

SCHOOL SPIRIT



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NEWS & NOTES

of the Monticello Community School District

Hello everyone,

We have made it to April and so that means that the final quarter of the year is well underway. Please take a moment and talk to your children about finishing the year strong. With ISASP testing right around the corner and then the final month of the year, it is important that your child comes to school and gives it all they can to finish the year. Too often I see kids think that warmer weather means summer break and they stop being 100% committed to finishing the school year. In some ways the final stretch in a race, or in school, is the most important part of the race. Meaning a person can run a good race but if they don't finish strong and slow down at the end, they can get passed by a lot of people. So take a few minutes and explain to them why it is important to end the year with as much enthusiasm as they started with.

We have just started to review the results of our spring surveys. The data looks very good and there is a lot of good feedback for discussion. Thank you to those that took the time to complete the survey. It is always an important part of our growth as a school district. Other ways you can help the school... you can be a part of the PTO, Athletic Boosters, Music Boosters...you can become a part of the Monticello School Foundation which raises funds every year for much needed supplies for the schools...you can attend events and show your support through your school spirit...you can even just write a teacher, coach, sponsor, bus driver, associate, etc. a note of appreciation for all the work they have done to support your child this school year or just being a positive person in your child's life. Sometimes just a little support goes a long way.

We also have a lot going on with school facilities. April 2nd will be an Old Middle School walk through day to see if you want to make a bid on any Old Middle School memorabilia. All bids are due to the district office by April 8th on any items you are interested in. We are also very close to accepting bids on our solar project. We just completed the studies required by Alliant Energy to move forward with this project and we are all very excited to take the next step toward the completion of a solar array that will reduce energy costs almost 100% at the middle school/high school site.



Thank you all for your continued support of the Monticello Community School District and as always, if you have questions please feel free to send me an email or call at any time.

Sincerely,

Brian Jaeger, Superintendent

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

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*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



The Shannon Elementary Spring Concert will be on Tuesday, April 26, 2022 @ 6pm in the High School Gym.

Grand March & Post Prom!

The Post Prom Committee will be hosting a **Grand March** on **Saturday, April 23 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 Party 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 Diane Temple at templefamilyiowa@gmail.com.

**PROM
2022**

Important Dates—Please Mark your Calendars!

- April 12—Senior Class Meeting at HS auditorium 8:00am. ALL Seniors should attend this meeting.
- April 23—Grand March at HS auditorium 4:00pm, Prom at MS Gym from 8pm to 10pm, followed by Post Prom at HS from 10pm to 1:30am
- May 13—Senior Silver Service hours due to Mr. Lambert by 3:15pm
- May 18—Cap & gown pick up in the HS Office from 1:00pm to 3:45pm
- May 24—National Honor Society Inductions at 7:00pm and Honors Night at 7:45pm HS Gym
- May 25—Last day of classes for seniors who have met graduation requirements
- May 25—Senior Walk Thru, meet at HS commons 8:00am, wear cap & gowns
- May 25—Senior Grill Out at HS commons 12:15pm
- May 25—Commencement Rehearsal for all Seniors at HS gym 1:00pm
- May 25—Baccalaureate at TBD
- May 29—Commencement at Football Field 2:00pm
- June 3—Last day of classes

BAND Info

7/8 Grade Band Solo Fun Night!

7/8 grade band Solo Fun Night will be held Friday, April 8 at the middle school from 4:00-7:00pm. 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, musical aptitude quiz, 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

PTO NEWS... Thank you to all of our volunteers for conference meals and spring pictures! We will be having many more upcoming volunteer options available with activities such as walkathon and fun day. Keep an eye out on the school newsletter, classroom folders, and the PTO Facebook page for more information. Please join us at the next meeting Monday, April 18 at 7pm in the Carpenter Library.





FREE INTERNET

Helping Families Connect
 The Affordable Connectivity Program is an FCC program to help eligible households pay for internet service. This new benefit will connect qualifying households to jobs, critical healthcare services and virtual classrooms.

Who is eligible for the Affordable Connectivity Program
 A household is eligible if one member of the household:

- Snap
- Medicaid
- WIC
- Free & Reduced-Price Lunches
- Pell Grant
- Supplemental Security Income

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SENIORS

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

Go to the school's website at www.monticello.k12.ia.us and go to the High School page. Click on the Counseling tab, then click on Scholarships on the right. Also check out the Counseling Announcement link for other counseling office information and other college and scholarship announcements.

→ We want to recognize seniors for the scholarships and awards they have earned. Seniors are responsible for contacting Mrs. Stenger with this information no later than **Thursday, May 19**. Carmen Stenger can be reached at carmen.stenger@monticello.k12.ia.us. Honors Night is scheduled for **Tuesday, May 24** at 7:45pm. Thank you!



COMMUNITY CONNECTION

10 Tips to Spring into Healthy Habits

Spring is a time for rejuvenation. Here are some tips to rejuvenate your mental health as well:



- 1. Humans need rest.** We are not meant to do all constantly. Give yourself a break. Take time to relax and get enough sleep to recover.
- 2. Treat yourself.** Allow yourself little rewards while trying to eat healthy.
- 3. Focus your physical and mental energy.** Take a walk, practice a mindfulness technique, do yoga, or try a new form of exercise.
- 4. Allow creativity into your life.** New projects and activities can help us refresh and find joy.
- 5. Avoid comparing yourself to others.** Those that seem to have it all are just good at hiding imperfections. Give yourself grace when you are doing your best.
- 6. Take technology breaks.** Time away from devices can help us recharge and refocus our priorities.
- 7. Make time to enjoy nature.** Find a way to bring natural aspects inside and get outside when you can.
- 8. Find your village.** Being genuine about your struggles with those you trust can relieve our stress levels. Find a therapist for a neutral person to help those stressors that won't go away.
- 9. Take time for gratitude.** Find ways to remember what you are thankful for. Share that gratitude and positive energy with others to help yourself feel better.
- 10. Set reasonable goals.** Have something to look forward to, but don't push yourself beyond your limits.

For more ideas and details, check out [20 Ways to Protect Your Mental Health](https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/rethink-your-way-the-good-life/202001/20-ways-protect-your-mental-health) (<https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/rethink-your-way-the-good-life/202001/20-ways-protect-your-mental-health>)

CELEBRATIONS

- Congratulations to Easton Lee, Logan Farmer, and Emma Hynick for making it to state for bowling! This is the 3rd year in a row that our bowling teams have made it to state!
- Congratulations to the Monticello Jazz Band on being selected to the 2022 Iowa Jazz Championships in class 3A. This is a monumental accomplishment and is the state tournament for Jazz!
- Congratulations to Grant Hospodarsky for being selected for the All-State jazz band and Brendan Pasker for being named an alternate!
- Congratulations to the Middle School 7th/8th grade band on earning a 1 rating at Large Group contest!
- Congratulations to the Middle School Jazz band on earning 1 rating at the district Jazz Contest!
- Congratulations to the Monticello Speech team for sending 17 events to State speech. 14 of those events received a 1 rating.
- Congratulations to Ian Temple & Kendall Siebels for being chosen as outstanding All State performer in Radio News!
- Congratulations to Grant Hospodarsky for being chosen as outstanding All State speech performer in both Radio News and Improv. Grant has been an All State improv performer for 3 straight years!
- Congratulations to Jayden Kuper on being selected for the Iowa Basketball Coaches All Region Team!
- Congratulations to Lydia Recker for being selected to play in the Iowa Basketball Coaches All-Star game!
- Congratulations to Tate Petersen on being selected for the all sub state team and 1st team all-state for basketball!
- Congratulations to Preston Ries on being selected for the all sub state team and the 3rd team all-state for basketball!
- Congratulations to the Boys Basketball team on making it to the 2nd round at State Basketball!
- Congratulations to Grant Hospodarsky for receiving the Iowa Bankers Association 2022 Student Athlete Achievement Award for Class 2A in boys' basketball!
- Congratulations to Davin Wickman, Lydia Recker, Owen Thomas, Reagen Schreiber, Courtney Thies and Grace Cooksley who will be receiving their Iowa FFA Degrees at the Iowa FFA Leadership Conference on April 12!
- Congratulations to Davin Wickman who was named a State Finalist in the Stars Over Iowa for Agri-Business for FFA!



Bowlers: Easton Lee, Logan Farmer, & Emma Hynick

Thank You!

The Monticello Community School Foundation would like to thank all those who helped in any way to make the 17th Annual Tailgate Party and Alumni Reunion such a huge success on March 5. Over \$33,000 was raised! The Foundation appreciates all those who donated items, purchased tickets to attend the dinner, La Hacienda for a delicious meal, 4-H groups for cleanup, June Fellingner for the decorations, Kevin & Annette Smith for the music and sound system, Nancy Toenjes' Foods Class for the wonderful cookies, the Jones County Dairy Board for the ice cream, Aaron McAtee and Charlie & Pat Becker for the cheese and meat trays, the Chamber of Commerce for beverage service, Culligan Total Water for the bottled water, Citizens State Bank and Ohnward Bank & Trust the for cups and napkins, Citizens Investment Center for their hard work, school administrators, Judy Hayen, Brooke Scott, the Hoppy Wright Family, The Monticello Express, Annette Smith, Kathy Harms, Keaton Hermsen, Nick Welter, John Welter, Sawyer Brokaw, Kole Weber, Tyler Eastin, Connor Eastin, Griffin Brokaw, Brady Hayen, Laine Weber, and Alyssa Wickman. **THANK YOU** to all of the volunteers who helped make the night a great success! — Foundation Board Members: Annette Smith-President, Phil Hanna-Vice President, Roman Welter-Honorary, Charlie Becker, Chris Brokaw, Marcia Fisher, Dan Goodyear, Dave Kehoe, Jon Kyte, Audrey Savage, Terry Smothers, Bob Welter, and Steve Williams.

Thank You

- Thank you to the **Eastern Iowa Sports Facility** for their donation of field & cage rental.
- Thank you to **Wolken Dental** for donating toothbrushes for all the Shannon Elementary students.
- Thank you to **Dan & Donna Sauser** for the donation of books, prizes, and educational materials to Shannon Elementary.
- Thank you to **Ashley Christensen & family** for donating toys to the elementary music room prize box.
- Thank you to the **Monticello Lions Club** for their donation to the MS Library.
- Thank you to **Phil & Marilyn Hanna** for their donation for state basketball.
- Thank you to **Chuck Hubbard** for his donation to the wrestling program.
- Thank you to **Chanda Gassman & family** for donating toys to the elementary music room prize box.
- 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.

FOOD SERVICE NEWS

BREAKFAST MENU



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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<i>MILK served with all meals.</i>				1 NO SCHOOL — Teacher Collaboration Day
4 Long john donut Fruit Fruit juice	5 Cereal bar Fruit Fruit juice	6 Cheese omelet Fruit Fruit juice	7 Mini donuts Fruit Fruit juice	8 Cereal Pop tart Fruit Fruit juice
11 Sausage, egg, & cheese/bun Fruit Fruit juice	12 Blueberry muffin Fruit Fruit juice	13 Breakfast wrap Fruit Fruit juice	14 Cereal Pop tart Fruit Fruit juice	15 NO SCHOOL —Good Friday
18 NO SCHOOL — Professional Development Day	19 Mini donuts Fruit Fruit juice	20 Chocolate muffin Fruit Fruit juice	21 French toast sticks Fruit Fruit juice	22 Cereal Pop tart Fruit Fruit juice
25 Pancake sausage bites Fruit Fruit juice	26 Yogurt w/ granola Fruit Fruit juice	27 Waffle sticks Fruit Fruit juice	28 Long john donut Fruit Fruit juice	29 Breakfast combo patty Fruit Fruit juice

LUNCH MENU



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

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<i>MILK served with all meals.</i>		<i>Choose a salad as an alternate lunch daily (HS & MS only)</i>		1 NO SCHOOL — Teacher Collaboration Day
4 Mini corndogs Fresh veggies Seasoned potatoes Apple slices	5 Bacon cheeseburger French fries Broccoli w/ cheese sauce Peaches	6 Chicken strips Mashed potatoes & gravy Pineapple Dinner roll	7 BBQ rib/bun French fries Mixed vegetables Mixed fruit	8 Garlic cheese bread Lettuce salad w/ dressing Watermelon Cookie
11 Pasta w/ meat sauce Lettuce salad Applesauce Bread stick	12 Chicken nuggets Smiley fries Green beans Orange slices	13 Deli/bun Sun chips Baby carrots Pears	14 Country fried steak Mashed potatoes & gravy Apple wedges Roll & butter	15 NO SCHOOL — Good Friday
18 NO SCHOOL — Professional Development Day	19 Salisbury steak Mashed potatoes & gravy Peaches Roll & butter	20 Ham & cheese melt Sweet potato waves Watermelon Side kick	21 Breaded cheese sticks Lettuce salad w/ dressing Fresh veggies Mandarin oranges	22 Walking taco Seasoned rice Black bean & corn salsa Fresh fruit
25 Popcorn chicken Seasoned rice Peas & carrots Pineapple chunks	26 Maidrite/bun Wedge fries Green beans Diced pears	27 French toast w/ syrup Sausage links Diced potatoes Strawberries & bananas	28 Chicken & noodles Buttered corn Mixed fruit Cinnamon roll	29 Pepperoni pizza Lettuce salad w/ dressing Fresh veggies & fruit

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APRIL 2022

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 NO SCHOOL— Teacher Collaboration Day	2 Speech Banquet— HS Commons- 6:30pm
4 <i>ISASP Testing— Grades 9-11</i> G V Golf vs Northeast- 4:00 B V Golf @ Northeast- Plum River Golf Course-4:00 G/B V Soccer vs Mar- quette Catholic-5:00 & 6:30	5 <i>ISASP Testing—Grades 9-11</i> Iowa Jazz Band Championships G V Track @ Dbq Senior-4:00 B V Track @ Ana- mosa-4:30	6 <i>ISASP Testing—Grades 9-11</i> Elementary Spring Pictures	7 <i>ISASP Testing— Grades 9-11</i> G V Golf @ Pin Oak Golf Course-4:00 7/8 B Track @ Beck- man-4:15 B V Track @ Tipton- 4:30	8 7/8 Band Solo Night – 4-7pm G V Track @ Beck- man-4:30 G/B V Soccer @ Mid- -Prairie—5:00 & 6:30	9 B V Golf @ Ed-Co- Woods Edge Golf Course-8:30am B V Track @ Iowa City West-10:30 B V Soccer @ Regi- na—5:30
11 Iowa FFA Leader- ship Conference GWAEA Hearing Van at HS-8:45	12 Iowa FFA Leadership Conference Senior Class Meeting –HS Auditorium-8am G V Track @ Ana- mosa-4:30	13 2:00 Early Dismissal- Prof. Development Board Work Session—6pm	14 G/B V Golf @ Easton Valley-Plum River Golf Course-9:00 G V Track @ Tipton- 4:30 B V Track home-4:30 G/B V Soccer @ West Liberty-5:00 & 6:30	15 NO SCHOOL— Good Friday B V Soccer vs Cascade—5:00	16
18 NO SCHOOL— Professional Devel- opment Day G V Golf @ Anamosa –Fawn Creek Golf Course-4:00 G V Track @ Maq. Valley-4:30	19 B V Golf vs Anamosa -4:00 7/8 B Track @ West Delaware-4:15 B V Track @ Tipton – 4:30	20 B V Golf @ Beckman -Dyersville Golf & Country Club-10:00 Kirkwood Orientation	21 G V Golf @ N. Scott- Glynn's Creek Golf Course-12:00 7/8 G Track @ Maq. Valley-4:15 G/B V Track—home- 4:30	22 G/B V Soccer @ Anamosa—5:00 & 6:30	23 Prom Grand March – 4:00pm—HS Auditori- um Prom—8-10pm—MS Gym Post Prom 10pm- 1:30am—HS Com- mons
25 G V Golf vs Cascade- 4:00 B V Golf @ Cascade- Fillmore Fairways- 4:00 7/8 G Track home- 4:00 G V Track @ Center Point Urbana-4:45 G V Soccer @ Co- lumbus Catholic-5:30 Board Meeting—6:00	26 Shannon Elementary Spring Concert- 6:00pm 7/8 B Track @ Cas- cade-4:15 G/B V Track @ Ana- mosa-4:30 G/B V Soccer vs West Branch-5:00 & 6:30	27 B V Golf home-10:00 2:00 Early Dismissal- Prof. Development	28 Drake Relays G V Soccer @ West Delaware-4:00 7/8 B Track home- 4:00 B V Track @ Clear Creek Amana-4:45	29 Drake Relays G V Golf @ Durant-Wahkonsa Golf Course-12:00	30 Drake Relays

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