



SCHOOL SPIRIT

January 2015

Parents, Guardians, and Community Members,

The time for the annual Monticello Schools Foundation Gala is fast approaching. This combination dinner and auction is the Foundation's major fundraiser.

Since 1992, the Monticello Schools Foundation has donated over \$500,000 to Monticello school projects. Donations by the Foundation have funded either wholly or in part:

- Funding for the outdoor classroom, shelter, and other projects at the Sports Complex at the High School
- Portable Science Lab for the Middle School
- Treadmills for the High School fitness program
- Table saw for the Industrial Tech Department at the High School
- LCD projection devices for the High School science department
- Books for the ELP program
- Presentations by guest authors and musicians in the elementary schools
- CPR training dolls for the High School
- Middle School Applied Technology Lab
- Sound system for the High School auditorium
- Band uniforms
- Donation to the Accelerated Reader program
- Elementary and Middle School library books
- Automatic External Defibrillator for the High School
- Enclosed trailer for hauling equipment, band instruments, etc.
- SmartBoards and Mimeo devices in all school buildings
- iPads in the elementary
- Therapy dog training for the elementary
- Field Trip Expenses
- Weight room equipment at the high school
- Land donated by Roman & Rosemary Welter for harvest of trees
- Gateway to Technology provided continued support to the Applied Technology Lab
- Soap Project—Synthesizing Opportunities Across Professions
- SPARK Curriculum for K-12 Physical Education which helps create, implement and evaluate programs that promote lifelong wellness.



Weight room equipment at the High School



Land donated by Roman & Rosemary Welter for harvest of trees.

(Photos courtesy of the Monticello Express)

The dinner and auction will be held Saturday, March 7, 2015 at the Berndes Center. Please consider this note an invitation to purchase a ticket and attend this enjoyable event in support of the children of the Monticello Community School District. Tickets are \$25 and available from any Foundation Board Member, at any Monticello School Office, or at the District Office.

If you are interested in donating an item or items for either the silent or live auction, such items may be dropped off at the District Office, 711 South Maple Street, between 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM Monday through Friday.

Sincerely,

Chris Anderson
Superintendent

UPCOMING EVENTS

Middle School Geography Bee

The Middle School Geography Bee will be held on Friday, January 16 at 10:45 AM in the MS auditorium. Anyone interested is invited to attend. Top winners from each grade will compete to see who the school champion will be!

Congratulations to the **MHS dance team** for placing 2nd place in jazz and 3rd place in pom at the state dance competition! Great job girls!

Looking For a Way to Support the Monticello School District Founda- tion?

What better way than to buy a brick on the "Wall of Support" or a spot on the "Perpetual Tree" located at the High School auditorium?



Or any donation can be sent to:

Monticello CSD Foundation

PO Box 2

Monticello, IA 52310

For more information, please go to our website at www.monticello.k12.ia.us, click on "District" then click on "MCSD" Foundation.

School Dining System/Lunch Accounts Update!

Just a reminder that you are able to access your child's lunch account online thru the School Dining System. You should also be receiving email reminders when your family's account balance is getting low. ***In order to receive these reminders, please ensure you have a valid email address within PowerSchool (correct email must be listed under the 'Contact 1' information).*** Each of your children have a separate family/student ID. In order to check balances, you need to log in with the appropriate family/student ID and password for each of your children. The School Dining link is found on our website under 'Food Service'. If you have any questions, please contact Shontele Orr at the District Office at 319-465-5963, ext. 5402 or email shontele.orr@monticello.k12.ia.us. Thanks!

2015-16 Preschool Information

2015-16 Mother Goose Preschool Registration Information

Mother Goose Preschool will enroll children for 2015-16 beginning February 1st. Applications will be available at Mother Goose Preschool. Tuition for three-year-olds is \$95 per month. A Statewide Voluntary Preschool allocation may cover the tuition for children who are four by September 15th. Watch the February issue of the *School Spirit* for additional information.

Openings are available for Sacred Heart Preschool for the 2015-16 school year.

If you are interested, please call Sacred Heart at [319-465-4605](tel:319-465-4605). We have two sections of 3 year-olds. One is M & W from 8:00-10:50 am and the other is T & Th from 8:00-10:50 a.m. That tuition is \$90 per month. If your child turns four by Sept. 15, 2015, tuition is paid by the State of Iowa. If your child is five, tuition will be \$120/month. This program also has two sections. One is 8:00-10:50 a.m. M-Th and the other is 12:00-2:50 p.m.



2015-16 Little Panthers Preschool Registration Information

Openings in the Little Panthers Preschool are available for 2015-16. If you are interested in registering your three or four year old, applications will be available from the Shannon School office on February 1st. Preschool openings are filled through a lottery method; once your child is enrolled, you may retain a spot for the following year-if your child is not moving to kindergarten. If your child was on the waiting list for 2014-15, you must reregister in February of 2015. Tuition is tentatively set at \$370/month and this includes: breakfast, lunch, milk and snacks. If your child turns four by September 15th, a Statewide Voluntary Preschool allocation may lower your child's tuition to \$170/month. More information will be available in the February issue of the *School Spirit*.

2015-16 Kindergarten Round Up Scheduled



Kindergarten Round Up for students entering kindergarten in the fall of 2015 is scheduled for **Wednesday, January 7th & Thursday, January 8th at Shannon School from 9:30 AM. to 4:00 PM.** At this time parents will be asked to complete some information forms. A health form, dental form and immunization card will be provided. Completed immunizations and a dental exam are required by law for all students entering kindergarten. Some of the series of vaccines take six (6) months to complete. Start now to make sure all needed immunizations are completed before your child starts school in the fall. 2015-16 kindergarten students **do not** need to attend this special Round Up event. Students must turn 5 years of age on or before September 15, 2015 to attend kindergarten. If you have any questions, please call Sandy Hinrichs at 465-5425, ext. 4114.

District Large Group Speech Contest

The Monticello Speech team is once again hosting the District Large Group Speech contest on Saturday, January 24th. We are expecting over 25 different schools to come to this contest. This is a great opportunity to see our speech students shine. Everyone is welcome to come watch. Reminder that there is a suggested donation at the door.

Looking for Volunteers!!



Since we are hosting the District Large Group Speech contest at our high school on Saturday, January 24th. The speech team is looking for volunteers to work in the following areas: room timers, door people and concession stand. You can work half a day or all day. If anyone is interested in helping out please contact either Kim Carlson at kim.carlson@monticello.k12.ia.us or Rebecca DeWitte at rebecca.dewitte@monticello.k12.ia.us

From the Guidance Office...

All students, including juniors and especially seniors, should be checking the Guidance Office News webpage for updated information on College Visit Days, the guidance office calendar, scholarship information and specific scholarships with attached applications, and other guidance office information. Go to the school's website at www.monticello.k12.va.us - click on the downloads icon and click Guidance Office News under the guidance heading. These webpages are updated daily and with the college application and scholarship deadlines season arriving, it's an easy solution to finding the local and state scholarships and college information you need.

Attention Parents of Seniors!

If your son/daughter is planning to attend college, you need to apply for financial aid. The 2014-2015 FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) will be available beginning January 1, 2015, and your student's FAFSA needs to be completed **BEFORE** the school's financial aid priority deadline. Each school has their own deadline so be sure to check this out. College Goal Sunday is a national program that works with community organizations to coordinate financial aid events where students and families can receive free assistance with the completion of the FAFSA. In our area, it will be held on Monday, February 23rd at JREC (Jones Regional Education Center) from 3-9 p.m. Kirkwood reps will take walk-ins but appointments may be made by calling 465-2302.

8th graders will start the process of high school registration in January. If parents have questions about the registration process feel free to contact Angela Bibb, Middle School Counselor, at 465-5963, ext. 2215.

THANK YOU TO:

- **Fareway** for donating boxes for the food drive.
- **Everyone** who helped with the Carpenter Holiday Concerts!
- **Tammy Leibold** and **Bryce Cleeton** for donating winter gloves.
- **The businesses** who graciously took their time to answer customer market research questions posed by students from the STEM class. We appreciate your encouragement and support!
- **Theisen's** for the "Theisen's More for Your Community Grant" we received to help defray the costs of elementary field trips.
- **June Fellingner of Treasured Weddings & Tuxedo** for her donation of time and materials for Homecoming. Thanks June!
- **Richard Goughnour** for his donation in memory of Bev Cole Goughnour.
- **The Delphian Society, the 94 Club** and **St. Matthew's Lutheran Church Women's Organization** for their donations to the Health Fund.

Activities at The Ross & Elizabeth Baty Public Library

December 15, 2014- February 14, 2015 -Winter Reading Program- Stop in the library and pick up your Winter Reading bingo game board. Get blackout by completing all spaces on your game board. One game board covers the entire program. Bring completed game board in and receive your prize. Program is open to all ages babies to adult.

January 7- Drop-In Craft 2:00 -5:00pm. Winter themed craft.


January 21- Early Dismissal Movie 2:15-4:00pm Animated tale of the kingdoms most wanted bandit who discovers a feisty teen with 70 feet of magical, golden hair in a mysterious tower. Rated PG.

Cooking Science with ISU Extension & The Monticello Public Library- 4 week course on February 10, 17, 24 & March 3 for kids in grades 5-8. Call the ISU Extension office at [319-465-3224](tel:319-465-3224) to register and for more information. There is a \$20 fee for this course. The program will show the kids the science behind cooking and baking, cooking basics and kitchen safety. This program will be held at Monticello Middle School.

Elementary, Middle School & High School Lunch Menu

Milk served with meal.



Jan. 5 BBQ rib sandwich Cheesy potatoes Vegetable Fruit	Jan. 6 Chicken & noodles Corn Fresh apple slices Bread & butter Frosted cake	Jan. 7 Grilled cheese sandwich French fries Pineapple tidbits Steamed carrots	Jan. 8 Breaded pork sandwich Potato smiles Baked beans Diced peaches	Jan. 9 Chicken nuggets Mashed potatoes & gravy Diced pears Whole grain roll
Jan. 12 Cheeseburger Tater tots Spinach salad Fresh orange slices	Jan. 13 Chili w/ crackers Fresh baby carrots Pears Frosted cinnamon roll	Jan. 14 Popcorn chicken Seasoned rice Broccoli Normandy Mandarin oranges	Jan. 15 Sloppy Joe Seasoned potato cubes Corn Fresh watermelon	Jan. 16 Breaded cheese sticks Tossed salad Strawberries/bananas Chocolate chip cookie
Jan. 19 NO School— Professional Development Day	Jan. 20 Breaded chicken sandwich Vegetable soup Fresh broccoli w/ dip Mixed fruit	Jan. 21 Pasta w/ meat sauce Tossed salad Diced pears Bread stick	Jan. 22 Pulled pork sandwich Seasoned potato cubes Baked beans Apple sauce	Jan. 23 Sausage pizza Fresh baby carrots/celery Mandarin oranges Chocolate brownie
Jan. 26 French toast sticks Sausage Cinnamon spiced apples Juice cup	Jan. 27 Hot dog French fries Baked beans Mixed fruit	Jan. 28 Deli Sandwich WG chips Fresh baby carrots w/ dip Orange wedges Cookie	Jan. 29 Pizza casserole Tossed salad Glazed carrots Peaches	Jan. 30 Beef taco Potato smiles Corn Pears 

January 2015

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Winter Break—No School	2 No School—Professional Development Day JV G/B BB vs N. Cedar—4:00 V G/B BB vs N. Cedar—6:15	3 9/10 BBB vs Tipton—2:30 JV G/B BB vs Tipton—4:00 V G/B BB vs Tipton—6:15
5 Day 1 School Resumes—Welcome Back! Begin 2nd Semester HS January Academies	6 Day 2 JV G/B BB vs Cascade—4:00 V G/B BB vs Cascade—6:15	7 Day 3 PTO Meeting—6:00 @ Carpenter Library Kindergarten Round Up—9:30-4 @ Shannon 2:00 Early Dismissal—Prof. Dev	8 Day 4 Kindergarten Round Up—9:30-4 @ Shannon 9/10 B BB @ Cascade—Weber Center—6:00 JV/V Wrestling Home—6:00	9 Day 5 JV G/B BB @ Bellevue—4:30 V G/B BB @ Bellevue—6:00	10 Little Panther Wrestling Tourney NIEBA Honor Jazz Festival @ CR Kennedy—8:00 V Wr @ Maq. Valley—9:00 9/10 G/B BB @ Durant—11:00 JV G/B BB @ Durant—1:00 V B BB @ Durant—4:00 Iowa FFA Leadership Conference
12 Day 6 JV Wr @ CPU—5:30	13 Day 1 JV G/B BB vs Camanche—3:45 V G/B BB vs Camanche—6:00	14 Day 2 Board Work Session—6:00 PM	15 Day 3 8 BBB vs Northeast—4:00 7 BBB @ Northeast—4:00 9/10 BBB vs Cascade—6:00, followed by Varsity reserve JV/V Wr @ Tipton—6:00	16 Day 4 MS Geography Bee—10:45 JV G/B BB vs Northeast—4:00 V G/B BB vs Northeast—6:15	17 MS Honor Band @ Vernon Middle School River Valley Conference Large Group Speech Contest V Wr @ Marion—10:30 9/10 BBB vs Regina—2:00 JV BBB vs Regina—3:30 V G/B BB vs Regina—5:00
19 No School—Professional Development Day 9/10 BBB vs Camanche—5:00	20 Day 5 Kirkwood/JREC Beginning of Term JV B/G BB vs North Linn—4:00 V G/B BB vs North Linn—7:30 JV/V Wrestling @ West Liberty—6:00	21 Day 6 2:00 Early Dismissal—Prof. Dev	22 Day 1 7/8 BBB @ Bellevue—4:00 JV/V Wr Home—6:00	23 Day 2 JV G/B BB @ N. Cedar—4:00 V G/B BB @ N. Cedar—7:00	24 District Large Group Speech Contest—home—8:00 Science Bowl @ Ames V Wr @ Alburnett—9:30
26 Day 3 30th Iowa FFA Legislative Symposium State Spring Play Auditions—3:30 7/8 BBB vs Camanche—4:00 9/10 BBB vs North Cedar -6:00, followed by Varsity reserve Board Meeting—6:00 PM	27 Day 4 Spring Play Auditions—3:30 & 7:30 PM JV G/B BB @ Cascade—4:30 V G/B BB @ Cascade—6:15	28 Day 5 Band State Jazz Festival—TBA—2:00	29 Day 6 7/8 BBB @ Cascade—4:00 	30 Day 1 9/10 BBB @ Wilton—4:30 JV G/B BB vs Wilton—4:30 V G/B BB vs Wilton—6:00	31 9/10 GBB vs Northeast—10:00 9/10 BBB vs Northeast—11:30 Varsity Conference Wrestling @ Cascade—10:00

For up to date information, please check our website at www.monticello.k12.ia.us

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