

SCHOOL SPIRIT



Monticello Community School District

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Hi everyone,

With the Great Jones County Fair in the rearview mirror and high school fall sports beginning soon, we are rapidly approaching the start of another school year. The first day of school for students is **August 24**, and now is a great time to begin preparing your family for the transition back to school.

One of the most important things parents can do over the next few weeks is help establish consistent sleep and meal routines. Transitioning to an earlier bedtime can be challenging this time of year because the evenings stay light so late, but it makes a tremendous difference once school begins. Research suggests that younger children need **10–11 hours** of sleep each night, while older students typically need **8–10 hours**. As you begin adjusting bedtime routines, consider setting a consistent time for phones and other electronic devices to be put away. Limiting screen time before bed is an important part of helping students wind down and get a good night's sleep.

Healthy eating habits are just as important. If your kids are anything like mine, summer often means a little more "grazing" throughout the day. Snacks and empty calories at odd times can leave students without much of an appetite at mealtime. Encouraging healthy food choices and regular meals will help prepare them for the school year. Breakfast is especially important. As busy school mornings return, it's easy for students to skip breakfast. Please make sure they eat something at home or leave early enough to enjoy breakfast at school. A nutritious breakfast gives students the energy they need to learn, concentrate, and be successful throughout the day. One of my favorite sayings is, **"The first rule of success at work or school is simply showing up."** Attendance continues to be a priority in the Monticello Community School District, and thanks to the support of our families, our attendance rates continue to improve. Let's keep that positive momentum going. Students simply achieve more when they are consistently in school and engaged in learning.

A new change from the Iowa Legislature this school year allows eighth-grade students to participate in high school athletics under certain circumstances. While there are many reasons why this may not be the best option for most eighth-grade students, there are situations where it could be appropriate. In Monticello, the process will begin with the head coach initiating the conversation. Each request will then be reviewed by a committee that will consider the student's academic performance, attendance, behavior, maturity, physical readiness, input from parents and coaches, and, most importantly, what is in the best interest of both the student and the overall athletic program. The committee will make the final decision regarding participation.

Construction on our new elementary school continues to make great progress. If you have an opportunity, I encourage you to drive by and see how much has changed over the summer. It is exciting to watch the vision become a reality, and we remain on schedule to open the new building in **June 2027**.



I hope everyone enjoys these final days of summer with family and friends. We are looking forward to welcoming our students back for another outstanding school year. As always, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call or email me. Thank you for your continued support of the Monticello Community School District.

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.*

August 2026

NEWS & NOTES

of the Monticello Community School District

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2026-27 REGISTRATION

Registration for the Monticello Community School District for the 2026-27 school year will be done **ONLINE** again this year. All families are required to register their students in Infinite Campus through the process known as Online Registration (OLR). **Online registration (OLR) will open on August 3**—watch your email! OLR allows parents to register at their own convenience and to save time for future years. Once OLR is open, please follow the steps below.

RETURNING Students - Steps to Register:

1. Login to the [Infinite Campus Parent Portal](https://monticelloia.infinitecampus.org/campus/OLRLoginKiosk/monticello?configGroupID=5). If you do not know your login, please email morgan.murray@monticello.k12.ia.us
2. Click on the Main Menu in the top left corner
3. Click *More*
4. Click on *Online Registration*
5. Click *26-27 Online Registration (OLR) Existing Student Registration*
6. If you have a new incoming student (i.e. preschooler, kindergartener, private school), you will be able to add them to your current student's OLR. When you log into the parent portal and see your list of students, look for the "Add Student" button.
7. **If you do not see all of your students when you are updating your OLR, do not press submit. Contact your secretary or Morgan Murray-Zimmerman. It is valuable that all family members are listed together.**
8. Click *Start*
9. Once completed be sure to pay any fees due and also add money to your food service account*

NEW Students - Steps to Register:

Welcome to Monticello CSD! Please fill out your new student's information into the online link below. This is **ONLY** for a new student and not if you have existing students already registered at one of our schools. If you have multiple new students coming into the district, you may enter them all in one application. Once your student application has been processed through by a secretary, they will be added to your parent account. Fees will be assessed to your child upon secretary approval.

NEW students register here: <https://monticelloia.infinitecampus.org/campus/OLRLoginKiosk/monticello?configGroupID=5>

Note: Some documents are required for students, depending on the grade level your child is in. They can be uploaded, emailed, or dropped off at your school building.

If you have any questions or need help registering, please email morgan.murray@monticello.k12.ia.us or call 319-320-1132.

*You are able to pay online for fees and lunch once you are logged in. You can pay by credit or debit card (a convenience fee of 3.61% will be charged), or by e-check (a convenience fee of only 35 cents will be charged). **During the week of August 3-7, the convenience fees will be waived.** If you don't wish to pay online, payment can be mailed or made at your school building.

Online registration needs to be done by August 14! If you are unable to register online, please contact your building secretary (after Aug.3) to set up a time to register. Support for online registration will NOT be available at Open House.

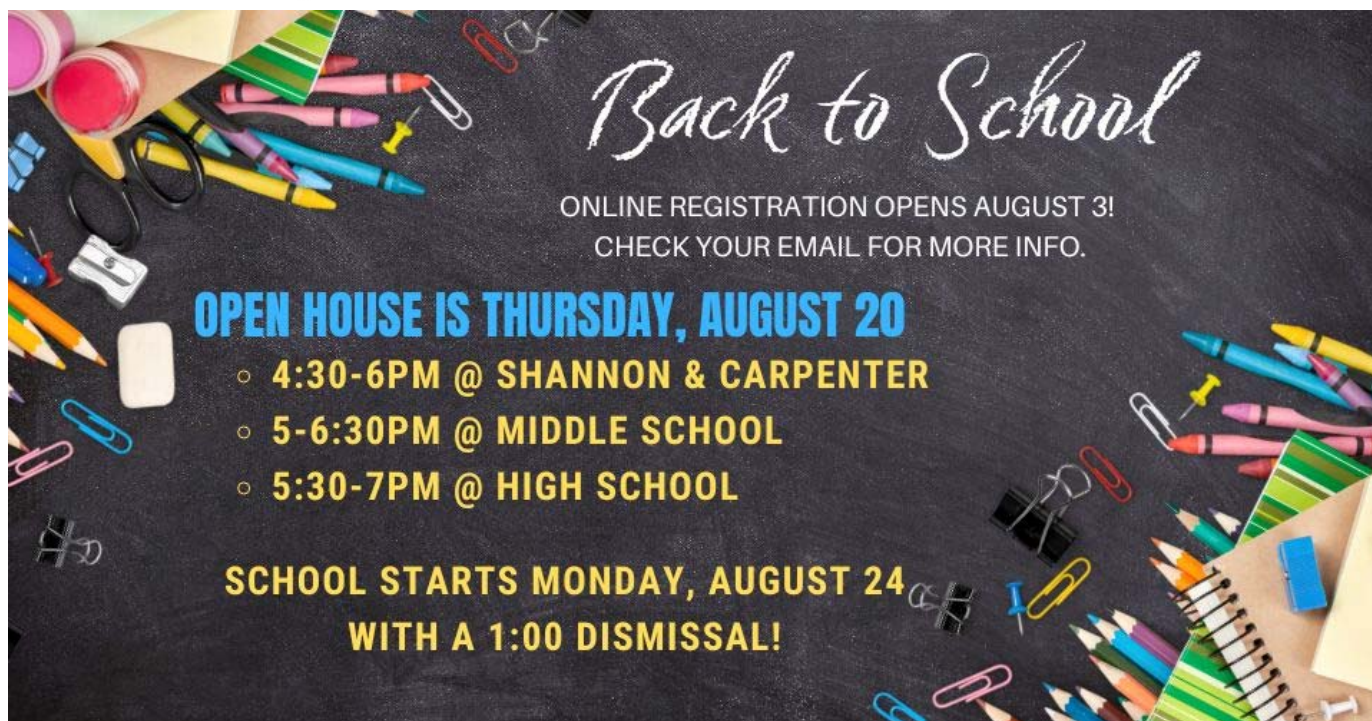
Schedules, padlocks, Chromebooks, etc. can be picked up at Open House once fees have been paid. Please check our website and Facebook page regularly for updates.

Note: Some documents are required for returning families/students, depending on the grade level your child is in. They can be uploaded, emailed, or dropped off at your school building.

If you have any questions or need help registering, please email morgan.murray@monticello.k12.ia.us or call 319-320-1132.

(PLEASE NOTE: Building Secretaries will not be back in the office until August 3)

BACK TO SCHOOL



Back to School

ONLINE REGISTRATION OPENS AUGUST 3!
CHECK YOUR EMAIL FOR MORE INFO.

OPEN HOUSE IS THURSDAY, AUGUST 20

- 4:30-6PM @ SHANNON & CARPENTER
- 5-6:30PM @ MIDDLE SCHOOL
- 5:30-7PM @ HIGH SCHOOL

**SCHOOL STARTS MONDAY, AUGUST 24
WITH A 1:00 DISMISSAL!**

All school offices will be back open August 3!

TRANSPORTATION INFO

A good reminder as we start school...

Listed below are the rules for students to follow while riding a bus. They are also posted in each bus. Please have a conversation with your students about their conduct on school buses. As we all know any distraction while driving could cause an accident!

School Bus Rules

- Observe classroom conduct.
- Be courteous, use no profane language.
- **NO EATING OR DRINKING ON BUS**
- Keep the bus clean.
- Cooperate with the driver.
- Do not smoke/vape.
- Do not damage bus or equipment.
- **STAY IN YOUR SEAT**
- Keep head, hands and feet inside bus.
- Do not fight, push or shove.
- Do not tamper with bus equipment.
- Do not bring pets on the bus.
- Do not bring flammable material on the bus.
- **THE BUS DRIVER IS AUTHORIZED TO ASSIGN SEATS**

2026-27 Bus Routes

We are currently working on the bus routes for this year. Most of the routes will be the same as previous years.

If you have moved over the summer and will be changing your transportation or are new to the District and need transportation, please call the Bus Barn by August 14 at 319-465-3000, then press 7.

Thank you!



Consequences and discipline steps are outline in your student's handbook, which can be found on our [website](#). Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our students and drivers safe!

- Mike Wink, Transportation Director

BACK TO SCHOOL

Monticello CSD 2026-27 Fee Schedule



Approved: 5/18/26

BOOK FEES	
Elementary	
Middle School	
High School	
FOOD SERVICE FEES:	
Lunch - Elementary (K-4)	
Lunch - Middle School (5-8)	
Lunch - High School (9-12)	
Extra Lunch (5-12 only)	
Lunch - Adult	
Lunch Card -replacement fee	
Breakfast - (PK-12)	
Breakfast - Adult	
Milk (extra)	

To qualify for free or reduced rate an application for free or reduced meals must be approved annually

PRESCHOOL TUITION: (4-year olds)	
Preschool - 4 days per week	
(includes snack and milk)	
PANTHER ACADEMY (Before & After & Summer Childcare)	
Summer Registration Fee	
School Year Registration Fee	
Daily Fees:	
1st child	
2nd child	
3rd child	
Non-School Days & Summer Fees:	
<u>Full Day</u>	
1st child	
2nd child	
3rd child	
<u>Half Day</u>	
1st child	
2nd child	
3rd child	

OTHER FEES:	
Athletics Punch Card (10 punches) - Students & Senior Citizens (age 65 and older)	
Athletics Punch Card (10 punches)	
Transcript Fee	
Driver's Education	
Parking Fine	
Parking Tag	
Lost or Damaged Book Fine	
Lost Uniform	
Padlocks (Middle School Only) - optional	
Choir and Band- Uniform Cleaning (MS only)	
School Dances (WPA, Homecoming, etc)	
Instrument Rental - Optional	
Harmonica purchases (MS only) - Optional	

Activity Admission Prices (conference approved):	
High School	
Adults	
Students & Senior Citizens (age 65 and older)	
Middle School	
Adults	
Students & Senior Citizens (age 65 and older)	

Rental of Facilities - per Board Policy #1003.1

2026-27 Annual Fee			
Full Rate		Reduced Rate	
\$	55.00	\$	27.50
\$	70.00	\$	35.00
\$	85.00	\$	42.50
Full Rate		Reduced Rate	
\$	2.65	\$	0.40
\$	2.80	\$	0.40
\$	2.80	\$	0.40
\$	3.50	not applicable	
\$	5.20	not applicable	
\$	3.00	not applicable	
\$	2.10	\$	0.30
\$	3.00	not applicable	
\$	0.50	not applicable	

Full Rate		Reduced Rate	
\$	160.00	not applicable	
	per month		
Full Rate		Reduced Rate	
\$	40.00	not applicable	
\$	40.00	not applicable	
	\$6.00 per hour	not applicable	
	\$5.50 per hour	not applicable	
	\$5.00 per hour	not applicable	
\$	32.50	not applicable	
\$	30.25	not applicable	
\$	27.75	not applicable	
\$	27.00	not applicable	
\$	25.00	not applicable	
\$	23.00	not applicable	

Full Rate		Reduced Rate	
\$	40.00	not applicable	
\$	50.00	not applicable	
\$	5.00	not applicable	
\$	340.00	\$	170.00
\$10 or \$5 if paid within 48 hours		not applicable	
1st one no cost replacement fee		2nd \$2.00 each	
replacement fee		not applicable	
replacement fee		not applicable	
\$	7.00	\$2.00 refund at the end of the year when padlock is returned	
\$	20.00	\$	10.00
\$	5.00	not applicable	
\$	50.00	\$	25.00
\$	4.00	not applicable	

Full Rate		Reduced Rate	
\$	7.00	not applicable	
\$	7.00	not applicable	
\$	5.00	not applicable	
FREE		not applicable	

Free & Reduced Meal Applications are Due!

Everyone is strongly encouraged to fill out the free/reduced meals application for students in grades PK -12. If you do not fill out this form, your registration fees cannot be reduced or waived. Applications are available at the District Office or on our [website](#). Fill it out today!

BACK TO SCHOOL

FROM THE NURSES OFFICE...

Kindergarten Parents!

All kindergarten immunizations need to be up to date before the first day of school or students cannot attend school.



Documentation of a valid Certificate of Immunization Exemption (Religious or Medical) or Provisional Certificate of Immunization may be submitted in lieu of a Certificate of Immunization. See Board policy #506.3 Student Health and Immunizations for more information.

We also need a physical, and dental and lead screening results. If you have any questions, please call Sandy Hinrichs at 319-465-3000.

Students with SPECIAL DIETS or MEDICAL NEEDS—If your student has any special diet or medical needs, please contact School Nurse, Jodi Heinrich before school starts so we are better able to care for your children! She can be reached at 319-465-3000. Thank You!

IMMUNIZATIONS INFO:

- ⇒ Before School starts in August all Kindergarten, 7th, and 12th grade students must have their expected immunizations per state law.
- ⇒ All Kindergarten and 9th grade students must have a current Dental screening certificate on file.
- ⇒ All Kindergarten students must be up to date on their preschool shots and have received their 4-year-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.

Documentation of a valid Certificate of Immunization Exemption (Religious or Medical) or Provisional Certificate of Immunization may be submitted in lieu of a Certificate of Immunization.

Get those appointments scheduled early!

Parents of 2027 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)



Photos can be emailed to 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 the deadline. Copies 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!

BACK TO SCHOOL

For students in need of school supplies, please sign up through the QR code. Supplies will be delivered to the student's school.



Jones County
SCHOOL SUPPLY DISTRIBUTION

For students in need of supplies, please sign up through the QR code below



Supplies will be delivered to the student's community.

Questions, contact
Sherri Hunt 319-551-3402

Back to SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED!

Thank you for all the generous school supply donations to Shannon & Carpenter! We're still in need of the following items:

- 10 pack Crayola Classic Markers (*washable broad tip*)
- 10 pack Crayola Classic Markers (*washable fine tip*)
- Colored Pencils
- Fiskars 5 1/2" Pointed Scissors
- Quart & Gallon Size Ziploc Bags

ITEMS CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT
SHANNON OR CARPENTER

Thank you!



2026-27 School supply lists are available in the District Office or on our [website](#).

26-27 SCHOOL YEAR

Board Approved: 1/28/26

Monticello Community School District 2026-2027 Master Calendar

Summary of Calendar Hours

Student Hours in Classroom:	
First Semester (82 days):	506.06
Second Semester (93 days):	576.22
PT Conferences:	16.00
Virtual Learning Hours (up to 30 hours):	0.00
TOTAL STUDENT HOURS:	1098.28

Calendar Legend

	Start/End Semester	4
	PD Day	2
	1pm dismissal for PD/IP	29
	Parent/Teacher Conferences	4
	Instructional Planning Day	3
	Holiday	6
	No School Days	15
	Early Dismissal 1pm, No PD	2

Holidays

Sept. 7	Labor Day
Nov. 26	Thanksgiving Day
Dec. 25	Christmas Day
Jan. 1	New Year's Day
Mar. 26	Good Friday
May 31	Memorial Day

Professional Development Days (No School)

Aug. 19-20

Instructional Planning Days (No School)

Aug. 21; Jan. 4; March 29

1pm Dismissal Dates

Aug. 24; Sept. 2, 16, 23, 30; Oct. 7, 14, 21
Nov. 4, 11, 18; Dec. 2, 9, 16, 22; Jan. 13, 20, 27
Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24; March 3
April 7, 14, 21, 28; May 5, 12, 19, 25

Parent Teacher Conferences

HS, MS, Elem - Oct. 26 & 29
HS, MS, Elem - March 9 & 11

Break Days

Nov. 25 - 27
Dec. 23 - Jan. 1
March 12-19

Weather Make-Up Days

May 26 - June 11 (as needed)

Teacher Floating Work Days

August 3 - 18 (1 day)
May 26 - June 11 (1 day)

Month M T W Th F

Aug.	3	4	5	6	7
	10	11	12	13	14
	17	18	19	20	21
	24	25	26	27	28
	31				

Sept.		1	2	3	4
	7	8	9	10	11
	14	15	16	17	18
	21	22	23	24	25
	28	29	30		

Oct.				1	2
	5	6	7	8	9
	12	13	14	15	16
	19	20	21	22	23
	26	27	28	29	30

Nov.	2	3	4	5	6
	9	10	11	12	13
	16	17	18	19	20
	23	24	25	26	27
	30				

Dec.		1	2	3	4
	7	8	9	10	11
	14	15	16	17	18
	21	22	23	24	25
	28	29	30	31	

Jan.					1
	4	5	6	7	8
	11	12	13	14	15
	18	19	20	21	22
	25	26	27	28	29

Feb.	1	2	3	4	5
	8	9	10	11	12
	15	16	17	18	19
	22	23	24	25	26

March	1	2	3	4	5
	8	9	10	11	12
	15	16	17	18	19
	22	23	24	25	26
	29	30	31		

April				1	2
	5	6	7	8	9
	12	13	14	15	16
	19	20	21	22	23
	26	27	28	29	30

May	3	4	5	6	7
	10	11	12	13	14
	17	18	19	20	21
	24	25	26	27	28
	31				

June		1	2	3	4
	7	8	9	10	11

EVENTS

18 - New Teachers Report	August
19-20 - No School, Professional Development Days	
20 - Open House:	
Elementary: 4:30-6pm MS: 5-6:30pm HS: 5:30-7pm	
21 - No School, Instructional Planning Day	
24 - CLASSES BEGIN	
24 - Kirkwood First Semester Classes Begin	
24 - First Day of School, 1pm dismissal	
2, 16, 23, 30 - 1pm dismissal	September
7 - No School, Holiday	
14-18 - Homecoming Week	

7, 14, 21 - 1pm dismissal	October
26 & 29 - Elem/MS/HS PT Conference 4-8	
30 - No School	

4, 11, 18 - 1pm dismissal	November
25, 27 - No School	
26 - No School, Holiday	

2, 9, 16 - 1pm dismissal	December
11 - Kirkwood First Semester Classes End	
22 - End of 1st Semester, 1pm dismissal, No PD	
12/23-12/31 - No School, Winter Break	
25 - No School, Holiday	

1 - No School, Holiday	January
4 - No School, Instructional Planning Day	
5 - Begin 2nd Semester	
11 - Kirkwood Second Semester Classes Begin	
13, 20, 27 - 1pm dismissal	

3, 10, 17, 24 - 1pm dismissal	February
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3 - 1pm dismissal	March
9 & 11 - Elem/MS/HS PT Conference 4-8	
12 - No School	
15-19 - No School, Spring Break	
26 - No School, Holiday	
29 - No School, Instructional Planning/Prof Development Day	

7, 14, 21, 28 - 1pm dismissal	April
17 - PROM	

3 - Kirkwood Second Semester Classes End	May
5, 12, 19 - 1pm dismissal	
19 - Last day for Seniors	
23 - HS Graduation	
25 - Last Day of School, 1pm dismissal, No PD*	
31 - No School, Holiday	

*Will move to last day if snow days are added

Homecoming for the 2026-27 school year will be the week of September 14-18!



~WELCOME~

Welcome New Staff!

The 2026-27 school year will begin on Monday, August 24 with the following new staff members:

Angela Boysen	District Wide EL Teacher
Robert Hanna	High School Science Teacher
Hilary Hansen	High School Special Education Teacher
Ivan Lambertsen	7th Grade Science/Health Teacher
Gina McConahay	Elementary Principal
Savannah Nealman	Preschool Teacher
Travis Ponder	Director of Buildings & Grounds

Welcome to the Monticello Community School District!



MEET YOUR NEW
ELEMENTARY
PRINCIPAL

Mrs. Gina
McConahay

Hello, Monticello families! My name is Gina McConahay, and I am honored to serve as your new elementary principal. My goal is to ensure every student is known, every family feels connected, and every child is inspired to learn and grow. Together with our outstanding staff and families, I look forward to building on the great work already happening and helping every student thrive.

It is a privilege to join a community that cares so deeply about its children. I can't wait to meet you and begin a wonderful school year together!

Welcome
Gina!

5TH
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FREE COMMUNITY PICNIC

KICK OFF
THE SCHOOL
YEAR!

HANDS ON
ART, SCIENCE
& FITNESS
ACTIVITIES
FOR YOUTH!

BUILD
CONNECTIONS
IN THE
COMMUNITY!

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20
5:00-7:00 PM

OUTDOOR AREA BY UNITED CHURCH OF MONTICELLO
123 N CHESTNUT STREET

ADDITIONAL SEATING ON THE STREET

RAIN LOCATION: MONTICELLO BERND'S CENTER

MENU:

GRILLED BY THE JONES COUNTY BEEF PRODUCERS & JONES COUNTY PORK PRODUCERS

GRILLED PORK SANDWICHES, HAMBURGERS, HOT DOGS,
WATERMELON, CHIPS, HOMEMADE COOKIES,
ICE CREAM CUPS, LEMONADE & WATER

SPONSORED BY LOCAL BUSINESSES, CHURCHES, AND INDIVIDUALS

Stop by before or after Open House!

EMPLOYMENT



WE'RE HIRING!

JOIN OUR TEAM

APPLY NOW!

HIRING FOR:

- Night Custodian @ High School
- Night Custodian @ Middle School
- Special Education Route Drivers
- Regular Route Bus Driver
- Special Education Associate 1 (all schools)
- Special Ed Athletic Associate (Football/Basketball Cheer)
- HS Food Service Employee
- 7/8 Volleyball Coach
- Varsity Girls Soccer Coach

apply online at: www.monticello.k12.ia.us





From the Activities Department

We utilize a digital, cashless ticketing system for all middle and high school events. Fans are encouraged to buy online in advance to skip the line and get through the gates faster! Cash payments will be available at the gate for those who prefer it.

High School Events:

\$7 per person (applies to everyone—students, adults, and senior citizens)

Middle School Events:

\$5 for adults

FREE for students and senior citizens (65+)

You can use a virtual 10-punch pass for home events which can be purchased on [BOUND](https://www.gobound.com/ia/schools/monticello). Old punch cards will be accepted.

Also, if you have an athlete, remember to register them on the Bound website and upload their physical & concussion form.

Visit BOUND, for schedules, ticket purchases, and student registration:
<https://www.gobound.com/ia/schools/monticello>. Be sure to bookmark it!

If you have questions, feel free to contact [Tim Lambert](#) or [Alyssa McNally](#) at the High School Office. Thank you!

Good luck to all our athletes and coaches!

GO PANTHERS!



SUBSTITUTES NEEDED!

We need SUB TEACHERS!

Join Our Team as a Substitute Teacher!

Are you looking for a flexible, rewarding job that makes a difference?

We are hiring Substitute Teachers for all grade levels!

- Choose the days you work
- Make a positive impact in students' lives
- Great opportunity for retirees, college students, or anyone who loves kids and learning
- \$19.00 per hour

Find out more here: <https://www.gwaea.org/administrators/substitute-teaching/>

Become a Substitute Teacher for Monticello CSD!

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



→ Benefits:

- Starting pay rate is \$19.00 per hour/\$152 per day, and goes to \$181.27 per day after 10 days of subbing in the district.
- 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.

Thank You

- Thank you to **Hy-Vee Dollar Fresh** for the donation of prizes and paper products to Shannon & Carpenter.
- Thank you to **Theisen's** for the donation of seeds.



PTO NEWS... PTO Panther Projects Night

Join us on **Tuesday, August 18**, anytime between **5:00–7:00 p.m.** in the Carpenter Library as we help our teachers get ready for a great school year! We'll be working on projects like cutting, laminating, and copying classroom materials to help them prepare for students. Whether you can stay for a few minutes or the whole evening, we'd love to have your help. Stop by, lend a hand, and say hello—we'd love to see you!

ANNUAL NOTICES

Annual Notice of Nondiscrimination

The Monticello Community School District offers career and technical programs in the following areas of study:

Agricultural Education
Business Education
Family and Consumer Science Education
Industrial Education

It is the policy of the Monticello Community School District not to discriminate in its educational programs, activities and employment practices on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, religion, creed, sexual orientation, age (for employment), actual or potential parental, family or marital status (for programs). There is a grievance procedure for processing complaints of discrimination. If you have questions or a grievance related to this policy or for information about the district's grievance procedures please contact the District's Equity Coordinator, Todd Werner, 860 East Oak Street, Monticello, Iowa 52310, 319-465-3000, todd.werner@monticello.k12.ia.us.

Officials Responsible for Records

The Superintendent is administratively responsible for assuring the confidentiality of personally identifiable student information on a district-wide basis. The principal of each school within the District is administratively responsible at the building level for the management of student records in a confidential manner and in accordance with District policy and procedures. The following is a listing of the titles and office address of these individuals: **Superintendent Brian Jaeger** 850 E Oak Street; **High School Principal Nick Schauf** 850 East Oak Street; **Middle School Principal Todd Werner**, 860 E Oak Street; **Elementary Principal Gina McConahay**, 321 West South Street.

Inspection of Instructional and Library Materials

Parents and other members of the school district community may view the instructional and library materials used by the students. All instructional materials, including teacher's manuals, online content or other supplementary material which will be used in connection with any survey, analysis, or evaluation as part of any federally funded programs must be available for inspection by parents. The instructional materials may be viewed on school district premises. Copies may be obtained according to board policy. The district will publish on the district's website a comprehensive list of all books available to students in libraries operated by the school district. It is the responsibility of the superintendent to develop administrative regulations regarding the inspection of instructional materials.

Parent/Student Rights

The Monticello Community School District maintains confidential records for all students currently or previously enrolled as is consistent with the District's responsibility for the provision of educational programs and services and the requirements of state/federal law and regulation. Copies of the District's student records policy are available upon request to the office of the superintendent or the principal of any district school.

Asbestos Notification

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 in our administrative offices during regular office hours.

Use of Video Cameras on School Transportation

The Monticello Community School District Board of Directors has authorized the use of video cameras on school district transportation. The video cameras will be used to monitor student behavior to maintain order on school transportation to promote and maintain a safe environment. Students and parents are hereby notified that the content of video recordings may be used in a student disciplinary proceeding. The content of video recordings may be confidential student records and, if so, will be retained with other student records. Video recordings will only be retained if necessary for use in a student disciplinary proceeding or other matter as determined necessary by the administration. Parents may request to view video recordings of their child if the video recordings are used in a disciplinary proceeding involving their child.

Video Cameras in School Building and on School Grounds

The Monticello Community School District Board of Directors has authorized the use of video cameras in the school district's buildings and on school property. The video cameras will be used to monitor student behavior in order to maintain a safe, secure, and healthy environment for students and staff. Students and parents are hereby notified that the content of video recordings may be used in a student disciplinary proceeding. The content of the video recordings may be a confidential student record and, if so, will be retained with other student records. Video recordings will only be retained if necessary for use in a student disciplinary proceeding or other matters as determined necessary by the administration. Parents may request to view recordings of their children in the event the recordings are used in disciplinary proceedings involving their children. Any such request shall be processed by the school district in accordance with applicable law. All audio and video recordings will require permission of the building principal.

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Multicultural and Gender Fair Education

The education program of the Monticello Community School District revolves around a philosophy of equal educational opportunities and non-discrimination in educational programs and activities. The educational objectives outlined in the board of director's policies are the means whereby the district shall achieve its philosophy. Students will have an equal opportunity for a quality education without discrimination, regardless of their sex, race, color, national origin, religion, creed, marital/parental status, sexual orientation, or disability. The education program is free of discrimination and provides equal opportunity for the students. The education program will foster knowledge of and respect and appreciation for the historical and contemporary contribution of diverse cultural groups, as well as men and women, to society. It will also reflect the wide variety of roles open to both men and women and provide equal opportunity to both sexes.

Equal Educational Opportunity

The Monticello Community School District does not discriminate in its educational programs, activities and employment practices on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, religion, creed, sexual orientation, age (for employment), actual or potential parental, family, or marital status (for programs). The belief in equal educational opportunity serves as a guide for the board and employees in making decisions relating to school district facilities, employment, selection of educational materials, equipment, curriculum, and regulations affecting students. Board policies, rules and regulations affect students while they are on school district property or on property within the jurisdiction of the school district; while on school owned and/or operated school or chartered vehicles; while attending or engaged in school activities; and while away from school grounds if misconduct will directly affect the good order, efficient management and welfare of the school district. The board requires all persons, agencies, vendors, contractors, and other persons and organizations doing business with or performing services for the school district to subscribe to all applicable federal and state laws, executive orders, and rules and regulations pertaining to contract compliance and equal opportunity. Anyone with inquires or grievances related to this policy may be directed to District's Equity Coordinator and Title IX Coordinator, Todd Werner, 860 East Oak Street, Monticello, Iowa 52310, 319-465-3000, todd.werner@monticello.k12.ia.us. Inquiries by students regarding compliance with equal educational opportunity laws and policies, including but not limited to complaints of discrimination, may also be directed in writing to the Director of the Region VII office of Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Education, Cesar E. Chaves Memorial Building, 1244 Speer Boulevard, Suite 310, Denver, CO 80204-3582, (303)844-5695 FAX: (303) 844-4303, TDD: (800) 877-8339, Email: OCR.Denver@ed.gov, the Iowa Civil Rights Commissioner, 6200 Park Avenue, Suite 100, Des Moines, IA 50321-1270, <https://icrc.iowa.gov>, (515) 281-4121 or the Iowa Dept. of Education, Grimes State Office Bldg., Des Moines, IA 50319. (515) 281-5294. This inquiry or complaint to the federal or state office may be done instead of, or in addition to, an inquiry or complaint at the local level.

Annual Hearing Screening Parent Notification

Hearing Screening: Grant Wood Area Education Agency (GWAEA) conducts hearing screenings for all kindergartners, 2nd graders, and any 1st grader who wasn't screened last year. Parents/Guardians have the right to opt their child out of the hearing screening. To do so, please submit a written notification to the school health office at the beginning of the school year or prior to screening. If you have any concerns about your child's hearing, please contact the school nurse or Grant Wood Area Education Agency directly at (319) 399-6746 to schedule a hearing test at any time.

Competent Private Instruction

The definition of Competent Private Instruction is any student being taught at home by parents/guardians with or without the assistance of a licensed teacher or the student is enrolled in a non accredited non-public school. It is the responsibility of the parents/guardians to submit notification forms for each child, between the ages of 6 and 16 by September 15th with the resident district. These forms are available in the Superintendent's Office at 850 E Oak St, Monticello, IA.

Dental Screenings

All children enrolling in Iowa's elementary or high schools are required to have a dental screening as of July 1, 2008. The purpose of the dental screening is to improve the oral health of Iowa's children. Dental screenings help with early detection and treatment of dental diseases. This requirement applies only to those students entering kindergarten and the ninth grade. The dental screening is to be performed by a dentist or licensed dental hygienist. The dental screening requirements are:

- Kindergartners to have a screening sometime between age 3 years to four months after their enrollment into Kindergarten
- 9th graders to have a screening that is valid for up to one year prior to their enrollment into 9th grade and up to four months after their enrollment

Iowa's State Dental Screening forms need to have been signed by a dentist or dental hygienist and the form turned into the child's respective school by December 15th of the enrollment into Kindergarten or 9th grade year. If the forms are not turned in, the Monticello School District will have a licensed dental hygienist from the I-SMILE program or your school nurse may and do FREE dental screenings for that child. If the parent/guardian does not want their child screened, a letter expressing this must be turned into the child's school administrator by January 1st of that school year. The free dental screenings will be conducted during the second semester of the Kindergarten/9th grade enrolling school

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Open Enrollment

Parents/guardians considering the use of the open enrollment option to enroll their child/ren in a public school district in the State of Iowa other than their district of residence should file an application with the resident district and receiving district by **March 1** to be considered for the following year. Those enrolling in kindergarten have until **September 1** to file an application for open enrollment. In order to qualify for open enrollment after the March 1 deadline, the student must meet the “good cause” definition. Good cause relates to:

- Change in family district of residence due to family move or change in state
- Change in student’s residence due to:
 - Change in residence from one parent or guardian to another
 - Change in the marital status of the student's parents that results in a change in resident district,
 - Change in guardianship or custody proceeding,
 - Placement of the child in foster care, or
 - Adoption
- Participation in a foreign exchange program
- Participation in a substance abuse or mental health treatment program that results in a change of residence
- Initial placement of preschool student in special education
- Failure of negotiations for reorganization or whole grade sharing
- Revocation of a charter school contract as provided in section 256F.8
- Loss of accreditation or revocation of a nonpublic or charter school contract
- Pervasive harassment or a severe health condition

Transportation: Parents are responsible for transporting children open enrolled to another district, unless economic eligibility requirements are met and the receiving district is next to the resident district. If a child open enrolls to a district that is contiguous to (or borders) the home district and the parents’ income meets economic eligibility requirements, the family may receive a stipend for transportation or be provided transportation by the resident district.

Athletic Eligibility: Students who open enroll in grades nine through 12 **are not eligible** to participate in **varsity** contests and competitions during the first 140 calendar days of transfer unless an exception applies allowing immediate eligibility. For more information on open enrollment please view the Iowa Department of Education website at: <https://educate.iowa.gov/pk-12/educational-choice/open-enrollment>

Private Instruction

Private Instruction is instruction using a plan and a course of study in a setting other than a public or organized accredited nonpublic school. It includes competent private instruction (CPI) by a licensed practitioner or a non-licensed person, independent private instruction (IPI), home school assistance programs (HSAP), and non-accredited nonpublic schools. Forms are available in the District Office if needed.

FOOD SERVICE NEWS

BREAKFAST MENU

AUGUST

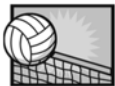
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
24 Long John Fruit Fruit juice	25 Mini waffles w/ syrup Fruit Fruit juice	26 Chocolate Muffin Fruit Fruit juice	27 Egg & cheese omelet Fruit Fruit juice	28 Cereal Pop tart Fruit & Fruit Juice
31 Fruit bagel Fruit Fruit juice				Milk served with all meals.

LUNCH MENU

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
24 Breaded chicken/bun w/ leaf lettuce & tomato Potato wedges Peaches	25 Bacon cheeseburger Smile fries Baked beans Mixed fruit	26 Deli wrap Baked chips Coleslaw Watermelon wedge	27 Chicken strips Mashed potatoes & gravy Strawberries & grapes Roll & butter	28 Bosco sticks w/ marinara Lettuce blend w/ dressing Steamed broccoli Orange wedges
31 Mini corn dogs Sweet potato fries Pasta salad Apple wedges			Choose a salad as an alternate lunch daily (HS & MS only)	

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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3 Grades 3-6 VB Camp K-8 Football Camp	4 Grades 3-6 VB Camp K-8 Football Camp	5 Grades 3-6 VB Camp K-8 Football Camp	6 K-8 Football Camp	7	8
10 <i>HS practices begin</i> Grades 7-8 VB Camp	11 Grades 7-8 VB Camp	12 Grades 7-8 VB Camp Board Work Session—6pm	13	14	15
17 V VB Scrimmage @ Western Dbq—5:00	18 Orientation for New Teachers V VB Scrimmage Home—5:00	19 Professional Development Day	20 Professional Development Day All Staff Employee Luncheon-11:30am Open House @ all schools: Elementary 4:30-6 MS 5-6:30 HS 5:30-7:00 FREE Community Picnic @ United Church of Monticello—5-7pm	21 Teacher Collaboration Day JV/V FB vs Maquoketa Valley—5:30	22 V VB Scrimmage @ Cascade—8:30am 
24 <u>CLASSES BEGIN</u>  1:00 Early Dismissal— Prof. Development <i>Kirkwood 1st semester begins</i> Board Meeting—6:00	25	26	27 High School Picture Day! 9/10 VB vs CPU—5:45 JV/V VB vs CPU—5:45 & 7:00	28 Middle School Picture Day! 10 FB @ Mt. Vernon-5:00 V FB @ Mt. Vernon- 7:00 	29 JV/V XC Meet @ CR Prairie-8:00am V VB Tournament @ Cascade—8:30am
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