



SCHOOL SPIRIT

November 2021

Hi everyone,

As we begin the month of November we have so many really good things happening in the Monticello Community School District. In classrooms, our students are engaged in a variety of activities to challenge them. In the last two weeks I have been able to observe the little ones learning letter sounds at the elementary, students building moving vehicles at the middle school, and high school students learning about budgeting and spending habits. Each of those lessons is exciting in different ways and just seeing our students challenged and learning is wonderful.



This week we received some ACT testing data for the 2020-2021 school year. This is the test that shows the potential that a student will be successful in college. The score also really affects a student's ability to get accepted and receive grants and scholarships for college. Our average composite score is calculated by averaging the individual scores from the math, science, english, and reading portions on the test. This year our composite score was 22.79 overall. That is way above the Iowa average of 21.6 and even more above the national average of 20.7. WOW! Way to go Panthers! This has been our highest composite score in many years so I am sure that when the scores come out from other schools in our area we will be at the top of the list this school year.

I would also like to say "Great Job!" to all of our fall athletes in football, cross country, and volleyball. We had such great participation in grades 7-12 and I hope that continues into the winter seasons. In addition, our band and chorus students have really shined so well this fall. I think a special thank you should go out to our Marching Band and our Color Guard for a fantastic season! It is always wonderful to see these students performing at the halftime show of a home football game. Just around the corner we will be hosting "Legally Blonde", the musical, and our students have been working very hard to put this performance together. I hope you can make a performance this month. In the next few months we also move into the speech season. Group speech is up next and it will be followed by the individual speech season. If you have never seen one of these contests, I wish you would this year. To see our students perform at such a high level is a very rewarding experience. The performing arts have been, and continue to be, very important in our school district. So thank you to everyone out there who have been strong supporters of the arts in the Monticello Community School District. We always appreciate your support!

Finally, if you or anyone else you know is interested in subbing, and have a license to sub in Iowa, WE NEED YOU! On a daily basis we are having trouble finding subs to cover rooms and so we are asking teachers to continuously cover for one another. As you could imagine, this is very taxing on the staff and the students. If you have an Associate's degree, or 60 semester hours or higher, and complete an approved substitute authorization course, you can be a substitute teacher in the Monticello Community School District. Even if you can only do one day a week it would be a tremendous help to our school district.

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

Sincerely,

Brian Jaeger
Superintendent

AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK 2021
November 15-19

#aew2021 www.nea.org/aew

American Education Week is November 15-19, 2021

Americans nationwide will join the National Education Association in raising awareness about the need to provide every child with a quality public education. The celebration highlights the importance of bringing together educators, parents, students, and communities in a unified effort to build great public schools. Please join us as we thank all of our educators, staff, parents, students, and community. Thanks for all you do to make the Monticello Community School District what it is today!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monticello High School
presents the musical



Elle Woods appears to have it all. Her life is turned upside down when her boyfriend Warner dumps her so he can attend Harvard Law. Determined to get him back, Elle ingeniously charms her way into the prestigious law school. While there, she struggles with peers, professors and her ex. With the support of some new friends, though, Elle quickly realizes her potential and sets out to prove herself to the world.

Performances
November 5 & 6 at 7:00 pm
High School Auditorium
Tickets are \$5

Monticello Board of Education Corner... School Board Election is November 2 Get out & VOTE!

The 2021 School Board Election is set for **Tuesday, November 2, 2021**. We will have two important items on the ballot for the election. The first ballot item is the **school board election**. Three seats are up on the Monticello Board of Education. Members are elected to serve four-year terms. We have three candidates running for school board. They are:

Mandy Norton
Mark Rieken
Craig Stadtmueller



The second ballot item is to update our **Revenue Purpose Statement** in the Monticello Community School District. This can only be done through voter approval. The Revenue Purpose Statement currently allows the school district to spend the funds raised by the penny sales tax (SAVE) in any way that Iowa law allows. This will expire in 2029. The approval of this measure **will not increase taxes**, it would renew the current Revenue Purpose Statement language so we can continue to make decisions on spending locally even after 2029.

Polls will be open from 7am-8pm. *More election information is available on the Jones County Election website.*



High School Football Playoffs 50th Anniversary

This year is the 50th anniversary of the HS football playoffs in Iowa. The first year they were held, in the fall of 1972, Monticello was one of 16 teams that made the playoffs in the entire state. On November 19, 2021, these first Iowa playoff teams will be honored at halftime of the 2A state championship game at the UNI-Dome. Coach Wilson will attend to represent Monticello. Any members of this team are also welcome to join him and be on the field at halftime.



Veterans Day Celebration

All veterans are invited to Monticello High School on Veterans Day, Thursday, November 11. Breakfast for the veterans will be served from 7-8:00am in the Family Consumer Science Room. Following breakfast, veterans are invited to join the student body in the auditorium for an assembly with MHS students singing the National Anthem and Doug Kramer, Iraq War Veteran, will be our guest speaker.

THANK YOU to all our Veterans!

Mark your Calendars!
Carpenter Elementary
Winter Concert
Monday, December 6

High School Gym
6:00 PM



Picture Retakes:

Retakes for all schools will be on Monday, November 1.



PTO News...

Our next meeting will be Monday, November 15 at 7pm in the Carpenter Library. We are currently looking for a secretary to join our team, so if you're interested please let us know by emailing Ashley Christensen at ashley.christensen@monticello.k12.ia.us. Thank you!



THANK YOU TO:

- **Kraus Plumbing and Heating, LLC** for sponsoring the preschool's trip to Bart's Pumpkin Patch and Lowe Park!! It was a perfect day and we had an amazing time!
- **Accent Construction** for their financial donation.
- **Monticello PTO** for providing food for the teachers during conferences.
- **Shelly Kraus** for her donation of fidgets and prizes to the Shannon classroom prize box.
- **Tammy Sutterman and Diana Jones & family** for their donation of prizes to the Carpenter Music classroom.
- **Minntex** for the donation of golf balls and a batting net.
- **Nourish & Andrea Hall** for the tea drinks for our MS Staff!
- **Edinburgh Volunteers** for spending time and sharing information about the past with our 3rd graders.
- **The ISEA (Iowa State Education Association)** for awarding the Monticello School District a \$500 grant for "Milk Money". The money will be spent on elementary students' snack-time milk.

High School Counselor's Office News

Seniors: If you are considering college next year, please fill out the FAFSA ASAP. Let Mrs. Stenger know when you have completed the FAFSA and receive a prize! If you haven't yet, schedule a senior meeting with Mrs. Stenger by the end of this month.

High School Students Interested in NCAA Sports

Here is a quick overview of the NCAA Eligibility Center process to help guide student-athletes and ensure they are ready for college sports. Students are responsible for maintaining their academics throughout high school. These tips will help keep them on track for meeting academic initial-eligibility standards:

Grade 9

- Students work with their counselor to ensure they take appropriate NCAA core courses.

Grade 10

- Students register with the NCAA Eligibility Center at eligibilitycenter.org.

Grade 11

- Students work with their school counselor to ensure they will graduate on time with the required number of NCAA core courses.
- Students take the ACT or SAT and submit their scores to the NCAA Eligibility Center using code 9999.
- Students ask their counselor to upload their official transcript to the NCAA Eligibility Center at the end of the year.

Grade 12

- Students complete last NCAA core courses.
- Students take the ACT or SAT again, if necessary, and submit their scores to the NCAA Eligibility Center using code 9999.
- Students should apply to the school of their choosing and confirm they have been accepted.
- Students request final amateurism certification beginning April 1 before enrolling in college in the fall.
- Students ask their counselor to upload their final official transcript with proof of graduation to the NCAA Eligibility Center.

Parents of Seniors...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 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 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!

The Amazing Brain: What Every Parent and Caregiver Needs to Know

Social-Emotional Learning: What is it?

Social-Emotional Learning includes the knowledge, skills, and attitudes for us to be successful humans. In an effort to help our students be successful now and in the future, we have created a district Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) team to guide this work. Last year our SEL professional development focus involved teacher self-care. This year we have been focused on the 5 core competencies of Social-Emotional Learning as identified by the Collaborative for Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning. Below are the five competencies and a brief description.



Self-Awareness: understand our own thoughts and feelings and how they affect behavior

Self-Management: manage our thoughts, feelings, and behaviors to achieve our goals

Social Awareness: understand the perspective of and empathize with a variety of people

Relationship Skills: build and maintain healthy relationships

Responsible Decision Making: make caring, productive choices with our behavior

Social-Emotional Learning will continue to be a topic of learning, discussion, and action across our district. You can learn more about Social-Emotional Learning in this [short video](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y-XNp3h3h4A) (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y-XNp3h3h4A).

SUBSTITUTES NEEDED!

We need substitute teachers! If you have an Associate's degree, or 60 semester hours or higher, and complete an approved substitute authorization course, you can be a substitute teacher in the Monticello Community School District. Benefits:

- \$15.75 per hour
- You decide the days you'd like to work
- Help your community when substitute teachers are needed the most!

For more information, go to www.gwaea.org/sub!

Breast Cancer Awareness

In October, Monticello Middle School recognized Breast Cancer Awareness month by wearing pink. We had



a great show of support with over 80% of our building sporting pink attire! Thank you to everyone who participated!



M YOUR NAME HERE!

Naming of School Facilities Guidelines

The Monticello Community School District believes that the development of community partnerships and community involvement is essential for the success of our school district. The opportunity to select an area of the school district and purchase naming rights is available now to everyone. The school district believes that the establishment of these partnerships is a reminder of how the school can positively partner with individuals, groups, and organizations in our community. We are excited to give this opportunity to the community and to continue to build positive community partnerships.

Below is a list of areas the School Board has designated for naming rights consideration. Other areas not listed may be given naming rights consideration. All of the amounts shown below are recommended amounts, however, all reasonable proposals (from an individual, group, or organization) will be considered by the School Board.

NAMING AREAS	DONATION AMOUNT	NAMING AREAS	DONATION AMOUNT
HS Building	\$1,000,000	Weight Room Area HS	\$25,000
MS Building	\$1,000,000	Wrestling Room HS	\$25,000
Gym HS	\$500,000	Stage Area HS	\$25,000
Gym MS	\$500,000	Classroom	
Auditorium HS	\$250,000	HS/MS (Specialized Classroom)	\$25,000
Library HS	\$100,000	Classroom	
Commons/Cafeteria HS	\$100,000	HS/MS (General Classroom)	\$10,000
Library MS	\$50,000	Kitchen MS	\$10,000
Hallways/Wings HS	\$50,000	FFA Greenhouse	\$10,000
Hallways/Floors MS	\$50,000	Locker Rooms HS	\$10,000
Commons/Cafeteria MS	\$50,000	Locker Rooms MS	\$10,000
Tennis Courts	\$50,000	Principal Office Area HS	\$10,000
Kitchen HS	\$25,000	Principal Office Area MS	\$10,000
Concession Stand HS	\$25,000	Superintendent Office Area	\$10,000
		Transition School Building	\$10,000
		Concession Stand MS	\$10,000

Each proposal will be considered on a case by case basis and the School Board reserves the right to deny any proposal from an individual group, or organization. For more information, contact the District Office at 319-465-3000

2021 Certified Enrollment

Each year our District has to certify our enrollment to the Iowa Department of Education by October 15. See below for enrollment data for this year and last year.

Description	2020	2021	Change
Resident Public Students Attending your District	907.10	914.00	6.90
Resident Public Students Attending another Iowa Public School District	44.40	42.10	-2.30
Non Public Shared Time and CPI Students Dual Enrolled for District Classes	2.22	1.54	-0.68
Non Public Shared Time and CPI Students Dual Enrolled for PSEO Classes	0.00	0.00	0.00
Residential Facility Students Enrolled for District Classes	0.00	0.00	0.00
Actual Enrollment	953.72	957.64	3.92
Non-Resident Public Students Attending your District	86.00	74.10	-11.90
PK Students Attending your Statewide Voluntary Preschool Program	26.50	24.50	-2.00
Total School Age Students Provided Instructional Programs/Services by your District	995.32	989.64	-5.68
Limited English Proficient Weighting	1.76	1.67	-0.09

November Breakfast Menu

<i>Milk served with meal.</i>				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	2	3	4	5
Cheese omelet	Pancakes w/ syrup	Cereal bar	Cinnamon roll	Breakfast pizza
Fruit	Fruit	Fruit	Fruit	Fruit
Fruit juice	Fruit juice	Fruit juice	Fruit juice	Fruit juice
8	9	10	11	12
Long john	Sausage, egg & cheese/ bun	Banana muffin	Breakfast burrito	Cereal
Fruit	Fruit	Fruit	Fruit	Poptart
Fruit juice	Fruit juice	Fruit juice	Fruit juice	Fruit juice
15	16	17	18	19
Pancake sausage bites	Blueberry muffin	Cereal bar	Mini sugar donuts	Breakfast pizza
Fruit	Fruit	Fruit	Fruit	Fruit
Fruit juice	Fruit juice	Fruit juice	Fruit juice	Fruit juice
22	23	24	25	26
Long john	French toast sticks w/ syrup			
Fruit	Fruit	No School	No School	No School
Fruit juice	Fruit juice		Happy Thanksgiving!	
29	30			
Ham, egg & cheese patty	Breakfast wrap			
Fruit	Fruit			
Fruit juice	Fruit juice			



Food Service



The Monticello High School Student Council will be doing their annual food/toiletry drive this Holiday season. It will run from Nov. 29– Dec.22. Stay tuned for more details. *Thanks!*









November 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
Hot dog/bun	Popcorn chicken	Maidrite/bun	Country fried steak	Breaded cheese sticks
Seasoned potatoes	Seasoned rice	Wedge fries	Mashed potatoes & gravy	Garden salad
Baked beans	Peas & carrots	Green beans	Mixed fruit	Fresh vegetables
Peaches	Pineapple chunks	Diced pears	Roll & butter	Sidekick
8	9	10	11	12
Chicken & noodles	Chicken nuggets	Deii/bun	Tenderloin/bun	Pizza crunchers
Steamed broccoli	Smiley fries	Chips	Curly fries	Salad w/ dressing
Pears	Green beans	Baby carrots	Baked beans	Fresh cucumbers & tomatoes
Dinner roll	Orange slices	Apple wedges	Mandarin oranges	Diced peaches
15	16	17	18	19
Chicken strips	Chili	Ham & cheese melt	Cheeseburger	Pizza Quesadilla
Mashed potatoes & gravy	String cheese	French fries	Sweet potato waves	Lettuce salad
Mandarin Oranges	Apple sauce	Diced pears	Steamed broccoli	Baby carrots
Dinner roll	Frosted Cinnamon roll	Side kick	Watermelon	Peaches
22	23	24	25	26
Pasta w/ meat sauce	Sausage pizza			
Lettuce salad	Corn	No School	No School	No School
Apple sauce	Fresh veggies		Happy Thanksgiving!	
Bread stick	Diced peaches			
29	30			
Garlic cheese bread	Beef taco			
Cauliflower & broccoli	Seasoned rice			
Oranges	Blackbean & corn salsa			
Side kick	Pineapple chunks			



November 2021

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
1 School Picture Retake Day	2 7/8 GBB vs Bellevue-4:15  School Board Election—Polls open from 7am-8pm	3	4 High School Standards Improvement Day (SID) FFA Fall Festival-Youth Development Center-6:00 7/8 GBB @ Cascade-4:15	5 Musical: Legally Blonde—7:00pm	6 Quad City Dance Competition Musical: Legally Blonde—7:00pm	
8 Jostens Senior Presentation—8:10 Jostens Sophomore Presentation-9:40 7/8 GBB vs Maquoketa-4:15 7/8 Wrestling Home —4:15	9	10 2:00 Early Dismissal — Prof. Dev Board Work Session—6:00pm	11 Veterans Day Veterans Day Breakfast 7-8am @ HS 7/8 GBB @ N. Cedar-4:15 7/8 Wrestling @ Mid-Prairie-4:15 Speech/Drama Beggar's Night	12 HS Jostens Order Day (during all 3 lunch shifts) 7-12 Conference Band Festival @ Wilton-12:30	13 Stack the Stands Dance Competition @ CR Prairie FFA Ignite, Amplify & Transform Conferences 	
15 7/8 Wrestling @ Northeast-4:15 7/8 GBB @ Anamosa-4:15	16	17  American Education Week	18 OPUS/All-State Band & Choir @ Ames 7/8 GBB vs Northeast-4:15 7/8 Wrestling @ Wilton-4:15	19 OPUS/All-State Band & Choir @ Ames Speech/Drama trip to Chicago	20 OPUS/All-State Band & Choir @ Ames Speech/Drama trip to Chicago 	
22 7/8 GBB @ Camanche-4:15 Board Meeting—6:00 PM	23 G/B Bowling vs Marion —4:00  JV/V GBB vs Camanche-6:00	24 No School Thanksgiving Break	25 No School Thanksgiving Break 	26 No School Thanksgiving Break	27	
29 7/8 GBB @ Bellevue-4:15 JV Wrestling Tourney @ N. Linn—5:30	30 JV GBB @ Bellevue-4:30 JV BBB @ Bellevue-4:30 V GBB @ Bellevue-6:00 V BBB @ Bellevue-7:30	For up to date information, please check our website at www.monticello.k12.ia.us				

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