

# SCHOOL SPIRIT



## Monticello Community School District

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Dear Monticello Families, Staff, and Community Members,

We are officially completing the sixth week of the school year as we begin October. We have reached a point where the school calendar is consistent for the next several weeks, giving us a fantastic, uninterrupted stretch for teaching and learning.

I want to extend a sincere thank you to everyone who has volunteered at or attended one or more of our school events over the last six weeks. Your continued support of our students, staff, and programs is always deeply appreciated and makes a major difference in our district.

### Spotlight on Support: The Athletic Boosters Need Your Help!

As our fall sports seasons continue, I want to formally recognize one of the organizations that provides a tremendous amount of support for our athletic programs: the Athletic Boosters. This active organization works closely with our Athletic Department every year to purchase vital items for our programs. Thanks to their hard work, they have funded uniforms, equipment, wrestling mats, and most recently, a brand-new sound system for our football stadium. Their main source of fundraising is running our concession stands, and **THEY NEED YOUR HELP!**

Please consider volunteering your time to work a concession stand shift during the 2026-2027 school year. Whether you are a parent, grandparent, or a former student—or even if your children do not participate in sports—they need your help to keep these programs thriving. If you are willing to volunteer, please contact Judy Hayen at [judy.hayen@monticello.k12.ia.us](mailto:judy.hayen@monticello.k12.ia.us) to be connected with the Boosters.

### Important Event: "Hidden in Plain Sight" Mobile Trailer

During our upcoming Parent-Teacher Conferences, the Jones County Safe and Healthy Youth Coalition is bringing an eye-opening mobile training experience to our community. Created by YSS and supported by the Iowa Health and Human Services State Opioid Settlement funds, the *Hidden in Plain Sight* trailer features a simulated teenager's bedroom.

While it looks like a typical room at first glance, it is filled with hidden clues, symbols, clothing, and stash places that may indicate substance use or other risky behaviors. This free experience is designed to help parents, guardians, school staff, and caring adults recognize warning signs and start important conversations before risky choices lead to serious consequences.

- **Where:** Monticello Middle School
- **When:** Thursday, October 29, from 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- **Details:** Parents and guardians are highly encouraged to stop by before or after their scheduled conferences. To make it easier for adults to tour the trailer, cookies, crafts, and board games will be available to keep students entertained.



That is it for this month everyone, thank you all for 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.*

## October 2026

## NEWS & NOTES

## of the Monticello Community School District

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### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

October is  
National Principals  
Month—thank your  
principal today!

# UPCOMING EVENTS



Parent Teacher Conferences  
for ALL STUDENTS are  
**October 26 & October 29**  
from 4-8pm. Watch for more

info from your Principal. Come meet your  
child's teachers and check their progress!

**Smile pretty!** 😊

**Elementary School Pictures are Friday, October 3! Picture *retake* day for all schools is Monday, November 3. Please use these QR Codes/links to order your pictures:**

Shannon



<https://shop.imagequix.com/g1001401984>

Carpenter



<https://shop.imagequix.com/g1001401980>

**PTO News...** Thank you to everyone that donated prize box items for our elementary students at the Open House! We are still collecting donations to reward our elementary students displaying safe, responsible, and respectful behavior. New or gently used toy figurines, sports cards, fidget toys, fun pens/notepads, etc. can be dropped off in the office at Shannon and Carpenter.



Round-Up Fundraiser at Monticello Fareway the Week of October 5! Funds raised from this fundraiser will be used to support the Monticello PTO's Glow Dance, a free event for elementary families to celebrate Read Across America Week in March!



**Order your 2027 yearbook now!**

<https://www.jostens.com/yearbooks/students-and-parents/about-yearbooks>

## HS Interact Club: Why Join?

Interact Club is a community-service based student organization, which focuses on creating authentic student relationships and fosters a community of care and compassion between students with disabilities and their neurotypical peers. Our club has three main components: community service projects, club activities, and our student run coffee business. Each of these components has different benefits to offer members and they can sign up for whichever interests them. Interact Club offers opportunities for leadership development, community service, employability skills development, social skills development and so much more. All are encouraged and welcomed to join! Interact Club has something to offer everyone, so whether high school students have yet to find an extracurricular that fits their interests or are already actively involved, I encourage them to join.

It is never too late to join. High School students can sign up at any time throughout the year. Reach out to the club sponsor, Mr. Hall at [scotty.hall@monticello.k12.ia.us](mailto:scotty.hall@monticello.k12.ia.us) with any questions and make it a great school year!

## Do You Want to...

Make a Difference in Your Community?  
Be More Involved in Your School?

Meet and Work with New People?  
Have Fun?! Earn Silver Service Hours?



**Then Join Interact Club!**

## Parents of 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!

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Northeast Iowa Family STEM Festival

October 8, 2026

Students and their families are invited to attend the Northeast Iowa Family STEM Festival on Thursday, October 8 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Youth Development Center, 800 N Maple Street Suite 2, Monticello, Iowa. The festival is **free and open to the public**.

Get ready to dive into the thrilling world of STEM with us at our upcoming festival, where the wonders of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) come alive for students and families across eastern Iowa! This vibrant celebration is not just about fun; it's about igniting a passion for learning and discovery in our youth. Explore hands-on activities that spark curiosity, while raising awareness of the importance of STEM-related educational and career opportunities for families. So, come join us for an afternoon filled with inspiration, fun, and the chance to envision a bright future in STEM—because who knows? The next great innovator could be right around the corner! Organized like a street festival or county fair, visitors can stroll from activity to activity at their own pace. While the event is primarily geared toward PreK-8th grade students and their families, there's something for all ages to enjoy. The festival features hands-on, interactive STEM activities, with exhibitors ranging from businesses and industries to higher education institutions, K-12 schools, non-profit organizations, government agencies, and more. **There will be lots of interactive STEM experiences for all ages!!**

Bring your whole family to the Northeast Iowa Family STEM Festival! Experience FUN Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematic activities at this **hands-on** event.



Thursday, October 8, 2026

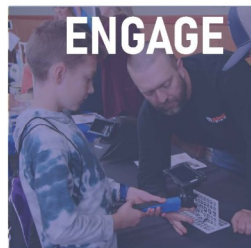
4:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Youth Development Center  
800 N. Maple Street Suite 2, Monticello

**(FREE ADMISSION)**



To learn more



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To learn more, Website: [neiowastem.com](http://neiowastem.com) | Facebook: [@NEIASTEM](https://www.facebook.com/NEIASTEM)



This mobile training site simulates a "typical" teenagers bedroom, complete with all the paraphernalia and imagery one would expect to see, but not necessarily understand, from today's culture targeted at our youth.

This program educates parents, staff, and other adults who care for youth to identify potentially dangerous behaviors before life choices become terminal decisions.

**VISIT THE TRAILER AT PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES!**



TUESDAY,  
OCTOBER 13  
2:00 – 7:00 PM



WEDNESDAY,  
OCTOBER 28  
3:00 – 7:00 PM



THURSDAY,  
OCTOBER 29  
4:00 – 8:00 PM



Working together for  
a safer, healthier future  
for our youth.



Sponsored by the Jones County Safe and Healthy Youth Coalition and YSS  
(funding partially provided by the HHS State Opioid Settlement)

## Hidden in Plain Sight: Mock Teen Bedroom Trailer Coming to Jones County School Conferences

The Hidden in Plain Sight trailer will be available free of charge during Parent-Teacher Conferences:

- **Anamosa Middle School:** Tuesday, October 13, 2–7 p.m.
- **Midland Jr./Sr. High School:** Wednesday, October 28, 3–7 p.m.
- **Monticello Middle School:** Thursday, October 29, 4–8 p.m.

There is **no cost to participate**, and the experience is open to parents, guardians, school staff, and other adults who care about the health and safety of local youth.

# CELEBRATIONS

October is   
**PRINCIPAL'S**  
Month



Mr. Schauf, HS Principal



Mr. Werner, MS Principal



Mrs. McConahay,  
Elementary Principal



Our principals make a lasting difference in the lives of our students, staff, and families through their leadership, dedication, and commitment to our schools. We're so grateful for everything they do for MCSD each and every day! Take a moment to thank them for all they do! ❤️❤️

## *Thank You*

- Thank you to **Pam Hardersen** for the donation of books & supplies to Carpenter.
- Thank you to **Dianna Rucker** for taking the schoolwide photos at Shannon and Carpenter.
- Thank you to **Theisen's** for their donations to the maintenance department.
- The MHS Class of 2001 would like to thank the **HS Student Council** for the invitation to tailgate and attend the homecoming game. It was a fun way to kick off our reunion!
- Thank you to **ITS, Ellis Implement and Outdoor, Monticello Lions Club, and the Monticello Rotary Club** for the donation for the middle school OSEP trip to the Upper Peninsula.
- Thank you to **Audrey White & family** for the donations to the elementary music prize box.
- Thank you to **UAW Local 1024 Workers** for the donation of school supplies.
- Thank you to the **Blind Pig, Monticello**, for the donation to our schools.
- Thank you to **Monticello Hy-Vee** for the donuts.
- Thank you **Keith & Sandy Stamp** for their donation to the school health/nurse department.
- Thank you to the **Steve & Kim Carlson family** for the donation of a book repair machine for the library.
- Thank you to the **Monticello School Foundation** for their donation to our school mascot, for their generous donation for our math curriculum, and for their donation of our employee service awards.
- Thank you to the **Church of New Life Nazarene** for the donation of school supplies to Shannon.
- Thank you to the following for their donations to Homecoming: **Appliance Solutions, Behrend's Spine & Wellness, Beno's Flowers & Gifts, Blind Pig, Citizens State Bank, Debbie McDermott, F4 Industries, Fareway, Hanna & Jordan Lake, Insurance Associates, Jackie Schmit, Jellystone Park Monticello, Jones County Beef Producers, Kati Besler, La Belle Boutique & Beauty Lounge, La Hacienda, Melissa Porter, MHS Coffee Shack, Monticello River Rentals, Muddy Boots Flowers & Gifts, Orbis, Running Horse Antiques, Schnoor Family, Skylar Christensen, Sperfslage-Gleason Crop Insurance, Staci Fritz, Sugar Belle, Sunshine Therapy & Counseling, Superior Appliance, The Gingham Dog, Tim & Tricia Lambert, Timothy Flinn Photography, Whiffle Tree Mercantile.**



Thank you Fareway for grilling burgers for our alumni tailgate event!

# POST PROM FUNDRAISER



The poster features a black background with red and white text and graphics. At the top, 'PANTHER' is in large, red, outlined letters. Below it, 'POST PROM' is in white, and 'SHOOTOUT' is in large, red, outlined letters. A basketball is shown in mid-air, about to enter a hoop. To the left of the hoop is a black panther head. To the right is a large red 'M'. Below the hoop, 'GIRLS' and 'BOYS' are written in white. Under 'GIRLS' is '3RD-6TH GRADE' and 'SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH, 2026'. Under 'BOYS' is '3RD-6TH GRADE' and 'SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH, 2026'. At the bottom, it says 'Hosted at MONTICELLO HIGH SCHOOL & MONTICELLO MIDDLE SCHOOL'. A banner at the very bottom reads '★ COMPETE. HAVE FUN. SUPPORT POST PROM! ★'.

**PANTHER**  
**POST PROM**  
**SHOOTOUT**

**GIRLS**  
**3RD-6TH**  
GRADE  
SATURDAY,  
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**BOYS**  
**3RD-6TH**  
GRADE  
SUNDAY,  
NOVEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>,  
2026

*Hosted at*  
**MONTICELLO HIGH SCHOOL  
& MONTICELLO MIDDLE SCHOOL**

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## 3rd-6th Grades Youth Basketball Tournament on November 7 & 8

- (School teams only, no All-Star Teams)
- Guaranteed 3 games
- \$165.00 Entry Fee
- \$5.00 gate fee for adults
- Limited to the First 8 teams in each division
- Mail rosters and payment to:

Johna Phillipson  
10603 155<sup>th</sup> Street  
Monticello, IA 52310  
[johnaphillipson@yahoo.com](mailto:johnaphillipson@yahoo.com)

Checks payable to: Monticello Community School District (MCSD)



**THANK YOU** for supporting Post Prom!

# COUNSELORS NEWS



## Meet our School Counseling Team!

We're here for our Panthers—through the good days, the tough days, and everything in between.

Our school counselors include Emily Kiefer at the High School, Jamie Vroegh at the Middle School, and Kristen Culbertson at the Elementary Schools. In addition to school counseling, Monticello offers school-based therapy services with Amanda Kelchen and school social work services with Mike Millsap.

### Areas our School Counseling Team can assist with:

- ♦ Mental health & well-being
- ♦ Stress & coping skills
- ♦ Friendships & relationships
- ♦ Academic & future planning
- ♦ Support when you need someone to talk to

**You don't have to figure it out alone. We're here to help.**



**MEET THE SCHOOL COUNSELING TEAM**

|                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                 |
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| <br><b>Emily Kiefer</b><br>High School Counselor     | <br><b>Jamie Vroegh</b><br>Middle School Counselor | <br><b>Kristen Culbertson</b><br>Elementary School Counselor |
| <br><b>Amanda Kelchen</b><br>School Based Therapist |                                                   | <br><b>Mike Millsap</b><br>School Social Worker             |

## From the High School Counselor's Office

### **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, it is anticipated that there will be a delay in release. The FAFSA form is expected to be open on October 1.

To get ready to file the FAFSA, both the parent and the student should set up a StudentAid.gov account (FSA ID). This is required before you begin filling out the FAFSA, and with the new updates that FAFSA has come out with, the processing time has decreased. Instead of waiting 3-5 days to process, you will be able to get your Student Aid Summary the same day that the FAFSA form is fully completed. Access the Federal Student Aid website to start the process of creating your FSA ID. Once the FSA ID for the student and the parent have been established, you will use this information to begin completing the FAFSA. More information about FAFSA will be communicated if there are any changes.

### **SENIORS!**

The **Jones County Community Foundation** scholarship is now available. Here is the link to the application: <https://dbqfoundation.org/grants?county=jones-county#grants> **DUE: OCTOBER 15!**

# IMPORTANT INFO

## The Flu: A Guide for Parents

Influenza (also known as flu) is a contagious respiratory illness caused by influenza viruses that infect the nose, throat, and lungs. Flu is different from a cold, and usually comes on suddenly. Each year flu viruses cause millions of illnesses, hundreds of thousands of hospital stays, and thousands or tens of thousands of deaths in the United States.



### What parents should know

**How serious is flu?** While flu illness can vary from mild to severe, children often need medical care because of flu. Children younger than 5 years and children of any age with certain long-term health problems are at high risk of flu complications like pneumonia, bronchitis, sinus and ear infections. Some health problems that are known to make children more vulnerable to flu include asthma, diabetes, and disorders of the brain or nervous system.

**How does flu spread?** Flu viruses are thought to spread mainly by droplets made when someone with flu coughs, sneezes, or talks. These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people nearby. A person also can get flu by touching something that has flu virus on it and then touching their mouth, eyes, or nose.

**What are flu symptoms?** Flu symptoms can include fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, chills, feeling tired, and sometimes vomiting and diarrhea (more common in children than adults). Some people with the flu will not have a fever.

### Protect your child

**How can I protect my child from flu? The first and best way to protect against flu is to get a yearly flu vaccine for yourself and your child.**

- Flu vaccination is recommended for everyone 6 months and older every year. Flu shots and nasal spray flu vaccines are both options for vaccination
- It is especially important that young children and children with certain long-term health problems get vaccinated.
- Caregivers of children at high risk of flu complications should get a flu vaccine. (Babies younger than 6 months are at high risk for serious flu complications but too young to get a flu vaccine.)
- Pregnant women should get a flu vaccine to protect themselves and their baby from flu. Research shows that flu vaccination protects the baby from flu for several months after birth.
- Flu viruses are constantly changing and so flu vaccines are updated often to protect against the flu viruses that research indicates are most likely to cause illness during the upcoming flu season

### If your child is sick

**Can my child go to school, day care, or camp if he or she is sick?** No. Your child should stay home to rest and to avoid spreading flu to other children or caregivers.

**When can my child go back to school after having flu?** Keep your child home from school, day care, or camp for at least 24 hours after their fever is gone. (The fever should be gone without the use of a fever-reducing medicine.) A fever is defined as 100°F (37.8°C)\* or higher.

*For more information, visit [www.cdc.gov/flu/potect/children.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/flu/potect/children.htm) or call 800-CDC-INFO*

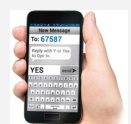
## Be the First to Know!

### Parents/Guardians! Are you signed up for texts & emails from your child's school?

**TEXTS:** Our school utilizes the SchoolMessenger system to deliver text messages, straight to your mobile phone with important information about events, school closings, safety alerts and more. You can participate in this free service just by sending a text message of "Y" or "Yes" to our school's short code number, 67587. SchoolMessenger is compliant with the Student Privacy Pledge, so you can rest assured that your information is safe and will never be given or sold to anyone.

**EMAILS:** You automatically receive emails from School Messenger once your student is enrolled in our district. The email(s) you provide in Infinite Campus are the emails that these messages are sent to.

If you have any questions or problems with School Messenger or are not receiving our messages, please contact Morgan Murray-Zimmerman, District Help Desk Personnel at 319-320-1132.



# ANNUAL NOTICES

## Notice Regarding Protection of Student Rights

The Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA) affords parents and students over eighteen (18) years of age and/or students who are considered emancipated minors pursuant to Iowa laws ("eligible students") certain rights with respect to the district's conduct of surveys, collection and use of information for marketing purposes and certain physical exams. These include the following rights:

The right to consent before a student is required to submit to a survey that concerns one or more of the following protected areas ("protected information surveys") if the survey is funded in whole or in part by a program of the U.S. Department of Education (ED):

- Political affiliations or beliefs of the student or the student's parents;
- Mental or psychological problems of the student or the student's family;
- Sex behaviors or attitudes;
- Illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating or demeaning behavior;
- Critical appraisals of others with whom the respondents have close family relationships;
- Legally recognized privileged relationships, such as with lawyers, doctors, or ministers;
- Religious practices, affiliations, or beliefs of the students or parents; or
- Income, other than as required by law to determine program eligibility.

The right to receive notice and an opportunity to opt a student out of a protected information survey, which concerns any of the protected areas outlined above, regardless of the source of funding of the survey.

The right to receive notice and an opportunity to opt a student out of any non-emergency, invasive physical examination or screening required as a condition of attendance, administered by the school or its agent, and not necessary to protect the immediate health and safety of a student, except for hearing, vision, or scoliosis screenings, or any physical examination or screening permitted or required under Iowa law.

The right to receive notice and an opportunity to opt a student out of activities involving the collection, disclosure, or use of personal information obtained from students for marketing or to sell or otherwise distribute the information to others.

The right to inspect, upon request and before administration or use, any of the following information:

- Protected information surveys of students;
- Instruments used to collect personal information from students for any of the above marketing, sales, or other distribution purposes; and
- Instructional materials used as part of the educational curriculum.

The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the district to comply with the requirements of PPRA. The name and address of the office that administers PPRA is: Family Policy Compliance Office, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Ave., SW, Washington, DC, 20202-5920. The district will also directly notify, such as through U.S. Mail or e-mail, parents of students who are scheduled to participate in the specific activities and will provide an opportunity for the parent to consent to or opt his/her child out of participation of the specific activity or survey. The district will provide the Schedule of Activities outlining the activities to which this notice applies, preferably at the same time as the district provides this notice, if the district has identified the specific or approximate dates of the activities and surveys at that time. For surveys and activities scheduled after the school year starts, parents will be provided reasonable notification of the planned activities and surveys listed below and/or planned activities and surveys that may arise during the school year that are not listed below, and will be provided an opportunity to consent to or opt his/her child out of participation of the specific activity or survey. Parents will also be provided an opportunity to review any pertinent surveys. The district will develop policies, in consultation with parents, regarding these rights, as well as arrangements to protect student privacy in the administration of protected information surveys and the collection, disclosure, or use of personal information for marketing, sales or other distribution purposes. The district will directly notify parents of these policies at least annually at the start of the school year and after any substantive changes. The following is a list of the specific activities and surveys to which this Notice apply: Iowa Youth Survey (Grade 6, 8, 11), Jones County Safe and Healthy Youth Coalition Survey (Grade 6, 8, 11).

## Notification of Rights under FERPA for Elementary and Secondary Schools

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords parents and students who are 18 years of age or older ("eligible students") certain rights with respect to the student's education records. These rights are:

1. The right to inspect and review the student's education records within 45 days after the day the School receives a request for access.  
Parents or eligible students should submit to the school principal, or appropriate school official, a written request that identifies the record(s) they wish to inspect. The school official will make arrangements for access and notify the parent or eligible student of the time and place where the records may be inspected.
2. The right to request the amendment of the student's education records that the parent or eligible student believes are inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the student's privacy rights under FERPA.  
Parents or eligible students who wish to ask the School to amend a record should write the school principal, or appropriate school official, clearly identify the part of the record they want changed, and specify why it should be changed. If the School decides not to amend the record as requested by the parent or eligible student, the School will notify the parent or eligible student of the decision and advise them of their right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the parent or eligible student when notified of the right to a hearing.
3. The right to privacy of personally identifiable information in the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent.  
One exception, which permits disclosure without consent, is disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A school official is a person employed by the school as an administrator, supervisor, instructor, or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel) or a person serving on the school board; a person or company with whom the school has outsourced services or functions it would otherwise use its own employees to perform (such as an attorney, auditor, medical consultant, or therapist); a parent or student serving on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee; or a parent, student, or other volunteer assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks.
4. A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility.  
The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the School to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the office that administers FERPA: Family Policy Compliance Office U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20202.

# FOOD SERVICE NEWS

## BREAKFAST MENU



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MILK served with  
all meals.

| MONDAY                                        | TUESDAY                                         | WEDNESDAY                                      | THURSDAY                                                 | FRIDAY                                           |
|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
|                                               |                                                 |                                                | 1<br>Bacon & cheese egg<br>bites<br>Fruit<br>Fruit juice | 2<br>Cereal<br>Pop tart<br>Fruit<br>Fruit juice  |
| 5<br>Chocolate muffin<br>Fruit<br>Fruit juice | 6<br>Breakfast egg roll<br>Fruit<br>Fruit juice | 7<br>Long John<br>Fruit<br>Fruit juice         | 8<br>French toast tornado<br>Fruit<br>Fruit juice        | 9<br>Cereal<br>Pop tart<br>Fruit<br>Fruit juice  |
| 12<br>Cereal bar<br>Fruit<br>Fruit juice      | 13<br>Breakfast burrito<br>Fruit<br>Fruit juice | 14<br>Fruit bagel<br>Fruit<br>Fruit juice      | 15<br>Pancake sausage bites<br>Fruit<br>Fruit juice      | 16<br>Cereal<br>Pop tart<br>Fruit<br>Fruit juice |
| 19<br>Mini BB waffles<br>Fruit<br>Fruit juice | 20<br>Mini donuts<br>Fruit<br>Fruit juice       | 21<br>Blueberry muffin<br>Fruit<br>Fruit juice | 22<br>Breakfast pizza<br>Fruit<br>Fruit juice            | 23<br>Cereal<br>Pop tart<br>Fruit<br>Fruit juice |
| 26<br>Long John<br>Fruit<br>Fruit juice       | 27<br>Breakfast bagel<br>Fruit<br>Fruit juice   | 28<br>Cereal bar<br>Fruit<br>Fruit juice       | 29<br>Cheese omelet<br>Fruit<br>Fruit juice              | 30<br><b>NO SCHOOL</b>                           |

## LUNCH MENU



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

| MONDAY                                                                                                       | TUESDAY                                                                                                     | WEDNESDAY                                                                                                     | THURSDAY                                                                               | FRIDAY                                                                                       |
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|                                                                                                              |                                                                                                             |                                                                                                               | 1<br>Breaded chicken/bun<br>Sweet potato fries<br>Steamed broccoli<br>Mandarin oranges | 2<br>Pizza<br>Caesar salad<br>Baby carrots<br>Apple wedges                                   |
| 5<br>BBQ pork/bun<br>French fries<br>Baked beans<br>Blushing pears                                           | 6<br>Cheeseburger/bun<br>Smile fries<br>Cucumbers & tomatoes<br>Applesauce                                  | 7<br>Teriyaki chicken<br>Seasoned rice<br>Green beans w/ bacon<br>Diced peaches                               | 8<br>Pasta w/ meat sauce<br>Steamed Broccoli<br>Mixed fruit<br>Garlic Toast            | 9<br>Pizza crunchers<br>Very green lettuce salad<br>Steamed carrots<br>Watermelon            |
| 12<br>Hot ham & cheese/bun<br>French fries<br>Steamed broccoli w/<br>cheese<br>Strawberries & grapes         | 13<br>Stuffed cheese sticks<br>Romaine lettuce salad<br>Corn<br>Peaches                                     | 14<br>Pretzel dog<br>Onion rings<br>Steamed veggie trio<br>Pears                                              | 15<br>Cheeseburger macaroni<br>Peas<br>Tropical fruit<br>Roll & butter                 | 16<br>Pepperoni pizza bread<br>Lettuce salad w/ Ro-<br>maine<br>Celery sticks<br>Fresh melon |
| 19<br>Breaded chicken drum-<br>mies<br>French fries<br>Baby carrots<br>Apple wedges                          | 20<br>Salisbury steak<br>Mashed potatoes & gravy<br>Green beans w/ bacon<br>bits<br>Grapes<br>Roll & butter | 21<br>Mini corn dog<br>Smile fries<br>Corn<br>Peaches                                                         | 22<br>Chili<br>String cheese<br>Applesauce<br>WG cinnamon roll                         | 23<br>Garlic cheese bread<br>Tossed salad w/ greens<br>Broccoli & cauliflower<br>Mixed fruit |
| 26<br>Chicken strips<br>Mashed potatoes & gravy<br>Peas & carrots<br>Applesauce<br>Bread stick (grades 6-12) | 27<br>French toast<br>Sausage links<br>Hashbrown patty<br>Strawberries & bananas                            | 28<br>Popcorn chicken<br>Seasoned rice<br>Oriental vegetables<br>Orange wedges<br>Roll & butter (grades 6-12) | 29<br>Deli/bun<br>Baked Chips<br>Fresh veggies<br>Mixed fruit                          | 30<br><b>NO SCHOOL</b>                                                                       |

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| MONDAY                                                                                                                               | TUESDAY                                                                                                                        | WEDNESDAY                                                                                  | THURSDAY                                                                                                                                                                                                        | FRIDAY                                                                                                                        | SATURDAY                                                                                                              |
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|                                                     |                                                                                                                                |                                                                                            | 1<br>7/8 VB @ Northeast-4:00<br>V XC @ Western Dubuque—4:15<br>9/10/JV/V VB @ Northeast-5:30 & 7:00                                                                                                             | 2<br><b>Elementary School Picture Day!</b><br><br>JV/V FB vs Anamosa—5:00 & 7:00                                              | 3<br>Bands Across the Prairie @ Cedar Rapids Prairie                                                                  |
| 5<br>HS River Valley Conference Choir @ Beckman—10:00                                                                                | 6<br>7/8 FB @ Anamosa-4:00<br>7/8 VB vs Alburnett-4:00<br>7/8 XC @ West Delaware-4:00<br>9/10/JV/V VB vs Alburnett—5:45 & 7:00 | 7<br><b>MS Shadow a Student Day!</b><br><br><b>1:00 Early Dismissal— Prof. Development</b> | 8<br>V XC @ Central DeWitt—4:00<br>9/10/JV VB @ Durant—4:30                                                                                                                                                     | 9<br>JV/V FB @ Alburnett — 5:00 & 7:00<br> | 10<br>IHSMA State Marching Band Festival @ Kingston Stadium                                                           |
| 12<br>V VB Conference Tournament @ Cascade—4:00<br> | 13<br>7/8 FB @ Bellevue-4:00<br>7/8 XC @ Iowa City – 4:00<br>V XC @ Iowa City-4:00                                             | 14<br><b>1:00 Early Dismissal— Prof. Development</b><br><br><b>Board Work Session—6pm</b>  | 15<br>V VB Conference Tournament @ Wilton—4:00                                                                                                                                                                  | 16<br>JV/V FB vs Tipton—5:00 & 7:00                                                                                           | 17                                                                                                                    |
| 19<br>7/8 FB vs Bellevue-4:00<br><br>HS Fall Choir Concert-7:00                                                                      | 20<br>MS Fall Band Concert-7:00—HS Aud.                                                                                        | 21                                                                                         | 22<br>National FFA Convention<br><b>1:00 Early Dismissal— Prof. Development</b><br><br>XC State Qualifier Meet @ Monticello | 23<br>National FFA Convention                                                                                                 | 24<br>National FFA Convention<br><br>All State Band & Chorus Auditions @ Independence—8:00                            |
| 26<br><b>Parent Teacher Conferences @ All Schools—4-8pm</b><br><br>Board Meeting—6:00                                                | 27                                                                                                                             | 28                                                                                         | 29<br><b>Parent Teacher Conferences @ All Schools—4-8pm</b>                                                                                                                                                     | 30<br><b>No School</b>                                                                                                        | 31<br><b>Happy Halloween</b><br> |

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