

SCHOOL SPIRIT



Monticello Community School District

Dr. Brian Jaeger, Superintendent

PH 319-465-3000

FAX 319-465-6050

WEB www.monticello.k12.ia.us

Hi everyone,

I am sure you have noticed that the conversations around the Elementary School Bond have increased with the start of the school year. Getting the facts out to the community will continue to be a priority between now and November 5. I want everyone to be informed about this bond issue when they walk into the polls on November 5. We are collecting all of our information and putting it on our website, www.monticello.k12.ia.us for everyone to look at or forward to others that have questions. Go to our website, on the main page look for the little schoolhouse with a yellow circle around it, click that icon labeled "Elementary Bond" and explore all of the information on the Elementary School Bond. If you do not find an answer to your questions there, please email me and I will get you an answer.

There is one question I would like to answer today because it has come up again recently and that is, **What will happen to Shannon and Carpenter Elementary if we build a new elementary school?** It would take until the summer of 2026 to get a new building built so I would anticipate that during that building phase of the project we would take the following steps:

1. The school board would create a timeline for those buildings, similar to what we did with the old middle school.
2. That would begin with a time when we would ask our community to share ideas with the school board about the two buildings. With the old middle school several people visited the school site to explore ideas they had. This is where all ideas can be put on the table.
3. When that time comes to an end, then the board would consider what option or options were the best for our community.
4. Then we would open it up to the community for feedback. With the old middle school, we asked for survey feedback and had visitors share ideas at our board meetings.
5. Finally, the school board would make a final decision with the best interest of the community in mind. This is where you have to put a little faith in the school board to act in the best interest of the community. If you look at their track record and the decision they made on the old middle school, I am confident that we will land in a really good place.

Following a process like this will open this up to every option imaginable. I do understand that making a decision immediately may put this discussion to rest, but I have often found that a quick decision on something is not always the best decision.



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,

Brian Jaeger, Superintendent

September 2024

NEWS & NOTES

of the Monticello Community School District

INSIDE THIS ISSUE

Upcoming Events p. 2

Important Infop. 3-4

Menus..... p. 7

Calendar p. 8

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

Homecoming Information on page 2!

*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.*

UPCOMING EVENTS

FREE BAND CAR WASH



The Monticello Bands will be hosting a Free Car Wash on **September 7** at various locations around town. Bring your car for our band members to wash between 9:00-2:00! Donations are accepted. If you are a business interested in sponsoring the band program, please contact Ellen Ellis or Tony Butterworth at their school emails. Businesses that donate will receive recognition in each concert program.

SCHOOL PICTURES

- **Middle School & High School** Pictures are on Tuesday, September 3.
- **Elementary School** Pictures are on Friday, October 4.
- **Retakes** will be on Tuesday, November 5.



YEARBOOKS: If you ordered a yearbook last year, they are in the HS office. You can come pick it up Monday-Friday after 3:15pm. Thank you!



Homecoming 2024 Lineup of Events!



September 16–21, 2024

Monday, 9/16 - The Ironman Volleyball game will be at 6pm in the HS Gym. The Powder Puff game will be at 7:30pm at Dean Nelson Field.

Wednesday, 9/18—Homecoming Parade at 6pm, followed by the Coronation at 6:45pm (*if weather doesn't permit a parade, the coronation will be in the HS Gym at 6:30pm*).

Thursday, 9/19 - XC @ Cascade, Volleyball @ Cascade at 5:45.

Friday, 9/20 - Pep Rally for MS & HS in the HS Gym, time TBA. XC team running of the football from Anamosa to Monticello with presentation of game ball to officials at mid-field. Football Game vs Anamosa, JV at 5:00, Varsity at 7:15pm.

Saturday, 9/21 - Varsity volleyball tournament at Springville, Homecoming Dance from 8-11pm in the HS Commons.

More info to come soon! Please contact Student Council Sponsor Hanna Horsfield at hanna.horsfield@monticello.k12.ia.us with any questions.

GO PANTHERS!!!

PTO NEWS...The PTO is excited to get another year started. Elementary parents be on the lookout for a form coming home in your child's folder after Labor Day. This form will contain information for our first meeting and a portion you can return to the school so you can be kept up to date on meeting minutes and possible ways to get involved!



Monticello Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA): What's it all about?

At Monticello High School, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) is a voluntary, non-exclusive extracurricular organization for high school students who are actively pursuing a relationship with Jesus Christ. Participants do not have to consider themselves Christians or be active in athletics to join. However, many of the lessons and discussions center around leading a Christian life as an athlete.

Good things are happening through this organization, and we want to encourage high school students to join us during the 2024-2025 school year. We plan to have a "kick-off" gathering Sunday, September 15, 6:30pm. Similar to last year, ultimate frisbee, food, music, and a guest speaker are on the agenda. We also will be meeting on a weekly basis and have bigger events every third Sunday throughout the school year. Students can get more information on the FCA in the high school announcements and on flyers posted around the high school building.

IMPORTANT INFO

Parents of Seniors!

Senior and baby pictures for the yearbook are due **before winter break of senior year**. Submit your Senior's photo 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 deadline if you wish one. Copies and digital submissions 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!



FRIDAY FOLDERS

Friday Folders is on our website and is a great place to check for upcoming events (*for all grade levels*) and activities or items that used to be sent home in your child's folder. Please contact Judy Hayen to post items in our Friday Folder at judy.hayen@monticello.k12.ia.us. Check it out!

PARENTS! PARENTS! PARENTS!

It is vital that the school district has current and updated information on students. Please remember to log into your Infinite Campus account and make sure everything is current, including your cell phone #'s, home phone #'s, email addresses, mailing address, emergency contacts, etc. This is very important, especially for emergency situations. If you need assistance, please feel free to call Morgan Murray-Zimmerman at 319-320-1132.

Be the First to Know!

Are you signed up for texts & emails from your child's school?

TEXTS: Our school utilizes the SchoolMessenger system to deliver text messages, straight to your mobile phone with important information about events, school closings, safety alerts and more. You can participate in this free service just by sending a text message of "Y" or "Yes" to our school's short code number, 67587. SchoolMessenger is compliant with the Student Privacy Pledge, so you can rest assured that your information is safe and will never be given or sold to anyone.

EMAILS: You automatically receive emails from School Messenger once your student is enrolled in our district. The email(s) you provide in Infinite Campus are the emails that these messages are sent to.



If you have any questions or problems with School Messenger or are not receiving our messages, please contact Morgan Murray-Zimmerman, District Help Desk Personnel at 319-320-1132.

Important!!!

The District's phone # is 319-465-3000. This will get you to a menu with the following options:

- District Office—press 1
- High School—press 2
- Middle School—press 3
- Carpenter—press 4
- Shannon—press 5
- Athletic Director—press 6
- Bus Barn—press 7
- Food Service Director—press 8
- Curriculum Director—press 9

You can no longer reach someone with their extension #. Thanks!

Good luck to all the Fall athletes and coaches!



GO PANTHERS!

IMPORTANT INFO

NEW in 2024-25!!

CASHLESS GATE

- Starting in the 24-25 school year, all schools in the River Valley Conference will switch to a cashless ticketing system for High School Athletic events.
- Cost - \$7 per person
- 3 options for tickets:
 - Purchase online in advance
<https://www.gobound.com/ia/schools/monticello>
 - Purchase at the gate with Credit or Debit Card
 - Purchase a virtual 10 pass 'punch' card to be used at home events



SCAN QR CODE TO PURCHASE TICKETS OR PUNCH CARDS

Monticello
Community School
District



Just a reminder, all schools in the River Valley Conference have switched to a cashless ticketing system this year for High School athletic events .

Cost is \$7 per person (*for everyone—students, adults, senior citizens*).

A virtual 10 pass 'punch' card can be used at home events. Old punch cards may be used this year yet.

BOUND is our new site for our calendar, ticket purchases, and the place to register your child.

<https://www.gobound.com/ia/schools/monticello>

Contact Tim Lambert or Alyssa McNally at the HS Office with any questions.



Thank You

- Thank you to **Gina Russett, Vaughn Ballou, and Paula Hargrafen** for the donation of school supplies.
- Thank you to **Kirkwood Jones Regional Center** for the donation of science beakers.
- Thank you to **Jackie Mayo** for the donation to Mrs. Hulett's classroom.
- Thank you to **Abby Money Penny** for the donation of toys to Panther Academy.
- Thank you **Citizens State Bank, Fareway, Jones Regional Medical Center, Ohnward Bank, and United Church of Monticello** for providing food for our staff on their first few days back.
- Thank you to **Marla Paulsen** for the donation of clothing to the High School.

THANK YOU to the CLASS of 1965!

Parts of the old middle school building were saved and now are part of the new sign in front of the High School. Thank you to the Class of 1965 and special thanks to Deb Bowman, Johnnie Bader, and Dave Balster for making it happen. 100% of the cost was donated by the Class of 1965!

**THANK YOU! THANK YOU!
THANK YOU!**



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PROJECT



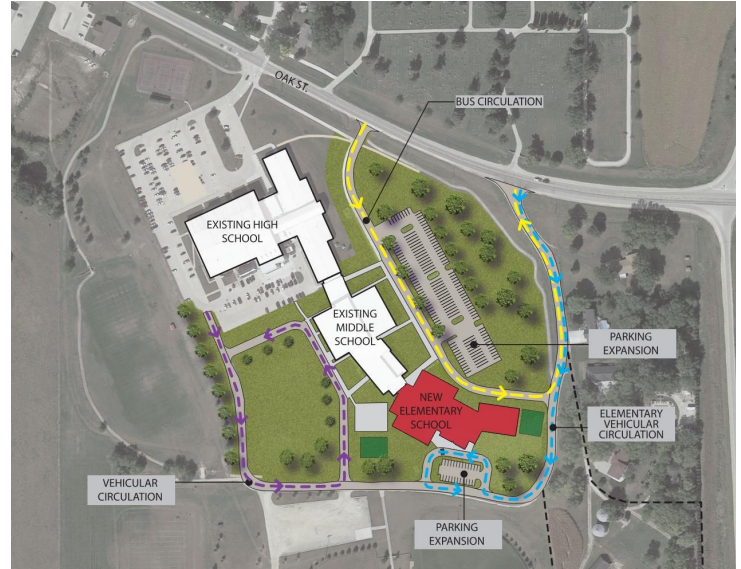
Scan to learn more!

A new elementary school completes campus

The proposed new elementary school to replace both Shannon and Carpenter Elementary Schools will complete the process of creating a central PK-12 campus.

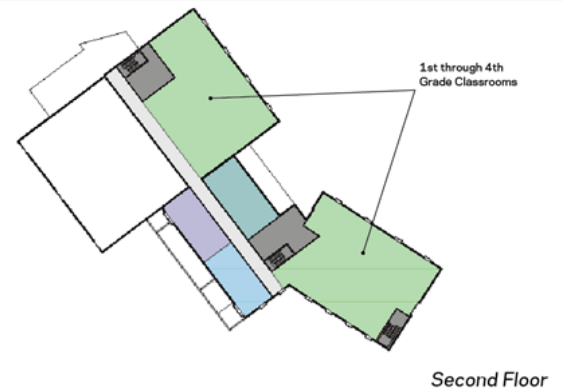
The new school will be located southeast of the middle school. The diagram to the right shows how vehicle traffic could flow from the main entrance to the high school, middle school, and elementary school separately.

As illustrated in the site plan to the right, buses will continue to enter the site as they do today. Elementary school bus riders will enter the building through an entrance where the middle school and elementary school meet. Because more than half of elementary students ride the bus and an additional 45-50 students arrive early for Panther Academy, the number of additional cars entering the campus each morning and afternoon is expected to be minimal. Parents dropping their kids off or picking them up will enter further to the east (see the teal lines in the graphic) and will continue to the south of the new elementary school, which is the front of the building. There will be two entrances: one main entrance and a separate entrance for Panther Academy (see the floor plans below).



The elementary school will be organized in classroom neighborhoods with PK and Kindergarten and special education on the first level and first through fourth grades on the second level. Panther Academy and the gym will also be on the first level while other specials (art and music) and the media center will be on the second level.

NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FLOOR PLAN CONCEPT



NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DESIGN CONCEPT



This is a concept of what the new elementary school *could* look like. This view is the front of the building, which faces southwest. Just as you see in the floor plans above, there are two entrances. The main entrance is the one to the left with a glass front. The Panther Academy entrance is by the panther images on the gym.



Meet Our School Counseling Team!

We're excited to introduce the dedicated professionals supporting our students this year:

- **Kathy Larson** - HS Counselor
- **Jamie Vroegh** - MS Counselor
- **Kristen Bogacz** - Elementary Counselor
- **Sarah Melsha** - District-Wide Counselor *(shared with Anamosa School District)*
- **Mikel Millsap** - District-Wide Social Worker *(shared with Anamosa School District)*
- **Amanda Kelchen & Tera Martin** - Tanager Therapists

What does a school counselor

do? School counselors are here to support the academic, social, and emotional growth of our students. They provide a safe space for students to talk, help navigate challenges, and work with teachers and families to ensure every child has the tools they need to succeed.

Together, we're committed to fostering a supportive and nurturing environment for all our students. Here's to a great school year ahead!

#SchoolCounseling #StudentSupport
#MentalHealthMatters



Meet Our Team
School Counseling

Kathy Larson
9-12 School Counselor

Jamie Vroegh
5-8 School Counselor

Kristen Bogacz
K-4 School Counselor

Sarah Melsha
District Wide School Counselor

Meet Our Team
School Counseling
(Plus)

Mikel Millsap
District Wide Social Worker

Amanda Kelchen
Tanager Therapist

Tera Martin
Tanager Therapist

FOOD SERVICE NEWS

BREAKFAST MENU

S
E
P
T
E
M
B
E
R

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2 NO SCHOOL —Labor Day	3 Breakfast pizza Applesauce Fruit juice	4 Loaded hash brown Patty Fresh melon Fruit juice	5 Breakfast sandwich (Sausage, egg & cheese) Fruit cup	6 Cereal Pop tart Grapes Fruit juice
9 Blueberry muffin Cheese stick Strawberries & pineapple Fruit juice	10 Cheese omelet Sausage links Pears w/ Blueberries Fruit juice	11 Breakfast bagel Strawberries & bananas Fruit juice	12 Cinnamon breakfast cookie Tropical fruit Fruit juice	13 Cereal Pop tart Banana Fruit juice
16 Breakfast burrito Mandarin orange/ pineapple Fruit juice	17 Pancake sausage egg slider Watermelon Fruit juice	18 Mini donuts Peaches Fruit juice	19 Cinnamon roll Apple wedges Fruit juice	20 Cereal Pop tart Mixed fruit Fruit juice
23 Yogurt w/ granola Orange wedges Fruit juice	24 French toast sticks w/ syrup Sausage links Pears Fruit juice	25 Breakfast slider (Bacon, egg & cheese) Grapes Fruit juice	26 Scrambled eggs Bacon Applesauce Fruit juice	27 Cereal Pop tart Watermelon Fruit juice
30 Long John Pineapple/mandarin oranges Fruit juice				

MILK served with all meals.

LUNCH MENU










USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer. Menus are subject to change.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2 NO SCHOOL —Labor Day	3 Grilled chicken sandwich Sweet potato fries Cucumbers & carrot sticks Fresh melon	4 Popcorn chicken Garlic mashed potatoes Mixed vegetables Fruit cup Home style biscuit	5 Cheese pizza Lettuce salad w/ greens Buttered corn Grapes	6 Mandarin chicken Seasoned rice Steamed broccoli Strawberries & pineapple
9 Macaroni & cheese Little smokey's Green beans Blueberries & pears Roll & butter (grades 6-12)	10 French toast sticks Sausage links Potato cubes Strawberries & bananas	11 Grilled cheese sandwich Tomato soup w/ crackers Fresh veggies Tropical fruit	12 Mini corn dogs French fries Cauliflower w/ cheese Banana	13 Sloppy Joe / bun Chips Baked beans Mandarin orange/ pineapple Chocolate chip cookie
16 Walking taco Spanish rice Refried beans Watermelon	17 Salisbury steak Mashed potatoes & gravy Peaches Fresh baked dinner roll	18 Cheeseburger/bun French fries Creamed corn Apple wedges	19 Philly cheese steak/bun Peppers & onion Green beans Waffle fries Mixed fruit	20 Pizza crunchers Tossed salad w/ greens Blended vegetables Orange wedges
23 Pig in a blanket Potato cubes Baked beans Pears	24 Meatball sub Tater tots Green bean casserole Grapes	25 Cheese quesadilla Tossed salad Black bean corn salsa Applesauce	26 BBQ rib/hoagie Sweet potato fries Buttered corn Watermelon wedge	27 Pepperoni pasta Fresh veggies Pineapple/mandarin oranges Garlic knot
30 Ham & turkey sub Sun chips Celery & carrots Applesauce/blueberries				

Choose a salad as an alternate lunch daily (HS & MS only)

S
E
P
T
E
M
B
E
R

SEPTEMBER 2024

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2 No School— Labor Day	3 MS & HS Picture Day! 9/10/JV VB @ Easton Valley— 5:15 & 6:00	4	5 7/8 VB @ Bellevue- 4:00 JV/V XC –Bob Brown Invitational @ Iowa City Kickers Soccer Complex- 4:00 7/8 FB @ Anamosa- 4:00 9/10/JV/V VB @ Bellevue—5:45 & 7:00	6 JV/V FB @ Beckman—5:00 & 7:00	7 Band Car Wash – 8am-3pm  V VB Tournament @ Midland—8:30am 
9 9 VB @ Beck- man—5:00 JV FB @ Vinton Shellsburg—6:00	10 7/8 VB @ Regina- 4:00 7/8 FB vs Mid-Prairie- 4:00 9/10/JV/V VB @ Re- gina-6:00 & 7:15	11 1:00 Early Dismissal– Prof. Development Board Work Session—6pm	12 7/8 VB vs Anamosa- 4:00 9/10/JV/V VB vs Anamosa-5:45 & 7:15	13 V FB @ Cascade- 7:00 	14 7/8 XC–Home-8am JV XC –Home-9am V XC–Home-10am 9th VB Tournament @ Cascade-9am JV VB Tournament – Home—9am
16  9 VB vs Durant— 6:00 Ironman Volleyball -6:00 @ HS Gym Powder Puff-7:30 @ Football Field	17  7/8 FB vs Beck- man—4:00	18  1:00 Early Dismissal– Prof. Development Homecoming Pa- rade @ 6:00 Coronation-6:45 @ Football Field	19  7/8 XC vs Cascade @ Fillmore Fairways- 4:00 V XC vs Cascade @ Fillmore Fairways- 5:00 7/8 VB @ Cascade- 4:00 9/10/JV/V VB @ Cas- cade—5:45 & 7:00	20  Pep Rally in HS Gym—TBA JV/V FB vs Ana- mosa—5:00 & 7:15	21  V VB Tournament @ Springville—8:00 Homecoming Dance – 8-11pm in HS Commons
← Homecoming Week →					
23 9 VB vs Beck- man—6:00 Board Meeting—6:00	24 7/8 VB @ Beckman- 4:00 7/8 XC @ Center Point -Urbana—4:15 9/10/JV/V VB @ Beck- man—6:00 & 7:15	25 1:00 Early Dismissal– Prof. Development	26 7/8 VB vs Ca- manche-4:00 9/10/JV/V VB vs Camanche-5:45 & 7:00	27 JV/V FB @ North- east-5:00 & 7:00	28 7/8 XC @ Anamos- 9am V XC @ Anamosa- 9am 9/10 VB Tournament @ Cascade—9:00am
30					

Monticello Community School District
850 East Oak Street
Monticello, Iowa 52310

Dr. Brian Jaeger, Superintendent
PH 319-465-3000 FAX 319-465-6050
WEB www.monticello.k12.ia.us

Board of Education

Craig Stadtmueller
Mandy Norton
John Schlarmann
Mark Rieken
Tony Amsler

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). 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