



SCHOOL SPIRIT

January 2021

Hi everyone,

We have been able to navigate the good and bad in 2020. I am not sure what 2021 will bring for us all, but I have high hopes. We have come so far over the last five years and the next five years will be even better! YES, no kidding!!! Over the last five years we have improved as a district in facilities, communication, technology, academically, and athletically. That was just the start....not the finish line. I want the Monticello Community School District to be the best. To be the best we will continue to, "KEEP MOVING FORWARD", one step at a time.



As you know the Monticello School Foundation has worked tirelessly to support our staff and students for several years. We rely on their financial support to assist us in the areas of technology and curriculum. In fact, they have done so much in cooperation with the school district that each of our students has a device and programming that they use on a daily basis that can be traced directly back to the support from the Monticello School Foundation. In the past, they have held a Pep Rally to bring the community together in support of the students in the Monticello Community School District. The annual Pep Rally is not going to happen this spring as it has in the past. I ask you to consider how much financial support you have given in the past by donating prizes, tickets to the Pep Rally, purchasing auction items, etc. and come up with an amount you are able to give this spring. Whatever that number is, send them a check to the address below. Believe me when I say it is money well spent!!!

Thank you for your continued support of the Monticello School Foundation and the Monticello Community School District.

As always, if you have any questions please feel free to call or email anytime.

Sincerely,

Dr. Brian Jaeger, Superintendent

Monticello School Foundation Pep Rally & Class Reunions Canceled Due to Covid

The Foundation's biggest fundraiser has been their Pep Rally and Class Reunions which is normally held in March. Their annual fundraiser normally draws in over 200 people and raises approximately \$35,000. This year due to the coronavirus they are not able to hold the fundraiser in person. However, they are still accepting donations. If you would like to donate, simply complete the donation form below and mail to Monticello School Foundation.



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.

Please consider giving what you can. Your donation is tax deductible and appreciated! Thank you for your continued support of the Monticello School Foundation and the Monticello Community School District!

Donation to the Monticello School Foundation

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please return along with your donation to:

Monticello School Foundation, PO Box 2, Monticello, IA 52310 • 319-465-3000

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Help us reach our goal!



UPCOMING EVENTS



2020-21 Kindergarten Round Up

Kindergarten Round Up for students entering Kindergarten in the fall of 2021 is scheduled for January 4 thru January 29, 2021. At this time parents will be asked to complete some informational forms. Forms can be completed by one of the following options:

- 1. Download and print the forms.** Forms are located on our website: <https://www.monticello.k12.ia.us/>. Go to Schools, click on Shannon Elementary, click on Downloads, and then download the Kindergarten Roundup Letter and New Student Form. Mail completed forms to Shannon Elementary, 321 W South St. Monticello, IA 52310
- 2. Complete the forms electronically by clicking on the New Student Form Survey Link.** The link is located on our website: <https://www.monticello.k12.ia.us/>. Go to Schools, click on Shannon Elementary, click on Downloads, and then click on New Student Form Survey Link
- 3. Forms can be mailed to you by calling Shannon Elementary Office at 319-465-3000, ext. 4114.**

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 2021-2022. Students must turn 5 years of age on or before September 15, 2021 to attend Kindergarten.



Thank you EVERYONE for helping Student Council fill the Monticello Food Pantry. Our final count was 1,524 items. Our first place winner with a prize of ice-cream treats and salty snacks was Mr.



Meshak's Spanish 4 class bringing in 518 items and 27 items per student. Second place goes to Ms. Manternach's Physics class with a total of 248 (21 items per student) items and third place with a combined total of 110 items (8 items per student) was Mr. Malausky, Ms. Maher, Ms. Derby, and Ms. Sconsa.



Job well-done Panthers!

Board of Education Corner...

The Board of Education held their Annual & Organizational Meeting on Monday, November 23. Craig Stadtmueller was elected President and Mandy Norton Vice-President.

Here is your 2020-21 Board of Education. If you see them out and about please thank them for their service!



L-to-R: Amanda Brenneman, Debbie McDermott, Craig Stadtmueller, Mandy Norton, and John Schlarman.

THANK YOU TO:

- **Laryssa Dirks, Courtney Hinrichs, and Katie Besler** for their donation of winter gear to Shannon & Carpenter.
- **Whitehawk Plumbing & Heating** for their donation to the Shannon softball field.
- **Michelle Hinrichs** for the donation of masks to the middle school.
- **Ashley Christensen** for the donation of hand sanitizer to the middle school.
- **Angie McDonough and Jenny Tuetken** for the donation of Monticello clothing to Carpenter.

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; 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. 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

Statewide Voluntary Preschool Programming for Four-Year-Old Children

For 2021-22, we are expecting to receive state funding to support preschool programming for four-year-old children. Here are some Frequently Asked Questions to help community members gain a better understanding of what this preschool funding means to Monticello.

Which preschools are partners in the MCSD Program? Little Panthers Preschool (Shannon Elementary), Mother Goose Preschool (St. Matthew Lutheran Church), and Sacred Heart Preschool (Sacred Heart School).

How will the funding be used? There are many assurances (i.e., requirements) that need to be met when using preschool funding. Money will be spent to make sure that these assurances are met. The assurances include (but are not limited to):

- Facility requirements including accessibility and playground guidelines
- Costs associated with teacher and paraprofessional certifications and professional development
- Paying staff costs for required instruction, program operation, home visits, family nights, and parent/teacher conferences
- Supplies and Equipment

Which children will this funding support? Funding must be used to support children that turn age four on or before September 15th.

Will my four-year-old receive free preschool? Mother Goose and Sacred Heart are half day programs and are tuition free. Little Panthers Preschool is a full day program and has a max tuition of \$135.00. Assuming we have moved beyond COVID-19, all three programs run Monday through Thursday.

Will my four-year-old receive transportation to and from preschool? The school district may be able to provide free transportation using an existing bus route. Check with your preschool provider for more information.

Where can I obtain more information about the Statewide Voluntary Preschool Program for Four-Year-Old Children? You can visit with representatives of the participating preschools and you can visit the Iowa Department of Education web site: <https://www.educateiowa.gov/pk-12/early-childhood/statewide-voluntary-preschool-program-four-year-old-children>

Preschool Registration

All three programs are currently taking applications for the 2021-22 school year.

Little Panthers Preschool, Shannon Elementary – Please see registration information at the bottom of this page.

Mother Goose Preschool – Mother Goose Preschool will enroll children for 2021-2022 beginning February 1st. Applications will be available at Mother Goose Preschool. Tuition for three-years-olds is \$100 per month. A Statewide Voluntary Preschool allocation may cover the tuition for children who are four by September 15th. Please call Ann Eby at 319-465-5675 for more information.

Sacred Heart Preschool, Sacred Heart School – There are three options for 3-year-old preschool: M & W 8:00-10:50 am, T & TH 8:00 - 10:50 am, or our 4-day program M, T, W, TH. The 4-year-old PreK program has two sections: M-Th 8:00 - 11:00 am and M-Th 12:00 - 3:10 pm. If your child is four years old by Sept. 15, 2021, tuition is paid by State of Iowa Preschool Grant. Please call Jo-Ellen Schlarman at 319-465-4605 for registration information.

Little Panthers Preschool

For 2021-22, we will have openings in the Little Panthers Preschool. If you are interested in registering your 4-year-old, please register your four-year-old in one of the following ways:

- 1. Download and print the forms.** Forms are located on our website: <https://www.monticello.k12.ia.us/>. Go to Schools, click on Shannon Elementary, click on Downloads, and then download Little Panthers Preschool Application & Questionnaire. Mail the completed application & questionnaire to Shannon Elementary, 321 W South St. Monticello, IA 52310
 - 2. Complete the application & questionnaire electronically by clicking on the Little Panthers Preschool Application & Questionnaire Link.** The link is located on our website: <https://www.monticello.k12.ia.us/>. Go to Schools, click on Shannon Elementary, click on Downloads, and then click on Little Panthers Preschool Application & Questionnaire Link.
 - 3. The application & questionnaire can be mailed to you by calling Shannon Elementary Office at 319-465-3000, ext. 4114.**
- Applications are available on January 4 and due February 26.
 - Preschool openings are filled through a lottery method.
 - Head Start slots and Empowerment Grants are available.

REGISTER NOW!

This preschool is an inclusive, full-day program (Monday through Thursday) for students of all needs. Our program offers:

- A certified teacher and paraprofessional
- Large and small group instruction
- Learning Centers
- Developmentally appropriate schedule and activities
- Thematic instruction
- Social Skills Curriculum
- Breakfast, lunch, milk, and snacks



From the High School Counselor's Office...

High School Scheduling Dates

The following dates are of note for 8-11th grade students in regards to scheduling high school credit and college credit classes for next year:

- Tuesday, January 26: 8th grade scheduling meetings
- Tuesday, January 26: 9-11th grade scheduling video sent to students & parents
- Thursday, January 28: Kirkwood & AP Courses family Google Meet meeting at 7:00 pm
- Tuesday, February 5: High School & Kirkwood registration sheets due to HS Office
- Tuesday, February 9: 8th grade registration papers due to Mrs. Larson
- Thursday, February 11: 9-11th grades request classes in PowerSchool
- Friday, February 12: 8th graders request classes in PowerSchool
- Thursday, March 25: 9th Grade Virtual Orientation for 8th grade students & parents at 5:30 pm via Google Meet

If your child misses any of the dates above, please remind them to stop in the high school office as soon as possible so they do not miss opportunities for next year.

Parents of 10th & 11th Graders

All 10th & 11th graders and their parents are invited to attend a Google Meet on Thursday, January 28 at 7:00 pm to learn about taking Advanced Placement, Kirkwood Academy, and concurrent enrollment courses during their Junior and/or Senior year as well as college preparation information. Lots of information will be presented so please plan on attending!



Job Shadow Opportunities

Want your child to experience a job firsthand? Encourage your junior or senior to register for a group job shadow, a two to four hour experience on a job site! The Workplace Learning Connection application is open from January 4-29 at <https://www.workplacelearningconnections.com/Default.aspx?wpc=WLC>. This is a wonderful, free opportunity for your child to confirm a career interest they have or explore their options.

EIGHT TIPS TO GET YOUR KIDS ON A GOOD SLEEP SCHEDULE *(Summarized)*

Getting your kids on a healthy sleep schedule can be hard during the pandemic. Since kids have been out of school and unable to do many of their regular activities, many are off their regular sleep schedule, says Dr. Kelly Chiu, a primary care pediatrician at Boston Children's Primary Care at Martha Eliot. Here are Dr. Chiu's tips for helping kids improve their sleep schedule.

- #1. Set a morning wake up-** She says it's best to maintain the same schedule every day of the week, rather than sleeping in on weekends. "Having a variation in sleep patterns is a problem for a lot of older kids. Being consistent every day is really the key to getting satisfying sleep." Keeping a daily schedule can help kids stay on track.
- #2. Keep a daily schedule-** You don't have to plan every minute of the day. But having some sort of schedule will help keep your kids on track.
- #3. Set regular mealtimes-** Mealtimes are directly related to sleep schedule. "When kids wake up late, most of their eating is done in the later hours of the day," says Dr. Chiu. "If you're used to eating late, you'll end up being hungry at night." She recommends making sure that kids have breakfast and lunch at reasonable times, to move their hunger cycles earlier in the day.
- #4. Monitor and limit screen use-** Dr. Chiu says technology is at the root of a lot of sleep issues. She recommends setting clear rules around technology early and sticking with them.
- #5. Get outside activity-** Encourage your child to spend time outside, whether it's taking a walk, riding a bike, or playing in your backyard or park — just make sure all family members wear a mask and stay at least 6 feet away from others when possible.
- #6. Don't allow naps-** Once your kids have outgrown the need for naps — usually by age 5 — they shouldn't be sleeping during the day. "Naps can be detrimental for good sleep," says Dr. Chiu. "Even a short nap can throw off your child's sleep schedule."
- #7. Create a comfortable sleeping environment-** Your child will find it easier to sleep if their bedroom is a place where they feel comfortable. Dr. Chiu offers these tips:
 - keep the bedroom device-free
 - make sure it's a comfortable temperature for sleeping
 - place a nightlight in the room if it helps your child feel more comfortable
 - create a bedtime routine, such as taking a bath or reading before bed
- #8. Remember that kids are flexible-** "Kids are really resilient and flexible, so don't feel guilty trying to adjust their schedule," says Dr. Chiu. "Try to come up with a schedule that's reasonable, and your child will feel a positive difference."



Posted on July 27, 2020 by Ellen Greenlaw | Health and Parenting. Full article here:

<https://discoveries.childrenshospital.org/sleep-schedule-tips/>



Food Service News

January Breakfast Menu

<i>Milk served with meal.</i>				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1
				NO SCHOOL
				8
4	5	6	7	8
BB muffin	Long john		Cereal bar	Cereal
String cheese	Fruit		String cheese	Poptart
Fruit	Fruit juice	Grab and Go	Fruit	Fruit
Fruit juice			Fruit juice	Fruit juice
11	12	13	14	15
Breakfast pizza	Chocolate muffin		Mini Donuts	Cereal
Fruit	String cheese		Fruit	Poptart
Fruit juice	Fruit	Grab and Go	Fruit juice	Fruit
	Fruit juice			Fruit juice
18	19	20	21	22
Yogurt	Sausage egg & cheese/bun		Long John	Cereal
Granola	Fruit		Fruit	Poptart
Fruit	Fruit juice	Grab and Go	Fruit juice	Fruit
Fruit juice				Fruit juice
25	26	27	28	29
Pancake on a stick	Cereal bar		Mini donuts	Cereal
Fruit	String cheese		Fruit	Poptart
Fruit juice	Fruit	Grab and Go	Fruit juice	Fruit
	Fruit juice			Fruit juice

FREE Breakfast & Lunch

The USDA has announced that school meals will be FREE to all students 18 and under. This will last until the end of the school year. So tell your kids to grab a school breakfast or lunch. This is a great opportunity for our community and it also helps ensure that our students are eating and ready to learn without the worry of money in their accounts. Thank you - Pat Kelly, Food Service Director,
pat.kelly@monticello.k12.ia.us

Helping Children in School Succeed!



When students start the day with a nutritious breakfast, they start the day ready to learn. Some students skip breakfast at home because they are not hungry when they first wake up. Getting ready for school can be rushed and many families find it difficult to squeeze in breakfast. When parents rely on school breakfast, they can be ASSURED that their child will receive a healthy breakfast.

January 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
				NO SCHOOL
				8
4	5	6	7	8
Cheeseburger/bun	Chicken strips		Beef taco/shell	Breaded cheese sticks
French fries	Mashed potatoes & gravy	Grab and Go	Seasoned potato cubes	Lettuce w/ dressing
Green beans	Diced peaches		Corn	Fresh veggies
Pineapple	Roll & butter		Mixed fruit	Mandarin oranges
11	12	13	14	15
Hot dog/bun	BBQ rib/bun		Chicken & noodles	Sausage pizza
French fries	Corn	Grab and Go	Steamed carrots	Lettuce w/ dressing
Green beans	Baked beans		Pears	Fresh veggies
Orange slices	Mixed fruit		Frosted cinnamon roll	Apple slices
18	19	20	21	22
Pasta w/ meat sauce	Corn dog		Macaroni & cheese	Garlic cheese bread
Lettuce w/ dressing	Smiley fries	Grab and Go	Green beans	Lettuce w/ dressing
Apple sauce	Baked beans		Pears	Fresh veggies
Garlic toast	Pineapple tidbits		Dinner roll & butter	Fruit
25	26	27	28	29
Breaded pork/bun	Popcorn chicken		Maid rite/bun	Stuffed crust pizza
Seasoned potato cubes	Seasoned rice	Grab and Go	French fries	Lettuce w/ dressing
Baby carrots	Corn		Broccoli w/ cheese sauce	Fresh veggies
Peaches	Mandarin oranges		Pears	Apple sauce



Annual Notice—Directory Information

The district may release the following types of directory information to the public without parent or eligible student consent: name, address, telephone number, date and place of birth, e-mail address, grade level, enrollment status, major field of study, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, weight and height of members of athletic teams, dates of attendance, degrees and awards received, the most recent previous educational agency or institution attended by the student, student ID number that is displayed on a student identification card (provided it cannot be solely used to access the student's educational records), user ID or other unique personal identifier that is displayed on a student identification card (provided it cannot be solely used to access the student's educational records), photograph and other likeness, and other similar information. No directory information may be released without parent or eligible student consent if either the information or the manner of circumstances in which it is released would serve to identify a student as handicapped or receiving special education services.

Any parent or eligible student objecting to the public release of directory information must annually file a written objection with the office of the principal of the school. That information objection shall not be publicly released.



January 2021

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 No School-Winter Break	2
4 School Resumes—Welcome Back! JV Wrestling Tourney @ Center Point-Urbana-4:30 9/10 BBB @ Western Dubuque-Epworth—6:00	5 JV GBB vs Northeast-4:00 JV BBB vs Northeast-5:15 V GBB vs Northeast—6:30 V BBB vs Northeast—8:15	6 ONLINE LEARNING DAY 	7 V Wrestling – Home—6:00 9/10 BBB vs Ed-Co-7:00—MS Gym	8 JV GBB @ Cascade-4:00 9/10 BBB @ Cascade-4:00 JV BBB @ Cascade-5:00 V GBB @ Cascade-6:00 V BBB @ Cascade-7:00	9 NEIBA District Honor Jazz Band FFA Ignite, Amplify & Transform Conferences V Wrestling @ BGM—10:00 9/10 BBB vs Regina-11:00 JV GBB vs Regina-12:30 JV BBB vs Regina-2:00 V GBB vs Regina—3:30 V BBB vs Regina-5:00
11 Dorian Vocal Festival @ Luther College  Jazz Band—Jammin' in January Concert—7:00	12 HS Standards Improvement Day V Boys & Girls Bowling @ Durant-Idle Hour Bowling Alley-2:00 JV GBB vs Camanche-4:00 JV BBB vs Camanche—5:15 V GBB vs Camanche-6:30 V BBB vs Camanche—8:15	13 End 1st Semester ONLINE LEARNING DAY Board Work Session—6:00 PM	14 Begin 2nd Semester V Wrestling @ Tipton-5:30 JV GBB vs Maq. Valley-4:00 JV BBB vs Maq. Valley—5:15 V GBB vs Maq. Valley-6:30 V BBB vs Maq. Valley -8:15 American Heart Association RED OUT—WEAR RED!	15 FFA National Scholarship Applications due online JV Wrestling @ West. Dubuque—5:00 JV GBB @ Bellevue-4:30 JV BBB @ Bellevue-4:30 V GBB @ Bellevue-6:30 V BBB @ Bellevue—8:15	16 Conference Speech Contest—9:00 @ Anamosa V Wrestling @ Marion HS-9:30
18 Conference Speech Contest —9:00 @ Anamosa (make-up date) Freshman Wrestling Tourney @ Solon-5:00 JV GBB @ W. Liberty-4:00 JV BBB @ W. Liberty—5:15 V GBB @ W. Liberty-6:30 V BBB @ W. Liberty—8:15	19 JV GBB @ N. Cedar-4:00 9/10 BBB @ N. Cedar—Stanwood-4:00 JV BBB @ N. Cedar-5:15 V GBB @ N. Cedar-6:30 V BBB @ N. Cedar-8:15	20 ONLINE LEARNING DAY	21 V G/B Bowling @ West Delaware-Lightning Lanes-4:00 7/8 BBB @ Bellevue-4:15 V Wrestling @ North-east-5:30 V GBB vs West Delaware-7:00	22 JV GBB @ W Branch HS-4:30 JV BBB @ W Branch Elem.—4:30 9/10 BBB @ W Branch Elem. -5:45 V GBB @ W Branch HS -6:30 V BBB @ W Branch HS -7:30	23 MS Marion Junior High Honor Band District Large Group Speech Contest-Home V Wrestling Tournament @ Midland-10:00
25 Kirkwood 2nd Semester Begins IHSMA State Jazz Fest Musical Auditions 3:30 & 7:30 7/8 BBB vs Cascade-4:15 JV Conference Wrestling @ Anamosa-5:00 Board Meeting—6:00 PM	26 8th grade registration meetings District Speech (make-up date) 36th Iowa FFA Legislative Symposium Musical Auditions 3:30 & 7:30	27 ONLINE LEARNING DAY	28 V G/B Bowling @ Bellevue-Horizon Lanes-4:00 7/8 BBB @ Maquoketa-4:15 V Wrestling @ N. Fayette Valley -5:30 9/10 BBB vs W. Dbq-6:00 KCC Academies Meeting-7:00 (virtual)	29 JV GBB @ Anamosa MS -4:15 JV BBB @ Anamosa MS -5:45 V GBB @ Anamosa HS-6:30 9/10 BBB @ Anamosa MS—7:00 V BBB vs Anamosa HS—8:30	30 V Wrestling Tournament – Home-10:00

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