

SCHOOL SPIRIT



Monticello Community School District

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Hi everyone,

With the Great Jones County Fair in the rearview mirror and fall sports beginning in a few weeks for high school, we are rapidly closing in on the start of the school year. The first day of school for the students is Friday, August 23. It is important to start planning to put your kids on a more school-like schedule soon. The biggest things to consider are creating consistent sleeping and eating habits over the next few weeks.

Transitioning into an earlier-to-bed schedule can be difficult this time of the year because it is light out late into the evening. The research says that younger kids need to sleep 10-11 hours per night and the older kids need to sleep 8-10 hours per night. Just consider that when you adjust bedtimes in the next few weeks. Also, for the older kids, consider setting up a time at night that they are off the phone.

Also, it is important to set up good eating habits. If your kids are like mine, they have a tendency to "Graze" more during the summer. They sometimes fill up with empty calories at odd times of the day, then are not hungry when it is a mealtime. Talking with your kids about making good food and nutritional choices is so important. Also, oftentimes when school starts, kids will forget breakfast. Please make sure they get something at home or leave early enough to get breakfast at school. This is so important because kids need some gas in the tank to learn, concentrate, and do well at school in general.

The first rule in doing good at a job or in school is showing up! Since COVID our attendance numbers have been down. This seems to be a statewide and nationwide trend in education. The Iowa State Legislature has noticed this trend as well and they passed a bill on absenteeism. The bill was signed into law by Governor Reynolds this spring, creating systematic consequences for absenteeism in schools. We are finalizing our new policy as a result of these changes and more information will be coming out as the school year begins.

There are about three months until the November 5 election and if you remember we have an Elementary School Bond issue on the ballot. This bond issue is an important part of the evolution of our school facilities and completes the single campus plan concept for our community. The plan was evaluated by our School Facility Committee, which was made up of a very good cross section of Monticello community members, and the School Facility Committee voted 100% in support of this plan which is why we are bringing this for a vote on November 5. More information will be coming your way as we start the school year but if you are interested in learning more about the Elementary School Bond right now, please visit our website at:

<https://www.monticello.k12.ia.us/elementary-bond-2/>

We are collecting all of our information on this website to keep everything in one place. There is a lot of really good information available there that will assist everyone. It does not matter if you know a lot about this project or just have one question, the information on this website will get you up to speed. Also, if you have any questions, you are always welcome to email me directly at brian.jaeger@monticello.k12.ia.us and I can respond to your questions with an email or a phone call.



I hope that everyone enjoys the final days of summer! As always if you have any questions, please feel free to send me an email or give me a call at any time. Thank you for your continued support of the Monticello Community School District.

Sincerely,

Dr. Brian Jaeger, Superintendent

August 2024

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of the Monticello Community School District

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

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*The **MISSION** of the Monticello Community Schools, a district striving for educational excellence, is to prepare students through challenging experiences, to be caring, productive, creative citizens, who will be life-long learners.*

BACK TO SCHOOL

The 2024-2025 school year starts on Friday, August 23!

Open House for all schools is Wednesday, August 21

Elementary: 4:30-6:00 pm

Middle School: 5-6:30 pm

High School: 5:30-7:00 pm



School supply lists are available in the District Office or on our website.

2024-25 Bus Routes

We are currently working on the bus routes for this year. Most of the routes will be the same as previous years. If you have moved over the summer and will be changing your transportation or are new to the District and need transportation, please call the Bus Barn at 319-465-3000, then press 7. Thank you!



All school offices will be back open August 1st!

Free & Reduced Meal Applications are Due!

Families who feel they may qualify for free or reduced lunch are strongly encouraged to fill out the free/reduced meals application. If you do not fill out this form, your registration fees cannot be reduced or waived. Applications are available at the District Office or on our website.

Board Approved: 1/22/24

Summary of Calendar Hours

Student Hours in Classroom:	
First Semester (87 days):	541.308
Second Semester (88 days):	547.892
PT Conferences:	16.00
Virtual Learning Hours (up to 30 hours):	0
TOTAL STUDENT HOURS:	1105.20

Calendar Legend

	Start/End Semester	4
	PD Day	2
	1pm dismissal for PD/Collab	26
	Parent/Teacher Conferences	4
	Collaboration Day	3
	Holiday	6
	No School Days	16
	Early Dismissal 1pm, No PD	2

Holidays

Sept. 2	Labor Day
Nov. 28	Thanksgiving Day
Dec. 25	Christmas Day
Jan. 1	New Year's Day
Apr. 18	Good Friday
May 26	Memorial Day

Professional Development Days (No School)

Aug. 20-21

Collaboration Days (No School)

Aug. 22; Jan. 3; April 21

1pm Dismissal Dates

Aug. 28; Sept. 11, 18, 25; Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23
Nov. 6, 13, 20; Dec. 4, 20; Jan. 8, 15, 29
Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26; Mar. 5, 26
April 2, 9, 30; May 7, 14, 28

Parent Teacher Conferences

HS, MS, Elem - Oct. 29 & Nov 5
HS, MS, Elem - Mar. 11 & 13

Break Days

Nov. 1
Nov. 27-29
Dec. 23 - Jan. 2
March 14
March 17-21

Weather Make-Up Days

May 29-June 13 (as needed)

Teacher Floating Work Days

August 5 - 19 (1 day)
May 29 - June 13 (1 day)

Monticello Community School District 2024-2025 Master Calendar

Month	M	T	W	Th	F	EVENTS
Aug.					1 2	19 - New Teachers Report 20-21 - No School, Professional Development Days 21 - Open House: Elementary: 4:30-6pm MS: 5-6:30pm HS: 5:30-7pm 22 - No School, Collaboration Day 23 - CLASSES BEGIN 26 - Kirkwood First Semester Classes Begin 28 - 1pm dismissal
Sept.	2 3 4 5 6	7 8 9 10 11 12 13	14 15 16 17 18 19 20	21 22 23 24 25 26 27	28 29 30	2 - No School, Holiday 11, 18, 25 - 1pm dismissal 16-21 Homecoming Week
Oct.	1 2 3 4	5 6 7 8 9 10 11	12 13 14 15 16 17 18	19 20 21 22 23 24 25	26 27 28 29 30 31	2, 9, 16, 23 - 1pm dismissal 29 - Elem/MS/HS PT Conference 4-8
Nov.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	9 10 11 12 13 14 15	16 17 18 19 20 21 22	23 24 25 26 27 28 29		1 - No School 5 - Elem/MS/HS PT Conference 4-8 6, 13, 20 - 1pm dismissal 27 & 29 - No School 28 - No School, Holiday
Dec.	1 2 3 4 5 6	7 8 9 10 11 12 13	14 15 16 17 18 19 20	21 22 23 24 25 26 27	28 29 30 31	4 - 1pm dismissal 13 - Kirkwood First Semester Classes End 20 - 1pm dismissal, No PD 12/23-1/2 - No School, Winter Break 25 - No School, Holiday
Jan.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	11 12 13 14 15 16 17	18 19 20 21 22 23 24	25 26 27 28 29 30 31		1 - No School, Holiday 2 - No School 3 - No School, Collaboration Day 8, 15, 29 - 1pm dismissal 13 - End 1st Semester 14 - Begin 2nd Semester 21 - Kirkwood Second Semester Classes Begin
Feb.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7	8 9 10 11 12 13 14	15 16 17 18 19 20 21	22 23 24 25 26 27 28		5, 12, 19, 26 - 1pm dismissal
March	1 2 3 4 5 6 7	8 9 10 11 12 13 14	15 16 17 18 19 20 21	22 23 24 25 26 27 28	29 30 31	5, 26 - 1pm dismissal 11 & 13 - Elem/MS/HS PT Conference 4-8 14 - No School 17-21 - No School, Spring Break
April	1 2 3 4	5 6 7 8 9 10 11	12 13 14 15 16 17 18	19 20 21 22 23 24 25	26 27 28 29 30	2, 9, 30 - 1pm dismissal 12 - PROM 18 - No School, Holiday 21 - No School, Collaboration Day
May	1 2 3 4 5 6	7 8 9 10 11 12 13	14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21	22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30		7, 14 - 1pm dismissal 13 - Kirkwood Second Semester Classes End 21 - Last day for Seniors 25 - HS Graduation 26 - No School, Holiday 28 - Last day of school, 1pm dismissal, No PD*
June	1 2 3 4 5 6	7 8 9 10 11 12 13	14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21	22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30		

*Will move to last day if snow days are added

<https://www.monticello.k12.ia.us/calendar/>

2024-25 REGISTRATION

Registration for the Monticello Community School District for the 2024-25 school year will be done **ONLINE** again this year. All families are required to register their students in Infinite Campus through the process known as Online Registration (OLR). **Online registration (OLR) will be open July 29 or sooner**—watch your email! OLR allows parents to register at their own convenience and to save time for future years. Once OLR is open, please follow the steps below.

RETURNING Students - Steps to Register:

1. Login to the [Infinite Campus Parent Portal](#). If you do not know your login, please email morgan.murray@monticello.k12.ia.us
2. Click on the Main Menu in the top left corner
3. Click More
4. Click on Online Registration
5. Click 24-25 Online Registration (OLR) Existing Student Registration
6. *If you have a new incoming student (i.e. preschooler, kindergartener, private school), you will be able to add them to your current student's OLR. When you log into the parent portal and see your list of students, look for the "Add Student" button.*
7. Click Start
8. Once completed be sure to pay any fees due and also add money to your food service account*

NEW Students - Steps to Register:

Welcome to Monticello CSD! Please fill out your new student's information into the online link below. This is **ONLY** for a new student and not if you have existing students already registered at one of our schools. If you have multiple new students coming into the district, you may enter them all in one application. Once your student application has been processed through by a secretary, they will be added to your parent account. Fees will be assessed to your child upon secretary approval.

NEW students register here: <https://monticelloia.infinitecampus.org/campus/OLRLoginKiosk/monticello?configGroupID=4>

Note: Some documents are required for students, depending on the grade level your child is in. They can be uploaded, emailed, or dropped off at your school building.

If you have any questions or need help registering, please email morgan.murray@monticello.k12.ia.us or call 319-320-1132.

*You are able to pay online for fees and lunch once you are logged in. You can pay by credit or debit card (*a convenience fee of 3.61% will be charged*), or by e-check (*a convenience fee of only 35 cents will be charged*). **During the week of August 5-9, the convenience fees will be waived.** *If you don't wish to pay online, payment can be mailed or made at your school building.*

Online registration needs to be done by August 14. If you are unable to register online, please contact your building secretary (*after Aug.1*) to set up a time to register. *Support for online registration will NOT be available at Open House.*

Schedules, padlocks, chromebooks, etc. can be picked up at Open House once fees have been paid. Please check our website and Facebook page regularly for updates.

Note: Some documents are required for returning families/students, depending on the grade level your child is in. They can be uploaded, emailed, or dropped off at your school building.

If you have any questions or need help registering, please email morgan.murray@monticello.k12.ia.us or call 319-320-1132.

(PLEASE NOTE: Building Secretaries will not be back in the office until August 1st)

Here's to a great 2024-25 school year!

IMPORTANT INFO

Parents of 2024 Seniors!



Summer is a great time to take senior portraits!

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

- 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 (preferred) 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 emily.marjoua@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 the deadline. 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!

Private Instruction—(Annual Notice) - Private Instruction is instruction using a plan and a course of study in a setting other than a public or organized accredited nonpublic school. It includes competent private instruction (CPI) by a licensed practitioner or a non-licensed person, independent private instruction (IPI), home school assistance programs (HSAP), and non-accredited nonpublic schools. Forms are available in the District Office if needed.



Homecoming for the 2024-25 school year will be the week of September 16-21, 2024.



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- ⇒ Before School starts in August all Kindergarten, 7th, and 12th grade students must have their expected immunizations per state law.
 - ⇒ All Kindergarten and 9th grade students must have a current Dental screening certificate on file.
 - ⇒ All Kindergarten students must be up to date on their preschool shots and have received their 4-year-old boosters of Dtap, Polio, MMR, and Varicella.
 - ⇒ All 7th grade and above students must show proof of having received a Tdap (Tetanus/Acellular Pertussis) vaccination booster AND a Meningococcal vaccination on or after 10 years of age.
 - ⇒ All students in grades 7-12 interested in participating in sports must have a current physical and concussion form on file.
 - ⇒ All 12th grade students must show proof of receiving 2 DOSES of Meningococcal vaccine; or 1 dose if first dose was received at 16 years of age or older.

Get those appointments scheduled early!

FROM THE NURSES OFFICE...

Kindergarten Parents!



All kindergarten immunizations need to be up to date before the first day of school (or a notarized religious or medical exemption filled out), or students cannot attend school. We also need a physical, and dental and lead screening results. If you have any questions, please call Sandy Hinrichs or School Nurse, Jennifer Speltz at 319-465-3000.

Students with SPECIAL DIETS or MEDICAL NEEDS—If your student has any special diet or medical needs, please contact School Nurses, Jennifer Speltz or Jodi Heinrich before school starts so we are better able to care for your children! They can be reached at 319-465-3000. Thank You!

Good luck to all the Fall athletes and coaches!

GO PANTHERS!



~WELCOME~

Meet your new

Elementary Principal SHANNON KEHOE

Mrs. Kehoe comes to us from Grant Wood Area Education Agency where she has worked for the last 5 years. Before that, Mrs. Kehoe was an elementary principal in both Iowa City and Cedar Rapids.

When asked about the new role, Mrs. Kehoe said, "It is an honor and privilege to be named Elementary Principal at Shannon and Carpenter. I am so very excited to begin working with the students, staff and parents to make a positive impact together."

Welcome Shannon!



Welcome New Staff!

The 2024-25 school year will begin on Friday, August 23 with the following new staff members:

Tony Butterworth	High School Band Teacher/Director
Abby Fagan	2nd Grade Teacher
Shannon Kehoe	Elementary Principal
Luke Lambert	6th Grade Science & Social Studies Teacher
Dana Merfeld	Kindergarten Teacher
Shianne Rockwell	2nd Grade Teacher
Sydney Rosalez	7th Grade English/Language Arts Teacher
Dylan Shaffer	8th Grade Science Teacher
Allison Sweeney	4th Grade Teacher
Jamie Vroegh	Middle School Counselor

Welcome to the Monticello Community School District!



From the Activities Department

For the 2024-25 school year, we will be transitioning from rSchoolToday as our activity calendar to Bound. We think you will find Bound to be a user-friendly site to navigate that will provide a variety of information. Part of this will involve our transition to **CASHLESS** gates. More information on that will be coming out soon, but Bound will be the place to buy tickets for home and away activities. Here is the link to our school's Bound site: <https://www.gobound.com/ia/schools/monticello>. Please bookmark this and go here to find information on our activities. More info to come! - Tim Lambert, Activities Director

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PROJECT



BOND VOTE 2024

Completing the community's vision for a central campus.

Six years ago, a facility committee of Monticello residents agreed upon a phased facility improvement plan that when complete would realize the community's goal of creating a central PK-12 campus. The first phase — a new middle school attached to the existing high school as well as improvements at the high school — was complete in 2020. The second phase will be a new elementary school to the southeast of the middle school that will replace both Shannon and Carpenter Elementary Schools.

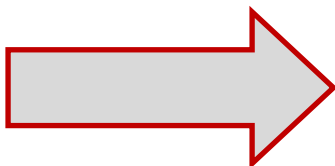
Not only are Shannon and Carpenter 64 and 70 years old and in need of many repairs, but based on architectural and engineering assessments a community-based facility committee also determined that even if the buildings were brought up to code, they would not be conducive to the way kids learn and teachers teach today.

The new elementary school will be a collaborative, flexible, secure, comfortable learning environment.

Unlike the current elementary schools, the new school will have consistent heating and cooling and will make safety a priority with a secure main entrance, separate drop-off and pick-up lanes for cars and buses, and modern emergency response systems. The new elementary school will support areas for small groups to work one on one with teachers and each other by organizing classrooms into neighborhoods. Even for our youngest learners, project-based spaces that foster creativity, deepen critical digital literacy skills and build skills for the future are an important part of the learning environment. Finally, we will future proof spaces so the facility is adaptable to the needs of future generations through the design process and careful planning.

How will we pay for it?

To pay for the estimated \$26.5 million elementary school, the district will use a \$15 million General Obligation Bond, \$10 million bonded against future sales tax revenue and \$1 to \$1.5 million in dedicated facility cash reserves. Because the district has been diligent stewards of taxpayer dollars, we are able to bond to pay for a new elementary school both earlier and with less impact to the tax levy rate than was originally projected. **After combining current debt with new debt our payments will be extended by just nine years.** Because the general obligation bond will result in a property tax levy rate increase, it must be voted on by residents of the district on November 5. The other funding sources will not affect property taxes.



Stay informed! Check out our website at:

<https://www.monticello.k12.ia.us/elementary-bond-2/>

The website includes videos, articles, facts, FAQ's and more!

ANNUAL NOTICES

Annual Notice of Nondiscrimination

The Monticello Community School District offers career and technical programs in the following areas of study:

- Agricultural Education
- Business Education
- Family and Consumer Science Education
- Industrial Education

It is the policy of the Monticello Community School District not to 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 ex2101, 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, 860 East Oak Street, Monticello, Iowa 52310, 319-465-3000 ex2101, 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). Inquiries 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

Officials Responsible for Records

The Superintendent is administratively responsible for assuring the confidentiality of personally identifiable student information on a district-wide basis. The principal of each school within the District is administratively responsible at the building level for the management of student records in a confidential manner and in accordance with District policy and procedures. The following is a listing of the titles and office address of these individuals: **Superintendent Brian Jaeger** 850 E Oak Street; **High School Principal Nick Schauf** 850 East Oak Street; **Middle School Principal Todd Werner**, 860 E Oak Street; **Elementary Principal Shannon Kehoe**, 321 West South Street.

Inspection of Instructional and Library Materials

Parents and other members of the school district community may view the instructional and library materials used by the students. All instructional materials, including teacher's manuals, online content or other supplementary material which will be used in connection with any survey, analysis, or evaluation as part of any federally funded programs must be available for inspection by parents. The instructional materials may be viewed on school district premises. Copies may be obtained according to board policy. The district will publish on the district's website a comprehensive list of all books available to students in libraries operated by the school district. It is the responsibility of the superintendent to develop administrative regulations regarding the inspection of instructional materials.

Parent/Student Rights

The Monticello Community School District maintains confidential records for all students currently or previously enrolled as is consistent with the District's responsibility for the provision of educational programs and services and the requirements of state/federal law and regulation. Copies of the District's student records policy are available upon request to the office of the superintendent or the principal of any district school.

Asbestos Notification

The Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act of 1986 (referred to as AHERA) was enacted by Congress to determine the extent of and develop solutions for any problems schools may have with asbestos. This notification, education and training of our employees, plans and procedures to minimize the disturbance of asbestos containing materials, and plans for regular surveillance of the asbestos containing materials are a part of our efforts to meet government regulations. A copy of the asbestos management plan is available for your inspection in our administrative offices during regular office hours.

Use of Video Cameras on School Buses

The Monticello Community School District Board of Directors has authorized the use of video cameras on school district transportation. The video cameras will be used to monitor student behavior to maintain order on school transportation to promote and maintain a safe environment. Students and parents are hereby notified that the content of video recordings may be used in a student disciplinary proceeding. The content of video recordings may be confidential student records and, if so, will be retained with other student records. Video recordings will only be retained if necessary for use in a student disciplinary proceeding or other matter as deter-

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Multicultural and Gender Fair Education

The education program of the Monticello Community School District revolves around a philosophy of equal educational opportunities and non-discrimination in educational programs and activities. The educational objectives outlined in the board of director's policies are the means whereby the district shall achieve its philosophy. Students will have an equal opportunity for a quality education without discrimination, regardless of their sex, race, color, national origin, religion, creed, age (except for permitting/prohibiting students to engage in certain activities), marital/parental status, sexual orientation, gender identity, genetic information, disability or socioeconomic status.

The education program is free of discrimination and provides equal opportunity for the students. The education program will foster knowledge of and respect and appreciation for the historical and contemporary contribution of diverse cultural groups, including race, color, national origin, gender, disability, religion, creed, and socioeconomic background, to society. Special emphasis is placed on the contributions and perspectives of Asian-Americans, African-Americans, Hispanic Americans, American Indians, European Americans, and persons with disabilities. It will also reflect the wide variety of roles open to both men and women and provide equal opportunity to both sexes.

It shall be the responsibility of the various curriculum development committees and the educational equity/equal employment opportunity/affirmative action coordinator to ensure that relevant and responsive educational opportunities are provided to district students.

Equal Educational Opportunity

The board will not discriminate or exclude in its educational programs/activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, religion, creed, age, sexual orientation, or gender identity as required by state and federal laws, rules, and regulations. Further, the board affirms the right of all students and staff to be treated with respect and to be protected from intimidation, discrimination, physical harm, and harassment. The board requires all persons, agencies, vendors, contractors, and other persons and organizations doing business with or performing services for the school district to subscribe to all applicable federal and state laws, executive orders, and rules and regulations pertaining to contract compliance and equal opportunity. Student inquires or grievances related to this policy may be directed to District's Equity Coordinator and Title IX Coordinator, Todd Werner, 860 East Oak Street, Monticello, Iowa 52310, 319-465-3000 ex2101, todd.werner@monticello.k12.ia.us; as appropriate to the Director of the Iowa Civil Rights Commission, 400 East 14th Street, Des Moines, IA 50319-1004, 1-800-457-4416; to the Office for Civil Rights Chicago Office, United States Department of Education, Citigroup Center, 500 W. Madison Street, Suite 1475, Chicago, IL 60661-4544, (312) 730-1560; or to the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission Chicago Office, 500 W. Madison Street, Suite 2000, Chicago, IL 60661, 1-800-669-4000. Inquiries may also be directed to the Director, Iowa Department of Education, Grimes State Office Building, 400 E 14th Street, Des Moines, IA 50319-0146.

Annual Hearing Screening Parent Notification

Hearing Screening: Grant Wood Area Education Agency (GWAEA) conducts hearing screenings for all students in: 4-Year-Old Preschool, Any 3-year-olds in Preschool with an Individualized Education Program (IEP), 1st Grade and 5th Grade. Parents/Guardians have the right to opt their child out of the hearing screening. To do so, please submit a written notification to the school health office at the beginning of the school year or prior to screening. If you have any concerns about your child's hearing, please contact the school nurse or Grant Wood Area Education Agency directly at (319) 399-6746 to schedule a hearing test at any time.

Competent Private Instruction

The definition of Competent Private Instruction is any student being taught at home by parents/guardians with or without the assistance of a licensed teacher or the student is enrolled in a non accredited non-public school. It is the responsibility of the parents/guardians to submit notification forms for each child, between the ages of 6 and 16 by September 15th with the resident district. These forms are available in the Superintendent's Office at 850 E Oak St, Monticello, IA.

Dental Screenings

All children enrolling in Iowa's elementary or high schools are required to have a dental screening as of July 1, 2008. The purpose of the dental screening is to improve the oral health of Iowa's children. Dental screenings help with early detection and treatment of dental diseases. This requirement applies only to those students entering kindergarten and the ninth grade. The dental screening is to be performed by a dentist or licensed dental hygienist. The dental screening requirements are:

- Kindergarteners to have a screening sometime between age 3 years to four months after their enrollment into Kindergarten
- 9th graders to have a screening that is valid for up to one year prior to their enrollment into 9th grade and up to four months after their enrollment

Iowa's State Dental Screening forms need to have been signed by a dentist or dental hygienist and the form turned into the child's respective school by December 15th of the enrollment into Kindergarten or 9th grade year. If the forms are not turned in, the Monticello School District will have a licensed dental hygienist from the I-SMILE program or your school nurse may and do FREE dental screenings for that child. If the parent/guardian does not want their child screened, a letter expressing this must be turned into the child's school administrator by January 1st of that school year. The free dental screenings will be conducted during the second semester of the Kindergarten/9th grade enrolling school year.

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Open Enrollment

The Iowa Legislature reinstated the deadlines for filing open enrollment requests as of July 1, 2024. Parents/guardians considering the use of the open enrollment option to enroll their child/ren in a public school district in the State of Iowa other than their district of residence should file an application with the resident district and receiving district by **March 1** to be considered for the following year. Those enrolling in kindergarten have until **September 1** to file an application for open enrollment. In order to qualify for open enrollment after the March 1 deadline, the student must meet the “good cause” definition. Good cause relates to:

- Change in family district of residence due to family move or change in state
- Change in student’s residence due to:
 - Change in residence from one parent or guardian to another
 - Change in the marital status of the student's parents that results in a change in resident district,
 - Change in guardianship or custody proceeding,
 - Placement of the child in foster care, or
 - Adoption
- Participation in a foreign exchange program
- Participation in a substance abuse or mental health treatment program that results in a change of residence
- Initial placement of preschool student in special education
- Failure of negotiations for reorganization or whole grade sharing
- Revocation of a charter school contract as provided in section 256F.8
- Loss of accreditation or revocation of a nonpublic or charter school contract
- Pervasive harassment or a severe health condition

Please note! The deadlines for open enrollment have been reinstated!

Transportation: Parents are responsible for transporting children open enrolled to another district, unless economic eligibility requirements are met and the receiving district is next to the resident district. If a child open enrolls to a district that is contiguous to (or borders) the home district and the parents’ income meets economic eligibility requirements, the family may receive a stipend for transportation or be provided transportation by the resident district.

Athletic Eligibility: Students who open enroll in grades nine through 12 **are not eligible to participate in varsity** contests and competitions during the first 90 school days of transfer (not counting summer school) unless an exception applies allowing immediate eligibility. For more information on open enrollment please view the Iowa Department of Education website at: <https://educate.iowa.gov/pk-12/educational-choice/open-enrollment>.

BREAKFAST MENU

AUGUST

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<i>MILK served with all meals.</i>				23 Long John Cheese stick Peaches Fruit juice
26 Pancake/sausage bites Watermelon Fruit juice	27 Mini donuts Apples Fruit juice	28 French toast sticks Smoked sausages Grapes / strawberries Fruit juice	29 Chocolate muffin Cheese stick Orange wedges Fruit juice	30 Cereal Pop tart Pineapple Assorted juice

LUNCH MENU

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	<i>Choose a salad as an alternate lunch daily (HS & MS only)</i>			23 Chicken strips Mashed potatoes & gravy Buttered corn Watermelon Dinner roll 6-12
26 Cheeseburger/bun French Fries Green bean casserole Apple wedges	27 Breaded cheese sticks Tossed salad w/dressing Celery sticks and grape tomato Orange slices	28 Hot dog/bun Baked beans Tater tots Strawberries/grapes	29 Breaded tenderloin Steak fries Steamed carrots Pineapple tidbits	30 Pepperoni pizza Tossed salad w/ dressing Broccoli salad Applesauce

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AUGUST 2024

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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5 All State Chorus @ Mt. Mercy University	6 Band Camp	7 Band Camp	8 Band Camp	9	10 Band Camp
12 <i>HS practices begin</i>	13	14 Board Work Session—6pm	15	16	17
19 Orientation for New Teachers	20 Professional Development Day Varsity VB Scrim- mage—5pm— Home	21 Professional Development Day All Staff Employee Luncheon-11:30am Open House @ all schools: Elementary 4:30-6 MS 5-6:30 HS 5:30-7:00	22 Teacher Collaboration Day	23 CLASSES BEGIN  V FB Scrimmage @ Solon—6:00	24 V VB Scrimmage @ Cascade- 9:00am 
26 <i>Kirkwood 1st semester begins</i> Board Meeting—6:00	27	28 1:00 Early Dismissal– Prof. Development	29 9/10 VB vs CPU— 5:00 JV/V VB vs CPU— 6:00 & 7:30	30 JV/V FB vs Mt. Vernon-5:00 & 7:15 	31 JV/V XC Meet @ CR Prairie-8:00am V VB Tournament @ Cascade— 9:00am

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ADDITIONAL SEATING ON THE STREET

RAIN LOCATION:
MONTICELLO BERNEDES CENTER

BUILD CONNECTIONS!

MENU:
GRILLED PORK SANDWICHES, HOT DOGS, BRATS, CHIPS, HOMEMADE COOKIES, ICE CREAM CUPS, LEMONADE & WATER

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