



SCHOOL SPIRIT

September 2021

Hi everyone,

WE ARE BACK...and we are off to an amazing start for the 2021-2022 school year. By the time you read this we will have completed the first few weeks of the school year. When I walk into classrooms I see some amazing student centered learning going on at every level. Each classroom is filled with thoughts and ideas and it is exciting to see students engaged in a variety of classroom activities.



We also have some really exciting facility decisions to make this school year. First, what is going to happen to the old middle school? We will make a final decision by Spring Break. Second, we are exploring options to bring solar power to our district. This would create an annual savings of \$230,000 - \$330,000 for the school district. We are in the process of getting our project approved by Alliant Energy and hope to have final approval by January 2022. Finally, we are exploring options to remodel or rebuild the district Transportation Center. This is in the early stages but the school board has started the planning process.

I want to share with everyone that we have a very important election coming up on November 2, 2021. In this election we will be electing three school board members to four-year terms. A school board member has an important role in the success of a school district. This is a non-partisan, volunteer position. The reward for being a school board member comes from the opportunity to provide an important service to the community. A second item on the ballot will be 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 account) in any way that Iowa law allows. This will expire in 2029. Since passing our Revenue Purpose Statement in 2017 the penny sales tax has been extended in Iowa through 2050. This extension causes us to pass a new Revenue Purpose Statement so we can spend those dollars as allowed by law from 2029-2050. 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 the SAVE account locally, even after 2029. In 2017, this measure passed with overwhelming approval from our community and I am hopeful that our community will support this issue again.

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

Sincerely,

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

2021 School Board Election

The 2021 School Board Election is set for **Tuesday, November 2, 2021**. Three seats are up on the Monticello Board of Education. Members are elected to serve four-year terms. The first date to file nomination papers with the Board Secretary is **August 23**. The candidate filing deadline is **5:00 pm Thursday, September 16, 2021**. All nomination materials and info are available online on the Iowa Association of School Boards website, the Iowa Secretary of State website, or at the District Office. School board candidates must obtain 46 signatures to file nomination papers and must live in the boundaries of the Monticello Community School District.

UPCOMING EVENTS

FREE BAND CAR WASH



The Monticello Bands will be hosting a Free Car Wash around town on September 4 at four locations. Bring your car to Ohnward Bank, the former Regions Bank, The Rustic House (former Century House location), or Kardee's (downtown) and let our band members wash your car between 9:00-2:00! Donations accepted.

THANK YOU TO:

- **The Century House** for their donation for employee years of service awards.
- **Monticello Community School District Education Foundation** for their donation of our employee years of service awards.
- **Jones Regional Medical Center** for providing lunch for our New Teacher Orientation Day.
- **Citizens State Bank** for providing breakfast for our Teacher Welcome Back Day.
- **Ohnward Bank & Trust** for providing lunch for our Employee Recognition Luncheon.
- **The Jones County Dairy Board** for providing ice cream sandwiches for our Employee Recognition Luncheon.
- **Accent Construction** for their donation.
- **Vaughn Ballou** for the donation of school supplies.
- **St. Matthew's Lutheran Church WELCA** for the donation of school supplies to Shannon Elementary.
- **Allie Riches & Jordan Fangman** for the donation of disinfecting supplies to the High School.
- **The Menasha Corporation** for the donation to the girls basketball team.
- **Gina Dirks** for making the photo frames for Shannon Elementary's Open House and to **Spahn & Rose Lumber Company** and **Dave Haag** for making the legs.
- **Cassie Reth** for the sidewalk chalk to Shannon Elementary

Free Therapy Service

Hillcrest Family Services and Abbey Center have been blessed to continue the service of free therapy services. They can do therapy with anyone: staff, students, and families within our school district and would love to help.

They understand that there are a lot of concerns with the new Delta variant and can bring a lot of stressors and unknowns, so let them help.

Please share and if you have any questions please don't hesitate to reach out.

Kristin Nolen
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Homecoming 2021 Lineup of Events!

September 13-18, 2021



Monday, 9/13 - Homecoming Parade at 6pm, followed by the Coronation (if weather doesn't permit a parade, the coronation will be in the HS Gym at 6:30pm). The Powder Puff game will be at 7:00pm. These events will be at Dean Nelson Field. **NEW this year** will be an **Ironman Volleyball** game for Jr/Sr Boys and Staff at 8pm in the HS Gym!

Friday, 9/17 - Football Game vs Tipton. JV at 5:00pm, followed by Varsity at 7:15pm.

Saturday, 9/18—Homecoming Dance from 8-11pm in the HS Commons

More info to come soon! Please contact Mary Jane Maher at maryjane.maher@monticello.k12.ia.us with any questions.

GO PANTHERS!!!

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)

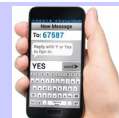
Photos can be emailed to jane.woodhouse@monticello.k12.ia.us or can be turned in at the office drive up window.

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!

Be the First to Know!

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 PowerSchool 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 319.465.3000, ext. 2153.

COMMUNITY



CONNECTION

Help Your Child Succeed in School: Build the Habit of Good Attendance

School success goes hand in hand with good attendance. Did you know:

- Starting in kindergarten, too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school.
- Missing 10 percent (18 days a school year) makes it harder for young students to learn to read and drastically affects older students' academic success.
- By 6th grade, absenteeism is a key predictor that a student may drop out of high school.
- By 9th grade, regular and high attendance is a better predictor of graduation rates than 8th grade test scores.
- Students can be chronically absent even if they only miss a day or two every few weeks.
- Attendance is an important life skill that will help your child graduate from high school and achieve success in whatever postsecondary option they choose.

What can families do to support student attendance?

- Make school attendance a priority. Establish the expectation that your child attends school every day.
- Help your student with regular daily routines. For younger students, this could include things like laying out clothes the night before and putting the backpack in the same place so it's easy to find in the morning.
- Keep open lines of communication with your child's teachers. Use PowerSchool notifications to help monitor attendance with older students. (Contact District Help Desk for assistance in setting this up if needed.)
- Seek help from your child's school counselor, other parents, or community agencies if you're having trouble getting your student to school.

Source: Attendanceworks.org

September Breakfast Menu				
Milk served with meal.				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1	2	3
		Cheese omelet	Pancakes w/ syrup	Breakfast pizza
		Fruit	Fruit	Fruit
		Fruit juice	Fruit juice	Fruit juice
6	7	8	9	10
	Breakfast taco	Dutch waffle	Cereal	Cinnamon roll
NO SCHOOL	Fruit	Fruit	Poptart	Fruit
	Fruit juice	Fruit juice	Fruit	Fruit juice
			Fruit juice	
13	14	15	16	17
Biscuit & gravy	Long john	Sausage & egg on bun	Banana muffin	
Fruit	Fruit	Fruit	Fruit	NO SCHOOL
Fruit juice	Fruit juice	Fruit juice	Fruit juice	
20	21	22	23	24
Pancake sausage bites	Blueberry muffin	Cereal bar	Mini sugar donuts	Waffles
Fruit	Fruit	Fruit	Fruit	Fruit
Fruit juice	Fruit juice	Fruit juice	Fruit juice	Fruit juice
27	28	29	30	
Long john	Cereal	Breakfast pizza	Breakfast wrap	
Fruit	Poptart	Fruit	Fruit	
Fruit juice	Fruit	Fruit juice	Fruit juice	
	Fruit juice			

School Lunch Accounts

Just a reminder!

You can check balances and also see what your child eats each day and what deposits have been made into your account in the School Dining System. This system will send automatic email reminders when your family's account balance is getting low once you set your 'low balance warning'. Please ensure you have a valid email address within PowerSchool in order to receive these reminders.

You can access the school dining website here <https://mcsd.totalk12.com/Index.asp> or find the school dining link on our school website (<http://www.monticello.k12.ia.us>) under the food service menu.








Please contact Pat Kelly at pat.kelly@monticello.k12.ia.us if you have any questions. Thanks!

September 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
		1	2	3
		Tenderloin/bun	Breaded cheese sticks	Country fried steak
		Curly fries	Garden salad	Mashed potatoes & gravy
		Carrots & peas	Fresh vegetables	Corn
		Apple sauce	Sidekick	Mandarin oranges
				Roll & butter
6	7	8	9	10
	Chicken nuggets	Deli wrap	Macaroni & cheese	Pizza crunchers
	Smiley fries	Sun chips	Broccoli normandy	Salad w/ dressing
NO SCHOOL	Green beans	Baby carrots	Watermelon	Fresh cucumbers & tomatoes
	Orange slices	Apple wedges	Dinner roll	Diced peaches
		Sugar cookie		
13	14	15	16	17
Walking taco	Ham & cheese/pretzel bun	Chicken strips	French toast w/ syrup	
Spanish rice	Sweet potato waves	Mashed potatoes & gravy	Sausage links	NO SCHOOL
Blackbean & corn salsa	Diced pears	Green beans	Diced potatoes	
Mandarin oranges	Side kick	Dinner roll	Strawberries & bananas	
20	21	22	23	24
Chicken alfredo bake	Sausage pizza	Popcorn chicken	Pulled pork/bun	Cheeseburger/bun
Steamed broccoli	Garden salad	Seasoned rice	Baked beans	French fries
Grapes	Green beans	Stir fry vegetables	Coleslaw	Steamed carrots
Garlic bread	Diced peaches	Pineapple chunks	Banana	Monster cookie
27	28	29	30	
Maidrite/bun	Garlic cheese bread	Cheese dog / bun	Pasta w/ meat sauce	BBQ rib/bun
Wedge fries	Cauliflower & broccoli	Smiley fries	Lettuce salad	French fries
Green beans	Oranges	Corn	Apple sauce	Mixed vegetables
Diced pears	Side kick	Mixed fruit	Bread stick	

Food Service

NEWS

September 2021

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 	2 Senior Class Mtg in HS Auditorium—8:10am XC @ Regina (Iowa City Kickers Club) —5:30 7/8 VB vs Bellevue-4:15 9/10/JV/V VB vs Bellevue-6:00	3 JV/V FB @ Maquoketa—5:00 	4 Band Car Wash-9am-2pm V VB Tourney @ Midland-8:30 9/10 VB Tourney @ Beckman—9:00
6 LABOR DAY—NO SCHOOL	7 Musical Auditions—3:30 & 7pm 9/10/JV/V VB @ Center Point-Urbana—5:00	8 Board Work Session—6:00 PM	9 Musical Auditions—3:30 & 7pm 7/8 VB @ Anamosa—4:15 9/10/JV/V @ Anamosa—5:00	10 JV/V FB vs Beckman—5:00	11 MS XC meet—home—8:00 Var XC Meet—home—9:00 JV VB Tourney—home-9:00 9 VB Tourney @ Cascade-9:00
13  Homecoming Parade-6:00 Coronation-6:45 @ Football Field Jr/Sr Girls Powder Puff Game 7:00@ Football Field Ironman Volleyball Game Jr/Sr Boys and Staff - 8:00 in HS Gym	14 7/8 FB vs Tipton—4:15 7/8 VB vs Cascade-4:15 9/10/JV/V vs Cascade-5:00 	15 Vision Screening at Shannon  Homecoming Week	16  7/8 VB @ Wilton —4:15 7/8 FB @ Mid-Prairie-4:15 MS & V XC @ Cascade—Fillmore Fairways-4:00 9/10/JV/V VB @ Wilton—6:00	17 NO SCHOOL—Prof. Dev Day JV/V FB vs Tipton-5:00 	18  Homecoming Dance—8-11pm in HS Commons
20 9 VB vs Beckman—6:00	21 MS XC @ Center Point Urbana—4:15 7/8 VB vs Maquoketa—4:15	22 2:00 Early Dismissal — Prof. Dev	23 7/8 VB @ Camanche-4:15 9/10/JV/V VB @ Camanche-6:00	24 JV/V FB @ W. Liberty-5:00	25 7/8 XC @ Anamosa-8:30 V XC @ Anamosa —9:30 V VB Tourney-Home-8:30 9 & JV VB Tourney @ Cascade-9:00
27 9 VB vs Cascade & Anamosa-5:00 Board Meeting—6:00 PM	28 7/8 FB @ Maquoketa-4:15 7/8 VB vs Northeast-4:15 9/10/JV/V VB vs Northeast—5:00	29 	30 MS/V XC @ West. Dbq—4:15 7/8 VB @ N. Cedar-4:15 9 VB @ Beckman—6:00 9/10/JV/V VB @ N. Cedar—6:00	For up to date information, please go to our website at www.monticello.k12.ia.us	

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