVICE NEWS

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1 NO SCHOOL — Holiday	2 NO SCHOOL — Teacher Collabora- tion Day	3 Chocolate Muffin Fruit Fruit juice	4 Breakfast Bagel Fruit Fruit juice	5 Pop Tart Cereal Fruit Fruit juice
8 Mini Sugar Donuts Fruit Fruit juice	9 Pancake Sausage Bites Fruit Fruit juice	10 Cereal Bar Fruit Fruit juice	11 Cheese Omelet Fruit Fruit juice	12 Cereal Pop tart Fruit Fruit juice
15 NO SCHOOL	16 Frosted Long John Donut Fruit Fruit juice	17 Sausage, Egg, & Cheese Biscuit Fruit Fruit juice	18 Blueberry Muffin Fruit Fruit juice	19 Cereal Pop tart Fruit Fruit juice
22 Breakfast pizza Fruit Fruit juice	23 Mini Bagel Fruit Fruit juice	24 Cereal Bar Fruit Fruit juice	25 Breakfast Burrito Fruit Fruit juice	26 Cereal Pop tart Fruit Fruit juice
29 Mini Donuts Fruit Fruit juice	30 Pancakes Sausage Links Fruit Fruit juice	31 Chocolate Muffin Fruit Fruit juice	MILK served with all meals.	



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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1 NO SCHOOL — Holiday	2 NO SCHOOL — Teacher Collabo- ration Day	3 Mini corn dogs Seasoned potatoes Baked beans Applesauce	4 Breaded chicken/bun Sweet potato wedge fries Green beans Peaches	5 Pizza crunchers Leafy green salad Steamed carrots Pears
8 Breaded pork/bun Baked chips Steamed broccoli & cauliflower Orange slices	9 Cheeseburger Potato wedges Green beans Mandarin/ pineapple	10 Chili w/ crackers String cheese Applesauce Frosted cinnamon roll	11 Meatball sub Steak fries Mixed fruit Cookie	12 Stuffed crust pizza Steamed broccoli Fresh baby carrots Apple wedges
15 NO SCHOOL	16 Chicken strips Mashed potatoes & gravy Diced peaches Dinner roll	17 Philly beef/bun Peppers & onions Potato wedges Mandarin oranges	18 Walking taco Green beans Seasoned rice Fruit	19 Cheesy pull apart Lettuce salad Fresh veggies Watermelon
22 Chicken alfredo Tossed salad Vegetable medley Mixed fruit Garlic bread stick	23 BBQ rib/bun Seasoned potato cubes Steamed broccoli Pears	24 Deli sandwich Baked chips Fresh veggies w/ dip Apple wedges Chocolate chip cookie	25 Teriyaki chicken Seasoned rice Oriental vegetables Mandarin oranges Dinner roll (grades 6-12)	26 Quesadilla Leafy green salad Steamed carrots Applesauce
29 Boneless chicken drummies Seasoned potatoes Blushing pears Frosted brownie	30 French toast Sausage links HB patty Strawberries & bananas	31 Salisbury steak Mashed potatoes & gravy Mandarin/pineapple Fresh baked roll & butter	Choose a salad as an alternate lunch daily (HS & MS only)	MILK served with all meals.

JANUARY 2024

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 NO SCHOOL — Holiday	2 NO SCHOOL — Teacher Collabora- tion Day	3 Classes Resume!	4 V WR @ West Liberty-5:30	5	6 NEIBA District Honor Jazz Band V GBB @ Maquoketa- TBD V WR @ BGM-10:00 JV WR @ Central High School-Elkader-10:00 JV/V BBB @ West Delaware-2:00 & 3:30
8 Jammin' in January Jazz Band—6:30 @ Youth Develop- ment Center	9 1st Semester Ends JV/V GBB @ North- east- 4:30 & 6:00 JV/V BBB @ North- east-4:30 & 7:30	10 1:00 Early Dismissal– Prof. Development Board Work Session—6pm	11 G/B V Bowling vs Isaac Newton Chris- tian Academy @ May City Bowl-3:00 V WR @ Bellevue- 5:30	12 JV/V GBB vs Ma- quoketa HS-4:00 & 6:00 JV/V BBB vs Ma- quoketa-4:45 & 7:30	13 Large Group Confer- ence Speech @ Camanche—9:00 V WR @ Marion— 9:00
15 NO SCHOOL JV WR @ Solon-3:30 G/B Bowling @ Inde- pendence-4:00 Speech Public Pre- view Night-6:00	16 Kirkwood 2nd Se- mester Begins JV/V GBB vs Belle- vue- 4:00 & 6:00 JV/V BBB vs Belle- vue-4:45 & 7:30	17	18 7/8 BBB vs Belle- vue—4:00 JV/V BBB @ Ana- mosa-4:30 & 7:30 V GBB @ Anamosa- 6:00 V WR—Home-5:30	19 JV WR @ Louisa- Muscatine-5:00	20 Large Group District Speech—Home V WR @ Midland- 9:30 V BBB @ Maquo- keta-4:00
22 7/8 BBB @ Anamosa-4:00 Board Meeting— 6:00	23 JV/V GBB vs Beck- man-4:00 & 6:00 JV/V BBB vs Beck- man-4:45 & 7:30 V WR @ Maq. Valley -6:00	24 1:00 Early Dismissal– Prof. Development	25 G/B Bowling @ Bellevue Horizon Lanes-4:00 7/8 BB vs Cascade- 4:00	26 JV/V GBB vs Cas- cade-4:00 & 6:00 JV/V BBB vs Cas- cade—4:45 & 7:30	27 G/B Bowling Tour- nament @ Inde- pendence/Cadillac Lanes-9:00 JV/V WR @ Belle- vue—9:00 & 10:00
29 7/8 BB vs Beckman-4:00	30 Iowa FFA Legis. Sympo- sium-Des Moines G/B Bowling vs Benton Community-4:00 JV/V GBB @ Maquo- keta-4:30 & 6:00 JV/V BBB @ Maquoketa -4:30 & 7:30	31 1:00 Early Dismissal– Prof. Development			

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