



# SCHOOL SPIRIT

May 2021

Hi everyone,

If my timing is right this newsletter should come out the first week of May. That means that the Class of 2021 has a month of school left before 95 students walk across the stage this year on Sunday, May 30, 2021. Exciting times for seniors and their parents! We are finalizing the details of graduation but we intend to be outside at the stadium, weather permitting, for a wonderful send off for a great group of seniors.

If you are a parent of a senior, congratulations to you too! It is a lot of hard work to get to this point. Helping with homework, concerts, sports, school play, speech, drama (not the good kind), this week my friends are so important and next week getting left out of the sleepover, skinned knees, learning how to ride a bike, birthday parties, learning how to drive a car, dating, breaking up for the first time, Prom, 4H, boy scouts/girl scouts/campfire girls, getting a job, balancing their time, selecting a college, financial aid, etc. This list could go on and on. WOW it is a lot of work being a parent, but when they walk across that stage, it is emotional and AWE-SOME! I hope you feel that sense of pride when you see them get that diploma. They have earned it and so have you!

Finally, I want to ask you to please give something to the **Monticello School Foundation** this spring. They are not able to have a traditional Gala/Tailgate Party but they have made a lot of effort to have a non-traditional fundraiser for the students. Give something you can afford. Any amount is appreciated and no amount will be turned away. This organization is run by volunteers, and they are absolutely wonderful. The money they raise goes to kids and into the classrooms. They are rapidly closing in on \$1,000,000 of donations to the school district during the life of their organization and with your support they can continue to do amazing things for the school district. So think twice about the envelope you got in the mail, and if you can't find that just put a few bucks in an envelope, with a note who it is from, and drop it off at the Monticello Community School District Office. Just write, **Monticello School Foundation** on the envelope and we will get it delivered to them right away.

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

Sincerely,

Dr. Brian Jaeger, Superintendent  
brian.jaeger@monticello.k12.ia.us

**Monticello School Foundation Virtual  
Fundraiser—donate today!**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/monticellocommunityschoolfoundation>



## School Board Recognition Month



L to R—Amanda Brenneman, Debbie McDermott, Craig Stadtmueller, Mandy Norton, and John Schlarmann

Your school board is working hard to make sure all students succeed. Take a minute and say thanks to the following members of the Monticello Board of Education: **Craig Stadtmueller**, President, **Mandy Norton**, Vice-President, **John Schlarmann**, **Amanda Brenneman**, and **Debbie McDermott**. *Thank you* for all you do!

# UPCOMING EVENTS

**School Permit Meeting** for those students who have **COMPLETED** Drivers Ed this **Spring** will be held on **Tuesday, June 1 from 8-9:30am** in the High School Library.



## Band Round Up Concert

You are invited to hear all the Monticello Bands on Monday, May 10 in the High School Gym at 7:00pm. This event will have music from all bands 5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades! Masks are required. Hope to see you there!



**Attention 4th Grade Parents:** In April and May, Ms. Walker 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 Ms. Walker at [ellen.walker@monticello.k12.ia.us](mailto:ellen.walker@monticello.k12.ia.us).

## Shannon Elementary Virtual Spring Concert

Will be posted to the school website, social media pages, as well as Seesaw on

**Thursday, May 6**



Just a reminder, if you have any outstanding fees or a negative lunch account, please have them paid soon. Checks can be mailed to your school, dropped off, or you can pay online:

<https://monticello.revtrak.net/> or by calling the district office at 319-465-3000, ext. 5200.

We accept credit, debit, or e-check when you pay online or over the phone. Our fiscal year ends June 30, 2021. Thank you!



**May 28 is the last day of school! Seniors last day is May 26! Enjoy your summer vacation!**

## Important Dates—Please Mark your Calendars!

- May 14—Senior Silver Service hours due in the office to Mr. Lambert by 3:15pm
- May 19—Cap & gown pick up in the HS Office from 1-3:45pm
- May 25—National Honor Society Inductions at 7:00pm in HS Auditorium and Honors Night at 7:45pm in HS Gym
- May 26—Last day of classes for seniors who have met graduation requirements
- May 26—Seniors Walk-Thru Shannon, Carpenter, & the Middle School at 8:00am
- May 26—Senior Grill Out 12:15pm
- May 26—**Mandatory** Commencement Rehearsal for all seniors at 1:00pm
- May 28—Last day of classes
- May 30—Commencement at 2:00pm at football field

As the temperatures start to get warmer, please encourage your students to bring a water bottle to school with them so they can stay hydrated. Thank you!



## Reminder for Parents of Next Year's Kindergartners!

Please remember to submit your child's physical, immunization record, lead screening, dental screening information, home language survey, race/ethnicity form, migrant worker form, birth certificate, and place of residence to Sandy Hinrichs at the Shannon office. The forms are located on our website:

<https://www.monticello.k12.ia.us/shannon-elementary/shannon-downloads/>

If you have any questions or still need to register, please call the Shannon Office at 319-465-3000, ext. 4114. Thanks!



## Congratulations Class of 2021!

The Commencement Ceremony for the Monticello Class of 2021 is scheduled for **Sunday, May 30 at 2:00pm** at the High School Football Field. **Congratulations Class of 2021 and Best Wishes in the future!**

# THANK YOU

**Teacher Appreciation Week is May 3-7**  
**Support Staff Appreciation Week is May 10-14**  
**Nurses Day is May 6!**

Please join us in saying thank you to all of our teachers, support staff, and nurses. The time you spend with students goes further than you know. Thanks for shaping the future of our children.

**We appreciate each & every one of you!**

## IMPORTANT!

- ⇒ Before School starts in August all Kindergarten, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students must have their respected immunizations per state law.
- ⇒ All Kindergarten and 9<sup>th</sup> grade students must have a current Dental screening certificate on file.
- ⇒ All Kindergarten students must be up to date on their pre-school shots and have received their 4-year-old boosters of Dtap, Polio, MMR, and Varicella.
- ⇒ All 7<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> grade students must show proof of receiving 2 DOS-ES of Meningococcal vaccine; or 1 dose if first dose was received at 16 years of age or older.

**Get those appointments scheduled early!**



## Jones County Regional Center Kirkwood for Kids MINI Summer Camps

Kirkwood for Kids is making its return in 2021!

Things will just look a little bit different than in the past. This year they are going to be hosting multiple mini camps on different days throughout the month of June. Some camps will be one day for a few hours, many will be a few days for a week, and some might be on Saturday. The cost will vary, and scholarships will still be available! To register call 319-398-1022 or 319-465-2302 or email [abby.jaeger@kirkwood.edu](mailto:abby.jaeger@kirkwood.edu).

**Camps that will be offered include:**

- Summertime Slime
- Construct and Create
- Fitness is Fun
- Artful Antics
- Investigating Amazing Insects
- Creative Welding
- Dash and Dot
- Guitar Hero
- Beauty Tips and Girl Talk



➡ **For more information, check out [www.kirkwood.edu/jcrcsummercamp](http://www.kirkwood.edu/jcrcsummercamp).**

## Monticello School Foundation Virtual Fundraiser!

The Foundation's biggest fundraiser has been their Pep Rally and Class Reunion. Their annual fundraiser normally draws in over 200 people and raises approximately \$35,000. This year, due to the coronavirus, they were not able to hold the fundraiser in person. However, they are now virtual! Sign up to purchase a teacher's wish list item or purchase an auction item here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/monticellocommunityschoolfoundation>. Items are on a first to sign up gets the item.

Your donation is tax deductible and appreciated! 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!

**Thank you for your continued support!**

**Parents of next year's 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

- head and shoulders only
- 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 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 [jane.woodhouse@monticello.k12.ia.us](mailto:jane.woodhouse@monticello.k12.ia.us) or can be turned in to office window.

Baby photos are optional but must also be submitted by deadline if you wish one. 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!

## THANK YOU TO:

- **Seed Savers Exchange** for the donation of seed packets for the HS Horticulture classes.
- **Monticello PTO** for providing pizza for the elementary staff during Parent-Teacher conferences.
- **Casey's** for their donation of pizza boxes for the 5th graders to use in making solar ovens.
- **Buffy Clark** for the donation of headphones and water bottles to the 5th grade class.
- **The Post Prom Committee** for making Post Prom a fun and safe event for our students. And thank you to **everyone who donated to Post Prom!**

## From the HS Counseling Office...

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 **Friday, May 21**. Carmen Stenger can be reached at [carmen.stenger@monticello.k12.ia.us](mailto:carmen.stenger@monticello.k12.ia.us). Honors Night is scheduled for **Tuesday, May 25** at 7:45 pm. Thank you!

## Avoid the Spring Attendance Slump

Spring is the time of the year when students are anxious to shed their winter clothes and get outside to enjoy the warming temperatures and outdoor activities. This seems to be even more pronounced this year as we have experienced Covid related restrictions and students are looking forward to resuming their "normal" activities. According to research from the Attendance Works website, Spring is also a time when school daily attendance numbers can fluctuate. This could be attributed to warmer temperatures, thoughts of summer activities, increases in asthma, allergies or other health problems.

The following attendance tips could be utilized for any time of the year:

- \*Help your child understand why going to school every-day matters.
- \*Set a regular bedtime and morning routine.
- \*Provide students their own alarm clock-teach them how to use it.
- \*Prepare clothing and necessary supplies the night before.
- \*Don't let your child stay home unless she/he is truly sick. Keep in mind complaints of a stomach ache or headache can be a sign of anxiety and not a reason to stay home.
- \*If your child seems anxious about going to school, talk to principals, school counselors, or teachers for advice on how to make them feel comfortable.
- \*Develop back-up plans for getting to school if something comes up.
- \*Avoid medical appointments and extended trips when school is in session.
- \*Recruit your child's teacher as a partner. Teachers may have insights into why your child may be missing school.



Let's end the year strong Panthers! With your guidance, we can help students avoid the spring attendance slump!

### **Asbestos Notification**—(Annual Notice)

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 at the Transportation/Buildings Grounds Office at 708 South Maple Street, Monticello, IA.

# Food Service NEWS

May Breakfast Menu				
Milk served with meal.				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Long John <b>3</b>	Cereal bar <b>4</b>	Chocolate muffin <b>5</b>	Egg & cheese on bun <b>6</b>	Poptart <b>7</b>
Fruit	Fruit	Fruit	Fruit	Fruit
Fruit juice	Fruit juice	Fruit juice	Fruit juice	Fruit juice
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
Mini donuts	Ham & egg bites	Cereal bar	Dutch waffle	Poptart
Fruit	Fruit	Fruit juice	Fruit	Fruit
Fruit juice	Fruit juice	Fruit juice	Fruit juice	Fruit juice
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
Long John	Cereal bar	Breakfast pizza	Blueberry muffin	Poptart
Fruit	Fruit	Fruit	Fruit	Fruit
Fruit juice	Fruit juice	Fruit juice	Fruit juice	Fruit juice
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
Mini sugar donuts	Dutch waffle	Cereal bar	Chocolate muffin	Poptart
Fruit	Fruit	Fruit	Fruit	Fruit
Fruit juice	Fruit juice	Fruit juice	Fruit juice	Fruit juice
<b>31</b>				
<b>No School</b>				



ALL students at Monticello are receiving FREE meals during the 2020-21 school year due to the FFCRA (Families First Coronavirus Response Act of 2020). Since this benefit has been in place many families did not complete the Iowa Application for Free and Reduced Meals. Monticello is **encouraging** families that may not have completed the application to do so if they feel they may qualify (see the income guidelines below). This may be beneficial if your child is participating in virtual learning or has been absent due to COVID quarantine. Below is the link to the application. Please send this form to Pat Kelly at [pat.kelly@monticello.k12.ia.us](mailto:pat.kelly@monticello.k12.ia.us) or mail to Monticello CSD, 850 E. Oak Street, Monticello, IA 52310. See the information below from the Department of Education regarding the Pandemic Electronic Benefits Transfer (P-EBT).

[Application for Free & Reduced Meals](#)

The P-EBT is a USDA Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) program that provides food assistance benefits to pre-kindergarten through 12th grade (PK-12) children who have temporarily lost access to free or reduced-price school meals (FRL) due to instruction schedule changes and school closures related to COVID-19. The Families First Coronavirus Response Act of 2020, as amended by the Continuing Appropriation Act of 2021 and Other Extensions Act, extended and expanded the P-EBT program through the 2020-2021 school year. In Iowa, the Iowa Department of Human Services and the Iowa Department of Education (Department) will collaboratively administer this program.

**ELIGIBLE STUDENTS**

To be an eligible student, a student must:

1. Attend an eligible school;
2. Be approved to receive FRL through the NSLP during the 2020-21 school year by having an approved FRL application, being directly certified, or being enrolled in a Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) school; and
3. Participate in a reduced learning schedule due to COVID-19 (i.e., hybrid or 100% virtual learning models).

May Lunch Menu				
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.				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Chicken strips <b>3</b>	Mini corn dogs <b>4</b>	Deli/bun <b>5</b>	Mandarin orange chicken <b>6</b>	Garlic Cheese bread <b>7</b>
Mashed potatoes & gravy	Sweet potato waves	Apple slices	Seasoned rice	Lettuce w/ dressing
Mandarin oranges	Mixed vegetables	Fruit juice	Green beans	Corn
Roll & butter	Pineapple tidbits	Cookie	Pears	Diced peaches
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
Chicken alfredo bake	Salisbury steak	Sun butter & jelly	BBQ rib/bun	Sausage pizza
Lettuce salad w/ dressing	Mashed potatoes & gravy	Apple slices	Hashbrown patty	Steamed broccoli
Mandarin oranges	Peaches	Fruit	Baked beans	Apple slices
Garlic toast	Roll & butter	Cookie	Orange slices	Side kick/frozen juice
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
Maidrite/bun	Breaded pork/bun	Deli/bun	Popcorn chicken	Breaded cheese sticks
French fries	Waffle fries	Apple slices	Seasoned rice	Lettuce salad w/ dressing
Buttered corn	Baked beans	Fruit juice	Green beans	Fresh veggies
Watermelon	Peaches	Cookie	Mixed fruit	Pears
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
Cheeseburger/bun	Country fried steak	Sun butter & jelly	Chicken nuggets	Pizza crunchers
Buttered corn	Mashed potatoes & gravy	Fresh vegetable	French fries	Lettuce/dressing
Mandarin oranges	Apple sauce	Fruit	Mixed fruit	Fresh veggies
Side kick	Roll & butter	Cookie	Roll & butter	Fresh fruit
<b>31</b>				
<b>No School</b>				

**NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATION**-Students, parents, employees, and others doing business with or performing services for the Monticello Community School District are hereby notified that the District does not 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 ext.2101, [todd.werner@monticello.k12.ia.us](mailto: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, at 860 East Oak Street, Monticello, Iowa, 319-465-3000 ext.2101, [todd.werner@monticello.k12.ia.us](mailto: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](mailto:OCR.Chicago@ed.gov)



# May 2021

May is Iowa School Board Recognition Month  
Thank a Board Member today!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 HS Cheer Tryouts— 8am-Noon—HS Gym
3 American FFA Degree & Review Form Due: Online & Postmark Iowa FFA Online & FFA Enrichment Center GV Golf @ Bellevue-4:00 B V Golf vs Bellevue-4:00 G 7/8 Track @ Beckman— 4:00 B V Track @ Camanche— 4:00 V/JV G Soccer @ Marion— 4:15 B 7/8 Track @ Maq. Valley- 4:15	4 B Varsity Conference Golf @ Riverside— 9:00  G 7/8 Track @ Cas- cade—4:15  G V Track Home-5:00	5 National BPA Convention @ Orlando, FL  G Golf Conference Meet @ Muscatine Municipal Golf Course-9:00  <b>12:00 Early Dismissal</b>	6 <b>NURSES Day!</b> National BPA Conven- tion @ Orlando, FL  G/B V Conference Track @ Anamosa—4:30  G/B V Soccer @ Tip- ton—5:00	7 National BPA Conven- tion @ Orlando, FL  HS Large Group Band Contest  G/B 7/8 Track @ W. Branch—4:30 G/B V Soccer @ Northeast—5:00	8
<b>Teacher Appreciation Week</b>					
10 <b>Kirkwood 2nd Semester Ends</b> G V Golf vs Camanche-4:00 B V Golf @ Camanche-Valley Oaks Golf Club-4:00 G/B JV Track @ Bellevue-4:30 Band Round Up—5-12 grades—7:00 pm-HS Gym	11 G 7/8 Track @ Camanche- 4:15 B 7/8 Track @ Northeast- 4:15 G/B V Soccer vs Marquette Catholic-5:00 Dessert Concert—7:00 @ Berndes Center	12 <b>12:00 Early Dismissal</b>  <b>Board Work Session— 6:00</b>	13 G/B V District Track— 4:00 @ TBA  	14 NHS & Student Council Community Clean Up Day (rain date is May 17) B Golf Sectionals—TBD G/B V Soccer vs Cedar Valley Christian @ Alburnett—5:00	15 <b>Outdoor Jazz Concert—4:00</b>
<b>Support Staff Appreciation Week</b>					
17 G/B Soccer vs W. Del- aware-4:00	18	19 <b>12:00 Early Dismissal</b> Senior Cap & Gown Pick Up in HS Office— 1-3:45pm	20 G/B State Track G V/JV Soccer vs Vin- ton-Shellsburg—5:00	21 G/B State Track Boys Golf Districts— TBD	22 G/B State Track
24 V Baseball DH @ Ca- manche—5:00 V Softball DH @ Ca- manche -5:00  <b>Board Meeting—6:00 PM</b>  MS Vocal Concert— 7:00—HS Auditorium	25 5th & 6th Grade Track & Field Day! JV/V Baseball @ Benton Community-5:00 JV/V Softball @ Marion-5:00 <b>National Honor Society Induction-7:00 @ HS Auditorium</b> <b>Seniors Honors Night- 7:45 @ HS Gym</b>	26 <b>Seniors Last Day of School</b> Seniors Walk-Thru schools- 8:00  <b>12:00 Early Dismissal</b>  Senior Grill Out—12:15 <b>Mandatory Graduation Practice—1:00</b> JV Baseball DH vs Ca- manche-5:00 JV Softball vs Camanche- 5:00	27 Boys State Golf—TBD  7/8 Softball DH @ W. Liberty-10:00 JV/V Baseball vs Regina— 5:00 9/10 Softball DH vs Wil- ton-5:00 JV/V Softball vs Regina— 5:00	28  <b>Last Day of School!</b>  	29 JV Baseball @ Wah- lert-11:00  V Baseball @ Wah- lert—12:30  
31 <b>Memorial Day</b>   <b>No School</b>		For up to date information, please check our website at <a href="http://www.monticello.k12.ia.us">www.monticello.k12.ia.us</a>			

Graduation - May 30 2pm-  
HS Football Field

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