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NEWS &

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

HS Seniors — Important Dates on page 2!

Hello everyone,

We have been very busy in the Monticello Community School District. 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, and our School Facility Committee has been meeting to consider a plan for a new elementary school.

Here are some of the biggest questions I have been getting over the last month...

When is the last day of school this year? The answer to this is still unknown. The schools have done 12 hours of virtual learning which can wipe out two of the make-up days. In addition, we have some banked hours we did not use this winter and the school board could decide to use some of those hours to forgive some additional snow days. So it is entirely possible that we could still end on May 22 as scheduled. We will know the answer after the board meeting on April 22 and I will communicate that out as quickly as possible when we know the actual end date.

What are these “Tax Cards” we are receiving in the mail? These cards are now a requirement of the state through legislation last spring. The school, the county, and the city all list their anticipated tax rates for the upcoming year. The school tax rate is an estimate as the state did not settle on the money they will give the schools until last week. The idea behind these cards was transparency but they have seemed to lead to some confusion for taxpayers. If you are interested in the school budget there is another public hearing scheduled for April 22 at 6pm in the boardroom at the high school and you are welcome to attend.

Where are we at with an Elementary School Bond issue? The School Facility Committee has completed its work on this and now we will bring a recommendation to the school board on April 22. The school board will then discuss and they will have the opportunity to call for a bond election if they are in agreement with the plan. If the board calls for an election the school bond issue will be put on the ballot in the November election. If this is something the board decides to do, I will be getting a lot of information out about an Elementary School Bond. I will use the time after April 22 if the board calls for a bond election through November 5 to educate our community members on facts of this project.



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.*

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark your calendars!

Shannon Elementary Fine Arts Night

Tuesday, April 23

Art Show at 5:00pm in the HS Commons

Concert at 6:00pm in the HS Gym



Grand March & Post Prom!

The Post Prom Committee will be hosting a Grand March on Saturday, April 20 at 4:00 pm in the High School Auditorium. Students need to check in at 3:45 pm 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 3:30 pm if anyone would like to take photos prior to the Grand March. This year's Post Prom will be held at the High School Commons area, gym, auditorium, and wrestling room. This year's entertainment is filled with a variety of activities. We have something for everyone! We will be serving snacks and drinks and will have a prize for each MHS junior and senior who attends after our entertainment finishes. The events will start at 10:00 pm. We are asking for students to arrive no later than 10:30 pm. It will end at approximately 1:30 am. If you have any questions, please contact Nikki Siebels @ n.siebels@gmail.com.

Look for the *Sign Up Genius* for donations of food and drink for Post Prom. This will be posted on the Post Prom Facebook page.

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!**



Elementary Spring Pictures are Friday, April 5. Order online by scanning the QR codes below.



Shannon



Carpenter

Important Dates—Please Mark Your Calendars!

April 10—Jostens will deliver order to the HS during lunch shifts

April 12—Deadline for Senior Questionnaire

April 20—Grand March at 4:00pm (HS Aud.) Prom Dance from 8pm to 10pm (MS Gym), followed by Post Prom from 10pm to 1:30am (High School)

May 8—Cap & gown pick up in the HS Office from 1:00pm to 3:45pm

May 10—Senior Silver Service hours due to Mr. Lambert by 3:15pm

May 10 – Final notification (by 3:15) to Mrs. Larson of scholarships/awards to be announced at Honors Night

May 14—National Honor Society Inductions at 7:00pm, followed by Honors Night at 7:45pm HS Gym

May 14—Last day of classes for seniors who have met graduation requirements

May 15—Senior Walk Thru, meet at HS commons at 8:00am (wear cap & gown)

May 15—Senior breakfast in HS commons at 9:15pm

May 15—Commencement Rehearsal for all Seniors in HS gym 10:00am—**MANDATORY**

May 15—Baccalaureate at Wayne Zion Lutheran Church at 7:00pm

May 19—Commencement at Football Field at 2:00pm

BAND Info

7/8 Grade Band Solo Fun Night!

7/8 grade band Solo Fun Night will be held Friday, April 12 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 Friday, April 5.

Next is our walk-a-thon at the track happening May 7 with a rain date of May 13.

The PTO will soon be planning the Elementary 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 16** 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 10**. Kathy Larson can be reached at kathy.larson@monticello.k12.ia.us. Honors Night is scheduled for Tuesday, May 14 at 7:45pm. Thank you!

COMMUNITY CONNECTION

"Spring into Success: Navigating the Final Stretch of the School Year"

As we enter the beautiful month of April, it's time to gear up and finish the school year strong. With the flowers blooming and the birds chirping, there's a sense of renewal in the air. Let's make the most of this season and make every day count!

The Power of Attendance

Did you know that attending school regularly has a direct impact on your academic success? It's true! By showing up to class, you not only gain valuable knowledge but also build strong relationships with teachers and classmates. So, make it a priority to be present and engaged in your learning journey.

Tips for Staying Motivated

We understand that the final stretch of the school year can be challenging. To help you stay motivated, here are a few tips:

1. Set achievable goals: Take tasks one thing at a time, create accomplishable goals.
2. Celebrate your accomplishments: Reward yourself when you achieve milestones along the way.
3. Find your support system: Lean on your friends, family, and teachers for encouragement and guidance.
4. Take breaks: Remember to recharge and rejuvenate your mind and body.

Springing into Success with Time Management

With longer days and more sunshine, it's the perfect time to fine-tune your time management skills. Here are some strategies to help you make the most of your days:

1. Prioritize your tasks: Identify the most important tasks and tackle them first.
2. Break it down: Divide larger assignments into smaller, manageable chunks.
3. Create a schedule: Use a planner or digital tools to map out your daily and weekly tasks.
4. Stay organized: Keep your study materials and assignments in order to avoid unnecessary stress.

As we embrace the beauty of spring, let's seize the opportunity to make the most of our remaining time together. By prioritizing attendance, staying motivated, and managing our time effectively, we can make this school year one to remember. Let's finish strong, celebrate our achievements, and set ourselves up for a successful future. The power to succeed is in your hands. Finish strong!

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IMPORTANT INFO

Thank You!

The Monticello Community School Foundation would like to thank all those who helped in any way to make the 19th Annual Tailgate Party and Alumni Reunion such a huge success on March 23. \$40,000 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, Elliott Siefert for auctioneering, Bella Mullen and Kendall Siebels for emceeing, Nancy Toenjes' Foods Class for the wonderful cookies, the Jones County Dairy Board for the cheese trays, the Chamber of Commerce for beverage service, Culligan Total Water for the bottled water, Camp Courageous for the ice and miscellaneous supplies, Citizens Investment Center for their hard work, school administrators, Judy Hayen, Brooke Scott, 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, Phil Hanna, Charlie Becker, Chris Brokaw, Marcia Fisher, Dan Good-year, Dave Kehoe, Audrey Savage, Terry Smothers, Steve Williams, Julie Welter, Kris (Kromminga) Riley, and Carrie Yates.

GRANT A TEACHER'S WISH!

Each year at the Tailgate Party they have a Teacher's Wishing Wall where teachers post items they would like for their classroom. If you weren't able to attend you can purchase a teacher wish list item here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/2024TEACHERWISHLIST>. (link will be live until April 30). They accept cash, check, and PayPal. Thank you!

FRIDAY FOLDERS

Friday Folders is on our website and is a great place to check for upcoming events (for all grade levels) and activities or items that used to be sent home in your child's folder. Please contact Judy Hayen to post items in our Friday Folder at judy.hayen@monticello.k12.ia.us. Check it out!



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Seniors last day is still May 15!

Thank You

- Thank you to **Emmi & Violet Van Dorn** for donating barbies and markers 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 **Fareway, BE Strong Fitness, and the Jones County Family Council** for their donations to the Transition's School Chili Cook-Off.
- Thank you to the **Monticello Express** for cutting our reading materials!
- Thank you to **Todd Lambert & Monticello Sports** for the water bottles for the 6th Grade Walk-a-Thon.
- Thank you to **Nicole Munson** for the donation of recorders to the Carpenter Music Room.

Hola High School Students and Parents!



Plan ahead for an exciting **Costa Rica trip during Spring Break 2025!**

Any high school student during the 2024-2025 school year is eligible for the trip. From March 14 to March 21, we will explore waterfalls, a wildlife preserve, attend a cooking class, tour a coffee plantation, visit Arenal Volcano and hot springs, relax on the beach, and more! For more information and to reserve your spot, please contact Angie Rieniets at angie.rieniets@monticello.ia.k12.us.

Looking forward to an amazing adventure together!
-Warm regards, Profesora Rieniets.

FOOD SERVICE NEWS

BREAKFAST MENU

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1 NO SCHOOL– Teacher Collabora- tion Day	2 Fruit bagel Fruit Fruit juice	3 Mini donuts Fruit Fruit juice	4 Scrambled egg Fruit Fruit juice	5 Cereal Pop tart Fruit Fruit juice
8 Chocolate muffin Cheese stick Fruit Fruit juice	9 Breakfast pizza Fruit Fruit juice	10 Yogurt w/ granola Fruit Fruit juice	11 Pancakes w/ sausage Fruit Fruit juice	12 Cereal Pop tart Fruit Fruit juice
15 Long John Fruit Fruit juice	16 Breakfast burrito Fruit Fruit juice	17 Cereal bar Fruit Fruit juice	18 Breakfast bagel w/ cheese Fruit Fruit juice	19 Cereal Pop tart Fruit
22 Waffles w/ bacon Fruit Fruit juice	23 Blueberry muffin Fruit Fruit juice	24 Fruit bagel Fruit Fruit juice	25 Biscuits & gravy Fruit Fruit juice	26 Cereal Pop tart Fruit Fruit juice
29 Baked apple bites Fruit Fruit juice	30 Mini donuts 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 NO SCHOOL– Teacher Collaboration Day	2 Boneless chicken drum- mies Seasoned potatoes Steamed Broccoli Pineapple Roll & butter (grades 6-12)	3 Mini corn dogs Baked beans Celery sticks & carrot sticks Pears	4 Breaded pork Sweet potato fries Coleslaw Apple wedges	5 Stuffed crust pizza Lettuce salad w/ greens Mixed vegetables Watermelon
8 Popcorn chicken Seasoned rice Oriental vegetables Mandarin oranges	9 Salisbury steak Mashed potatoes & gravy Blushing pears Roll & butter	10 Deli sandwich Baked chips Cucumbers & tomatoes Orange wedges Cookie	11 Bacon cheeseburger French fries Baked beans Tropical fruit	12 Quesadilla Lettuce salad w/ greens Steamed carrots Strawberries & grapes
15 BBQ rib/bun Baked beans Steamed broccoli Applesauce	16 Walking taco Seasoned potato cubes Spanish rice Pineapple/Mand. Oranges	17 Cheddar dog Tater tots Coleslaw Apple wedges	18 Breaded chicken drum- stick Mashed potatoes & gravy Diced peaches Dinner roll	19 Garlic cheese bread Tossed salad w/ dressing Fresh veggies Strawberry cup
22 Mandarin orange chick- en Seasoned rice Steamed carrots Mandarin oranges	23 Country fried steak Mashed potatoes & gravy Fresh mixed fruit Roll & butter	24 Soft pretzel w/ cheese Steamed Broccoli & Cel- ery sticks Pineapple tidbits Cookie	25 Chicken bacon ranch wrap Waffle fries Vegetable medley Mixed fruit	26 French toast sticks Sausage links HB patty Strawberries & bananas
29 Pizza crunchers Lettuce salad w/ greens Steamed carrots Watermelon	30 Pasta w/ meat sauce Green beans Peaches Garlic toast		MILK served with all meals.	Choose a salad as an al- ternate lunch daily (HS & MS only)

APRIL 2024

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 NO SCHOOL — Teacher Collab. Day	2 Iowa Jazz Band Championships @ ISU G/B V Soccer vs Bellevue-5:00 & 6:30	3	4 B V Golf vs Maquoketa-4:00 B V Soccer @ Western Dubuque-6:00	5 Elementary Spring Pictures G V Golf @ Maquoketa -4:00 G V Track @ Beckman -4:00 Speech/Drama Banquet-6:00	6 B V Golf @ Ed-Co-Woods Edge Golf Course-10:00am G V Golf @ Ed-Co-Lone Pine Golf Course -10:00 B V Track @ Davenport Assumption HS-12:00pm
8 B V Golf @ Beckman--4:00 JV G/B Track Meet—Home-4:30 G/B V Soccer vs Marquette Catholic @ Felderman Park Bellevue-3:45 & 5:15	9 G V Golf vs Beckman-4:00 G V Track @ Anamosa-4:15 B V Track @ DeWitt Central—4:00 G/B V Soccer vs Mid-Prairie-5:00 & 6:30	10 1:00 Early Dismissal-Prof. Development Board Work Session—6pm	11 Wear BLUE for child abuse prevention month! B V Golf vs Easton Valley @ Preston Valley Golf Course-9:00 7/8 G Track @ Clayton Ridge-4:00 G/B V Track Meet—Home-4:30	12 7/8 Grade Band Solo Night 4:15-7pm G V Soccer vs Northeast-5:00 B V Soccer vs Prince of Peace-6:30	13 B V Track @ Iowa City West-10:30am
15 96th Iowa FFA State Leadership Conference G/B V Golf @ Anamosa-4:00 G V Track @ Maq. Valley-4:30 G/B V Soccer vs Regina-5:00 & 6:30	16 96th Iowa FFA State Leadership Conference 7/8 G Track @ Maquoketa-4:00 7/8 B Track @ West Delaware-4:00 G V Track vs Dub. Hempstead @ Dub. Senior-4:30 B V Track@ Tipton-4:30	17 B V Golf @ Beckman -10:00 1:00 Early Dismissal-Prof. Development	18 G V Golf @ North Scott-Glynns Creek Golf Course-12:00 7/8 G/B Track @ Maq. Valley—4:00 G/B V Track –Home-4:30 G/B V Soccer vs Cedar Valley Christian@ Alburnett Complex-5:00 & 7:00	19 G/B V Soccer @ West Branch-5:00 & 6:30	20 Prom Grand March – 4:00pm-High School Auditorium Prom Dance—8-10pm @ MS Gym Post Prom 10pm-1:30am –High School
22 G V Golf vs Cascade -4:00 B V Golf @ Cascade-Fillmore Fairways-4:00 7/8 G Track Meet-Home-4:00 Board Meeting—6:00	23 G/B V Track @ Anamosa-4:00 7/8 B Track @ Cascade-4:15 G/B V Soccer vs W. Liberty-5:00 & 6:30 Shannon Elementary Fine Arts Night Art Show-5:00—HS Commons Spring Concert-6:00 -HS Gym	24 B V Golf –Home-10:00 1:00 Early Dismissal-Prof. Development	25 G/B V Soccer @ W. Delaware-4:00 & 6:00 7/8 B Track-Home-4:00 B V Track @ Clear Creek Amana-4:45	26 Drake Relays G V Golf vs Durant @ Waukonsa Golf Course-12:00 G/B V Soccer vs Anamosa—5:00 & 6:30	27 Drake Relays
29 G V Golf vs Bellevue-4:00 B V Golf @ Bellevue-4:00 7/8 G Track @ Beckman-4:00 JV B Track @ Northeast-4:30 B V Soccer vs Cascade-5:00	30 B V Golf Conference Tournament @ Muscatine Municipal Golf Course-10:00 Band Round-Up – HS Gym-7:00				

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