



# SCHOOL SPIRIT

October 2017

Hello everyone,

Welcome to fall everyone!!! Now that we are in the school routine it is time to address school attendance. There is a lot of current research on attendance and how it relates to student performance in school. Most of the research revolves around students that are, "Chronically Absent" which by definition is being absent 10% of the days in a school year, or the equivalent to just two days a month. Chronic absenteeism in kindergarten can predict lower test scores and retention in later grades, especially if the problem persists for more than a year. Current research also finds that children who are chronically absent in kindergarten and 1st grade are far less likely to read proficiently at the end of 3rd grade. When students get older chronic absenteeism is also related to a higher dropout rate among students. In Iowa, an average 8.3 percent of public school students were chronically absent in the 2015-16 school year, according to the Iowa Department of Education.



What can you do? It all starts with building regular routines for bedtime and the morning. Don't permit missing school unless your child is truly sick. Avoid medical appointments and extended trips when school is in session. Talk about the importance of regular attendance and about how your child feels about school. We want your child to feel connected to the school so they want to go everyday. If there are other circumstances that cause your child to miss school and you need help, please contact your child's school for assistance.

In September, the School Facilities Committee met to begin looking closely at our school facility needs. Several facts have risen to the surface and there are three key themes that the committee will be discussing. The first is the **cost** associated with the facilities and any future facility considerations. Second is the idea of **repairing current facilities vs new buildings**. Third is the idea of a **central campus plan vs multi campus plan**. The committee is just getting started so stay tuned and I will continue to give updates from the School Facilities Committee in future months. In the meantime here are a few facts to think about...In 1924 a new school was built (Now the Middle School) at a cost of \$200,000. In 1996, a bond passed in Monticello to build a high school for \$8.85 million dollars. In 2012, FEH Associates did a facility study of Monticello schools and indicated that Shannon, Carpenter, Central Middle School, and the bus barn would cost the district \$20.3 million dollars to do needed repairs and meet current ADA standards (that was five years ago)...that amount did not include repairs at the high school. Just food for thought!!!

It is my pleasure to share that our two new school board members, Craig Stadtmueller and Mandy Norton, have been sworn in and attended their first school board meeting on September 25th. I am very excited that both Craig and Mandy are willing to volunteer their time to make our district the best that it can be. In addition, Bud Johnson was elected President of the school board and Dave Melchert was elected Vice President. The committee assignments for the 2017-2018 school year are: John Schlarmann (Buildings/Grounds & Transportation), Dave Melchert (Negotiations and Labor), Craig Stadtmueller (Education), and Mandy Norton (Finance). This group has a lot of work ahead of them this school year but I know they are up to the task.

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,*  
*Dr. Brian Jaeger*

## Elementary and Middle School Iowa Assessment Testing will be the weeks of October 16th and October 23rd.

Here are some testing tips to help your student(s) be prepared for the tests.

1. Plan ahead for a peaceful, unhurried evening and morning.
2. Make sure students get a good night's rest and eat a healthy breakfast.
3. Encourage students to give a good, honest effort.

# UPCOMING EVENTS



Monticello High School  
presents the musical  
**LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS**

Performances

**November 2 & 3 at 7:00 pm, and  
November 4 at 2:00 pm**  
High School Auditorium

Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$4 for senior citizens and students.

The meek floral assistant Seymour Krelborn stumbles across a new breed of plant he names "Audrey II" - after his coworker crush. This foul-mouthed, R&B-singing carnivore promises unending fame and fortune to the down and out Krelborn as long as he keeps feeding it, BLOOD. Over time, though, Seymour discovers Audrey II's out of this world origins and intent towards global domination!

**Mark your Calendars!**



**Carpenter Winter Concert**  
**Tuesday, December 5th**  
High School Gym  
6:00 PM

All grades (2-4) will perform together for one concert at 6:00 pm. More details to come!

## From the High School Counselor's Office

### PSAT for Juniors

The PSAT test is offered at the high school on Wednesday, October 11th. Students interested in qualifying for the National Merit Scholarship competition and practice with a college entrance exam, bring \$16 to Mrs. Stenger to sign up.

### FAFSA

An important first step in the financial aid process is completing the FAFSA, the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. Beginning last year, students should complete this as soon as possible after October 1st. The first step is to create a FSA ID at <https://fsaid.ed.gov/npas/index.htm> and then begin the FAFSA at <https://fafsa.ed.gov/>

### Scholarships

Seniors planning to seek financial assistance for college are strongly encouraged to check the scholarship website and scholarship bulletin board outside the counseling office weekly.

### Senior Planning Meetings

Seniors who have not yet met with Mrs. Stenger should do so as soon as possible. The purpose of these meetings is to review their graduation progress and discuss next steps for their post-high school plans.

### 529 Savings Plan Parent Giveaway

Learn about college planning and savings, and enter for a chance to win one of 50 \$1,000 deposits into a 529 college savings plan in the Save Now, Save Later: College Savings Plan Parent Giveaway at [www.iowaStudentLoan.org/SaveNow](http://www.iowaStudentLoan.org/SaveNow). Open to parents and guardians of students in grades 6-12 now through October 22nd.

### School Pictures are on the following days:

Middle School - October 3

Elementary—October 4



**2nd Annual Austin's Halloween Fun  
Day to Scare Away Childhood Cancer**  
**October 29 from 2-4pm**  
**Monticello Berndes Center**

Mark your calendars parents!! Calling all Kids!!

Come join us for our 2nd Annual Halloween party to honor Austin's Birthday and scare away Childhood Cancer! Bring the family and come enjoy a Sunday afternoon filled with carnival games, bounce houses, face paint, and balloon artist, a dunk tank, yummy treats, prizes and costume parade and contest. \$15 donation per child at the door, parents free with child admission. We hope to see you there!!



**WANT A GREAT WAY TO BE INVOLVED IN THE COMMUNITY? YOU CAN MAKE A LIFE-LONG DIFFERENCE IN AS LITTLE AS AN HOUR A WEEK!**

For as little as an hour a week, for 5-6 weeks, you can use Junior Achievement's easy and fun activities to teach kids about financial literacy, careers, starting their own business, and much, much more! You can make a difference in the lives of young people in our community. Your Junior Achievement experience will leave you feeling proud, energized, and hopeful for a better future for our local young people.

We provide everything you need in a kit. You can choose the school, the grade, and sometimes the teacher you want to work with. No experience necessary!

Your local school or JA office has an immediate need for classroom volunteers in the area. Why not give it a try?

Contact Heather Weers to learn about classroom volunteer opportunities!

[hweers@jaeasterniowa.org](mailto:hweers@jaeasterniowa.org) - 319-862-1100



### Monticello Board of Education Corner...

The Board of Education held their annual meeting and organizational meeting on September 25, 2017. Bud Johnson was elected President of the Board and Dave Melchert Vice President for the 2017-18 school year. Congratulations and thanks for all you do!



L to R: (sitting) Bud Johnson, Dave Melchert (standing): John Schlarmann, Craig Stadtmueller, and Mandy Norton

### Parents of Seniors!



Senior and baby pictures for yearbook are due before winter break. They can not be accepted late. A no cost option is available on picture retake day Oct 27 starting at 7:30 am. Our school photographer will provide a photo for yearbook. You are only charged if you wish to have copies for yourself. If you wish to have photos taken elsewhere, make an appointment now and plan to turn them in before winter break, semester one of senior year. Photos may be submitted digitally or by hard copy. Thanks!

**PTO News...** Thank you to all who participated in the 2017 Fall Fundraiser! Your donations will help the PTO purchase technology for our students, fund field trips, and so much more! Reminder: **pick-up for all orders will be Nov. 2nd from 3:30-6:30pm in the Carpenter gym.** Thank you to Monticello Sports, Baked, and Legacy Lanes for donating prizes for the fundraiser!

We will have our Box Top drive October 9-13th. The class that collects the most box tops receives an extra recess and a traveling trophy! For questions contact Heather Hansen at [heather.hansen@monticello.k12.ia.us](mailto:heather.hansen@monticello.k12.ia.us).

Join us at our next meeting, October 10 @ 6:30pm in the Carpenter library.

### THANK YOU TO:

- **Above & Beyond Home Health Care** for their donation from the tailgate to the Athletic Department!
- **Fareway** for their generous donation of tissues to all of our schools!
- **Sara Paulsen** for her donation to the Monticello High School Theatre Department in memory of Myrna McLaughlin.
- **Silos & Smokestacks National Heritage Area** for their grant that will provide transportation for our 3rd graders to attend the University of Iowa History Museum!
- **Royal Neighbors** for their donation of clothes, snacks, and sidewalk chalk to Shannon Elementary.
- **Mary Brokaw** for her donation of clothes to Shannon Elementary.
- **Linda Mardorf** for volunteering with the hearing screening at Shannon Elementary.
- **Jared Lasley of REM Electric** and **Greg & Diana Jones** for their donation of school supplies to Carpenter Elementary.
- **Monticello PTO** for providing food for teachers at conferences.
- **Brian Meyer** for donating free games of bowling to the Carpenter AR Store.
- **Brian & Michelle Hinrichs & family, Dusty & Carrie Cleeton & family, Leo & Tammy Leibold, Andrea Janssen, and Bill & Carol Janssen** for their donation to the Operation Backpack program in memory of Patricia Norton.
- **Kraus Plumbing & Heating, LLC** for sponsoring the Preschool's field trip to the Pumpkin Patch!

### PARENTS! PARENTS! PARENTS!

It is vital that the school district has current and updated information on your students, especially for emergency situations, early dismissals, etc. Please log in to your PowerSchool account and make sure everything is current, including your cell phone #'s, home phone #'s, email, mailing address, emergency contacts, etc. AND please answer/update this question in PowerSchool on the E-Registration section - Emergency Tab - "Where does your child go in the event of weather related early dismissals?". This helps us get your child(ren) where they need to go.

If you need assistance, please feel free to call Morgan Murray at [319-465-3000, ext. 2115](tel:319-465-3000).

### Breakfast Menu

\*USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer\* Milk served with meal.

October

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2	3	4	5	6
Rainbow yogurt	BB muffin	Breakfast pizza	French toast / syrup	
Granola	Fruit	Fruit	Fruit	<b>NO SCHOOL</b>
Fruit	Fruit juice	Fruit juice	Fruit juice	
Fruit juice				
9	10	11	12	13
Sausage biscuit	Cereal bar	Sausage pancake bite w/ SF syrup	Cheese omelet	Cereal
Fruit	Mozzarella cheese stick	Fruit	English muffin	Poptart
Fruit juice	Fruit	Fruit juice	Fruit	Fruit
	Fruit juice		Fruit juice	Fruit juice
16	17	18	19	20
	Breakfast wrap	Breakfast pizza	Chocolate chip muffin	Cereal
	Fruit	Fruit	Fruit	Poptart
<b>NO SCHOOL</b>	Fruit juice	Fruit juice	Fruit juice	Fruit
				Fruit juice
23	24	25	26	27
Rainbow yogurt	Biscuits & gravy	Long John	Sausage pancakes bites	Cereal
Granola	Fruit	Fruit	Fruit	Poptart
Fruit	Fruit juice	Fruit juice	Fruit juice	Fruit
Fruit juice				Fruit juice
30	31			
Mini donuts	Cereal bar			
Fruit	Mozzarella cheese stick			
Fruit juice	Fruit			
	Fruit juice			





### Lunch Menu

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October

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2	3	4	5	6
Popcorn chicken	Mini Corn dogs	Country fried steak	Cheeseburger/bun	
Seasoned rice	Baked beans	Mashed potatoes	Smiley fries	<b>No School</b>
Steamed broccoli	Apple sauce	Mandarin Oranges	Glazed carrots	
Peaches	Rice Krispie treat	Roll & butter	Apple slices	
9	10	11	12	13
Chicken nuggets	Chicken & noodles	Walking taco	Salisbury steak	Breaded cheese sticks
French fries	Green beans	Seasoned rice	Mashed potatoes & gravy	Lettuce w/ Romaine
Pineapple Tidbit	Peaches	Blackbean & corn salsa	Mixed fruit	Assorted veggies
Bread & butter	Roll & butter	Apple sauce	Roll & butter	Strawberries/bananas
16	17	18	19	20
	Mandarin orange chicken	Pasta w/ meat sauce	Hot dog / bun	Cheese quesadilla
<b>NO SCHOOL</b>	Seasoned rice	Lettuce salad	Baked beans	Baby carrots w/ dip
	Corn	Diced pears	French fries	Fresh fruit
	Pineapple tidbits	Garlic toast	Diced peaches	Cookie/dessert
23	24	25	26	27
French toast sticks	Breaded chicken/bun	Pulled pork	Chili w/ crackers	Sausage pizza
Sausage links	Vegetable soup/crackers	French fries	String cheese	Lettuce w/ spinach
Hashbrown patty	Orange slices	Green beans	Apple sauce	Carrots/Broccoli/Cauliflower
Strawberries & bananas	Cake	Jello w/ fruit	Cinnamon roll	Apple slices
30	31			
Deli sandwich	Chicken strips			
WG chips	Mashed potatoes & gravy			
Baby carrots/dip	Pineapple/mandarin oranges			
Side Kick Frozen/juice	Roll & butter			

# October 2017

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>2 <span style="float: right;">Day 3</span></p> <p>Grades 7-12 Conference Vocal Festival—7:00 PM @ Camanche</p> 	<p>3 <span style="float: right;">Day 4</span></p> <p><b>Middle School Pictures</b></p> <p><b>Elementary/MS P/T Conferences 4-8 PM</b></p> <p>8 FB @ Bellevue-4:15 7 FB @ Tipton—4:15 7/8 XC @ West Delaware-4:30 7/8 VB vs Bellevue—4:15 9/10/JV/V VB vs Bellevue-6:00</p>	<p>4 <span style="float: right;">Day 5</span></p> <p><b>Shannon &amp; Carpenter School Pictures</b></p> <p>HS Healthy Kids Walk</p>	<p>5 <span style="float: right;">Day 6</span></p> <p><b>Elementary P/T Conferences 2:30-8 PM</b> <b>Middle School P/T Conferences 4-8pm</b></p> <p><b>2:00 Early Dismissal — Prof. Dev</b></p> <p>7/8 VB vs Camanche-4:15 9/10/JV/V VB vs Camanche—6:00</p>	<p>6</p> <p><b>NO SCHOOL— Collaboration Day</b></p> <p>JV/V FB vs Oelwein—5:00</p>	<p>7</p> <p>10 VB Tournament @ Tipton—8:30 V XC @ North Linn—9:00 Iowa FFA Soils CDE @ ISU Festival of Bands @ Wilton</p>
<p>9 <span style="float: right;">Day 1</span></p> <p>HS Fall Vocal Concert—7:00 @ HS Auditorium</p>	<p>10 <span style="float: right;">Day 2</span></p> <p>8 VB vs W. Delaware-4:00 7 VB @ W. Delaware-4:00 7/8 FB vs Anamosa-4:00 V VB Conference Tourney TBD-5:00 <b>PTO Mtg @ Carpenter Library-6:30</b></p>	<p>11 <span style="float: right;">Day 3</span></p> <p><b>2:00 Early Dismissal — Prof. Dev</b></p> <p><b>Board Work Session—6:00</b></p> <p>PSAT Test</p>	<p>12 <span style="float: right;">Day 4</span></p> <p>MS/JV/V XC Conference meet @ Iowa City Kickers Soccer Complex—4:30 V VB Conference Tourney TBD-5:00</p>	<p>13 <span style="float: right;">Day 5</span></p>  <p>JV/V FB @ Beckman—5:00</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Iowa FFA Soils CDE @ Ames</p>
<p>16</p> <p><b>NO SCHOOL— Professional Development Day</b></p> <p>BPA Fall Leadership Conference @ Des Moines</p>	<p>17 <span style="float: right;">Day 6</span></p> <p>BPA Fall Leadership Conference @ Des Moines</p>	<p>18 <span style="float: right;">Day 1</span></p> <p><b>HS Academic Awards— 9:00 @ HS Auditorium</b></p> 	<p>19 <span style="float: right;">Day 2</span></p> <p>XC Districts—TBA</p>	<p>20 <span style="float: right;">Day 3</span></p> <p>JV/V FB vs Waterloo Columbus—5:00</p>	<p>21</p> <p>All State Band/Vocal Auditions—8:00 HS Dance Show</p>
<p>23 <span style="float: right;">Day 4</span></p> <p><b>Board Meeting— 6:00 PM</b></p>	<p>24 <span style="float: right;">Day 5</span></p>	<p>25 <span style="float: right;">Day 6</span></p> <p><b>2:00 Early Dismissal — Prof. Dev</b></p> <p>National FFA Convention—Indianapolis</p>	<p>26 <span style="float: right;">Day 1</span></p> <p><b>MS Fall Band Concert— 7:00</b></p> <p>National FFA Convention—Indianapolis</p>	<p>27 <span style="float: right;">Day 2</span></p> <p><i>HS Picture Retakes</i></p> <p><b>National FFA Convention—Indianapolis</b></p>	<p>28</p> <p>V XC State Meet @ Lakeside Municipal Golf Course —10:00</p>
<p>30 <span style="float: right;">Day 3</span></p> <p>8 GBB vs Northeast-4:15 7 GBB @ Northeast—4:15</p>	<p>31 <span style="float: right;">Day 4</span></p> 				

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