



SCHOOL SPIRIT

March 2021

Hello everyone,

I attended the Boys State Bowling Tournament yesterday (February 24) and I can not express to you enough how proud the boys made me feel to be a Monticello resident and the Superintendent of Monticello Schools. It might have been enough for some teams that five of the bowlers were seniors and that they will always be known for starting the boys bowling program four years ago. It may have been enough for some teams that during their first four years in existence they have qualified for the Boys State Bowling Tournament two times. Not for this team. I saw this group come ready to compete. Throughout the day I witnessed an incredible journey in which each athlete took pride in doing well and each athlete took pride in the success of their teammates. I saw this group elevate to a new level of success and they clearly had the best meet of the year when it counted most. As I watched the electricity from their enthusiasm become contagious, I became so emotional on every ball. I cheered, I laughed, I pumped my fist with each strike, I jumped around on each spare, I calculated scores in my head, and when they threw their final throws I got a little teary looking at their faces as the seniors realized that this is when it all comes to an end. It all reminded me of a great Jimmy V quote from years ago...



"If you laugh, you think, and you cry, that's a full day. That's a heck of a day. You do that seven days a week, you're going to have something special."

Jim Valvano

What I witnessed yesterday is what we all want our children to experience from school and athletics. The boys bowling team represented the best of who we are as a school and as a community. They reached a place in which they gave everything for the good of the team. They believed in themselves and they believed in each other. At the end of the day, these are the qualities that these student-athletes can take into the next chapter of their lives. If they apply the same skills in their careers, imagine how successful they will be. The boys finished the day in fourth place and I am sure they wanted better. Looking at the big picture, they had their best team score of the year and I say that no matter what the final place shows, they are all winners. To Coach Brian Meyer, Caleb Gillmore, Levi Temple, Easton Lee, Jacob Farmer, Logan Farmer, Alex Fagan, and Gary Pasker....you make me proud to be a Panther!!!

As always, if you have questions please feel free to give me a call. Have a great March!

Sincerely,

Dr. Brian Jaeger,
Superintendent



UPCOMING EVENTS



HS Spring Band Concert

**March 2 at 7:00 pm
HS Auditorium**

This event will be live-streamed on the Monticello Bands YouTube page.

Monticello School Foundation Pep Rally & Class Reunions Going Virtual

The Foundation's biggest fundraiser has been their Pep Rally and Class Reunions which is normally held in March. Their annual fundraiser normally draws in over 200 people and raises approximately \$35,000. This year due to the coronavirus they are not able to hold the fundraiser in person. However, they are working on going virtual in some way and still accepting donations. And they plan on continuing to support our teachers by granting their Wish Lists. More info to come!

If you would like to donate, simply mail your donation to Monticello School Foundation, PO Box 2, Monticello, IA 52310 or in the near future look for announcements on how you can support the Foundation virtually.

The Monticello School Foundation is a huge supporter of our schools and has donated over \$800,000 to Monticello Community School District projects over the years.

Please consider giving what you can. Your donation is tax deductible and appreciated! Thank you for your continued support of the Monticello School Foundation and the Monticello Community School District!



The Monticello High School Drama Department presents Disney's

High School Musical

It's the first day after winter break at East High. The Jocks, Brainiacs, Thespians, and Skater Dudes find their cliques, recount their vacations and look forward to the new year. Basketball team captain and resident jock, Troy, discovers that the brainy Gabriella, a girl he met singing karaoke on his ski trip, has just enrolled at East High. They cause an upheaval when they decide to audition for the high school musical that is being led by Ms. Darbus. Although many students resent the threat posed to the "status quo," Troy and Gabriella's alliance might just open the door for others to shine as well.

- **Thursday, April 1 — Virtual Viewing at 7 PM**
- **Friday, April 2 — Virtual and Live Viewing at 7 PM**
- **Saturday, April 3 — Virtual and Live Viewing at 7 PM**

Adults \$5, Senior Citizens & Students \$4

Due to limited seating, tickets may be purchased in advance.



Parent Teacher CONFERENCES

Elementary, MS, and HS Conferences will be held on **March 30 and April 1** from 4-8 pm. More info to come!

COMMUNITY



CONNECTION

Look in the dictionary, and you'll see that hope is defined similarly to "to cherish a desire with anticipation; to want something to happen or be true." Interestingly, research has shown that hope is a predictor of student achievement and success. However, hope has to be more than just wishful thinking. There are specific thinking strategies and behaviors involved in cultivating hope that parents and educators can help cultivate in students. These include:

- **Set Goals:** Taking a student-centered and solutions-focused approach helps the student identify what's important to them as well as determining something they hope to accomplish in the future.
- **Identify Steps:** Looking at a goal as a series of steps helps to make them more able to reach, and celebrating each step along the way helps motivation.
- **Think Flexibly:** Help students keep in mind that there's more than one way to reach a goal, and when obstacles present themselves, problem-solving strategies can help students to move past those barriers.
- **Tell Stories:** Students need examples of others who have overcome adversity; this is especially true for students who are low in hope and may not have those stories for themselves.
- **Focus on the Positive:** Think of the process of reaching a goal as a journey in which there will be stumbles along the way - using positive self-talk instead of beating yourself up over mistakes is a much more effective way of handling those bumps in the road.

Helping students develop hope will not only help in the short-term, but will be a useful tool for long-term life goals as well.

Reference: **How to Help Students Develop Hope** by Vicki Zakrzewski https://greatergood.berkeley.edu/article/item/how_to_help_students_develop_hope

From the High School Counselor's Office...

National Honor Society

NHS applications and criteria will be available at the office drive-up window and on the district website on Monday, March 1. Applications are due to the high school office by Friday, March 12 at 3:15. No exceptions will be made for late submissions. Sophomores and Juniors with a 3.5 GPA and 40 hours of documented community service are eligible to apply. See Mrs. Schockemoehl with any questions.

Free Career, College, and Financial Aid Planning Assistance for Students and Parents

ICAN College Planning and Financial Aid presentations will be presented virtually this year as follows. Follow the links to register for the events.

College & Career Planning

March 3, 2021 at 5:30 PM

Zoom Webinar Link

College Planning: https://zoom.us/webinar/register/2816100288395/WN_IAH1wiUIRi-0pWXs-kXyQg



Understanding Financial Aid

March 3, 2021 at 6:30 PM

Zoom Webinar Link

Financial

Aid: https://zoom.us/webinar/register/8416100290121/WN_68QIAHnwSiaemCfWfvZ-iQ

PreACT

Sophomore students can sign up with Mrs. Stenger to take the PreACT the morning of Wednesday, March 24 for no charge. Students considering a 4-year college should take this practice version of the college admissions test, ACT.

Freshmen Orientation for 8th graders

Freshmen Virtual Orientation for current 8th graders and their parents will be held on Thursday, March 25. A Google Meet invitation will be sent closer to the date.

THANK YOU TO:

- **St. John's Lutheran Church-Fall Festival Account** for their donation to the health fund.
- **Charlie & Pat Becker** for their naming rights donation for the Superintendent's Office!
- **Becky Cooper, Diane Pedrin, and Above & Beyond** for their donation of cleaning supplies, masks, and protective wear.
- **Michele Olson** for her donation of masks.
- **Scott Wenger** for the donation of NASA stickers for the 4th grade class.
- **All the broadcast sponsors** who made it possible to live stream the basketball games this year.
- **Sharon Guthrie and Sue Guthrie** for their donations of winter gear.
- **Audrey Savage** for the donation of gloves.
- **Accent Construction** for the donation of snow removal.

PARENTS! PARENTS! PARENTS!

It is vital that the school district has current and updated information on students. Please remember to log into your PowerSchool account and make sure everything is current, including your cell phone #'s, home phone #'s, email addresses, mailing address, emergency contacts, etc. This is very important, especially for emergency situations. If you need assistance, please feel free to call Morgan Murray-Zimmerman at 319-465-3000, ext. 2030.



Monticello Board of Education Corner...

The Board of Education held their regular meeting on February 22, 2021. The Board wanted the public to know that they renewed the 28E Agreement with the City of Monticello for the School Resource Officer program for the 2021-22 and 2022-23 school years. They also wanted to congratulate and welcome our new High School Principal, Nick Schauf to Monticello Schools. Nick is currently the Assistant Principal and Activities Director at Oelwein High School. He will replace Joan Young who is retiring at the end of this school year. Welcome Nick!

If you have any questions, please contact us. Our emails are located on our website at <https://www.monticello.k12.ia.us/district-home/board-of-education/>

Annual Notices

Homeless Youth—Annual Notice

The Monticello School District Homeless Youth Coordinator is **Denny Folken, Elementary Principal**.

Homeless Coordinator Duties:

- Locate and identify homeless children or youth within the district, whether or not they are enrolled in school 281—AC 33.3(1)
- Provide evidence the definition of “homeless” is communicated in staff, parent, and student documents (e.g., newsletters and handbooks) (HCY4)
- Post information, at community shelters and other locations in the district where services or assistance is provided to the homeless, regarding the educational rights of homeless children and youth and encouraging homeless children and youth to enroll in the public school (HCY2). 281—AC 33.3(2)

Definition of Homeless Youth:

If a student is living in any of the following situations, it is considered to be a homeless situation.

In a shelter, motel, vehicle, or campground; on the street; in an abandoned building, trailer, or other inadequate accommodations, or doubled up with friends or relatives because you cannot find or afford housing,

McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act (as it appears in Monticello Schools parent and student handbooks)

Homeless children have the right to:

- Go to school, no matter where you live or how long you have lived there.
- Continue in the school they attended before you became homeless or the school they last attended, if that is your choice and is feasible.
- Receive transportation to the school they attended before your family became homeless or the school they last attended if you or a guardian requests such transportation.
- Attend a school and participate in school programs with children who are not homeless.
- Enroll in school without giving a permanent address.
- Enroll and attend classes while the school arranges for the transfer of school and immunization records or any other documents required for enrollment.
- Enroll and attend classes in the school of your choice even while the school and you seek to resolve a dispute over enrolling your children.
- Receive the same special programs and services, if needed, as provided to all other children served in these programs.
- Receive transportation to school and to school programs. When you move, you should do the following:

Contact the school district’s local liaison for homeless education (Denny Folken, Shannon and Carpenter School Elementary Principal 319-465-3000) for help in enrolling your child in a new school or arranging for your child to continue in his or her former school. (Or someone at a shelter, social services office, or the school can direct you to the person you need to contact.) Contact the school and provide any information you think will assist the teachers in helping your child adjust to new circumstances. Ask the local liaison for homeless education, the shelter provider, or a social worker for assistance with clothing and supplies, if needed.

Notice of Nondiscrimination—Annual Notice

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 on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, religion, creed, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, or genetic information (for employment) in any of its education programs, activities, or employment opportunities, pursuant to Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Americans with Disabilities Act, and other applicable state and federal laws. This prohibition on discrimination applies to admission and employment. The District has adopted grievance procedures for processing and resolving formal and informal Title IX sex discrimination and sexual harassment complaints and other discrimination complaints. Inquiries regarding sex discrimination pursuant to Title IX of the District’s nondiscrimination policy may be directed to the District’s Title IX Coordinator, Todd Werner, 860 East Oak Street, Monticello, Iowa 52310, 319-465-3000 ex2101, todd.werner@monticello.k12.ia.us; other grievances or complaints related to the District’s nondiscrimination policy may be directed to the District’s Equity Coordinator, Todd Werner, 860 East Oak Street, Monticello, Iowa 52310, 319-465-3000 ex2101, todd.werner@monticello.k12.ia.us. Inquiries related to sex discrimination pursuant to Title IX may also be referred to U.S. Department of Education (attn. Assistant Secretary, Office for Civil Rights; 400 Maryland Avenue Southwest, Washington, DC 20202; 800-421-3481; OCR@ed.gov). Inquires related to other grievances or complaints may be directed to the Director of the Office for Civil Rights U.S. Department of Education, Citigroup Center, 500 W. Madison Street, Suite 1475, Chicago, IL 60661-7204, Telephone: (312) 730-1560 Facsimile: (312) 730-1576, Email: OCR.Chicago@ed.gov

Food Service News

March Breakfast Menu

<i>Milk served with meal.</i>				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	2	3	4	5
Long john	Cereal bar	Chocolate muffin	Breakfast pizza	Poptart
Fruit	Fruit	Fruit	Fruit	Fruit
Fruit juice	Fruit juice	Fruit juice	Fruit juice	Fruit juice
Milk	Milk	Milk	Milk	Milk
8	9	10	11	12
Mini donuts	Pancake on a stick	Cereal bar	Dutch waffle	Poptart
Fruit	Fruit	Fruit	Fruit	Fruit
Fruit juice	Fruit juice	Fruit juice	Fruit juice	Fruit juice
Milk	Milk	Milk	Milk	Milk
15	16	17	18	19
NO SCHOOL - Spring Break!	NO SCHOOL - Spring Break!	NO SCHOOL - Spring Break!	NO SCHOOL - Spring Break!	NO SCHOOL - Spring Break!
22	23	24	25	26
Long john	Cereal bar	Sausage pancake bites	Blueberry muffin	Poptart
Fruit	Fruit	Fruit	Fruit	Fruit
Fruit juice	Fruit juice	Fruit juice	Fruit juice	Fruit juice
Milk	Milk	Milk	Milk	Milk
29	30	31		
Mini sugar donuts	Blueberry muffin	Cereal bar		
Fruit	Fruit	Fruit		
Fruit juice	Fruit juice	Fruit juice		
Milk	Milk	Milk		



FREE Breakfast & Lunch

The USDA has announced that school meals will be FREE to all students 18 and under. This will last until the end of the school year. So tell your kids to grab a school breakfast or lunch. This is a great opportunity for our community and it also helps ensure that our students are eating and ready to learn without the worry of money in their accounts. Thank you - Pat Kelly, Food Service Director, pat.kelly@monticello.k12.ia.us



SCORE BIG
WITH SCHOOL BREAKFAST

National School Breakfast Week is March 8-12!

Studies show that children who eat school breakfast are more likely to:


- Reach higher levels of achievement in reading and math
- Score higher on standardized tests
- Have better concentration and memory
- Be more alert and maintain a healthy weight

Make it a goal to eat breakfast every day March 8-12!

March Lunch Menu

<i>Milk served with meal. Menus are subject to change. Choose a salad as an alternate lunch daily (HS & MS only). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.</i>				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	2	3	4	5
BBQ rib/bun	Mandarin orange chicken	Deli/bun	Cheesy hotdog/bun	Cheese quesadilla
Hashbrown patty	Seasoned rice	Carrot sticks	Frenche fries	Lettuce salad w/dressing
Baked beans	Steamed broccoli w/ cheese	Fruit	Green beans	Steamed vegetable
Orange slices	Pears	Cookie	Mixed fruit	Apple slices
8	9	10	11	12
Chicken strips	Mini corndogs	Deli/bun	Cheeseburger/bun	Garlic Cheese bread
Mashed potatoes & gravy	Sweet potato waves	Carrot sticks	Seasoned potato cubes	Lettuce w/dressing
Mandarin oranges	Mixed vegetables	Fruit	Green beans	Corn
Roll & butter	Pineapple tidbits	Cookie	Mixed fruit	Diced peaches
15	16	17	18	19
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22	23	24	25	26
Breaded pork/bun	Chicken nuggets	Deli/bun	Pasta bake	Breaded cheese sticks
Waffle fries	Mashed potatoes & gravy	Fresh Vegetables	Green beans	Lettuce w/dressing
Baked beans	Peaches	Fruit	Mixed fruit	Steamed broccoli
Watermelon	Roll & butter	Cookie	Frosted cinnamon roll	Pears
29	30	31		
Country fried steak	Popcorn chicken	Deli/bun		
Mashed potatoes & gravy	Seasoned rice	Fresh Vegetables		
Apple sauce	Green beans	Fruit		
Roll & butter	Mandarin oranges	Cookie		



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Boys Basketball Substate 7 BBB vs Anamosa—4:15 8 BBB @ Anamosa—4:15	2 HS Spring Band Concert—7:00— HS Auditorium	3 12:00 Early Dismissal MS Large Group Band Contest—TBD ICAN College & Career Planning virtual presentation—530 ICAN Financial Aid virtual presentation—630	4 7-12 Vocal Concert— 7:00 pm— HS Gym	5	6 NEIBA District Jazz Fest
8	9 5-8 MS Band Concert—7:00	10 12:00 Early Dismissal Board Work Session -6:00 PM	11	12 National Honor Society Applications are due today!	13 State Individual Speech @ Grinnell NE District FFA Convention @ Independence
← National School Breakfast Week! →					
15	16 Boys V Track @ ISU Leid Rec Center—4:00	17 	18	19 Girls V Track vs. Dbq. Wahlert @ U of Dubuque—4:00	20 Boys V Track vs. Dbq. Wahlert @ U of Dubuque—10:30
← No School—Spring Break →					
22	23 	24 12:00 Early Dismissal PreACT Testing for Sophomores 8-12	25 FFA Agriscience and State Science & Technology Fair @ ISU Freshman Virtual Orientation for 8th Graders	26 FFA Agriscience and State Science & Technology Fair @ ISU	27 HS Band Solo & Ensemble Contest Vocal State Solo & Ensemble Contest
29 Board Meeting—6:00 PM All-State Individual Speech @ UNI G Varsity Golf vs N. Cedar-4:00 B Varsity Golf @ N. Cedar—@ 3-30 Golf & Country Club-4:00	30 Elem/MS/HS Parent Teacher Conferences 4-8pm	31 12:00 Early Dismissal	For up to date information, please check our website at www.monticello.k12.ia.us		

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