

SCHOOL SPIRIT



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Hello everyone,

Put a circle around **November 5** on your calendar, because it is ELECTION DAY!!! I know that you are probably overflowing with election information from the school district, local candidates, and national candidates. I did not realize that my mailbox and my email could fill up so fast with so much information on the upcoming election. I also realize that at this point more information is a little bit like getting sand thrown in your face. Most goes right by you, and what gets in your eyes blinds you anyway! So, with this newsletter I will just share a few final thoughts with you.

First, make sure to cast your vote on November 5. Your vote makes a difference, especially when deciding an important local issue like this.

Second, this is the best financial deal we could come up with for the taxpayers of Monticello. Just look around at other bond elections to get some perspective. For example, one other school district north of us is asking \$38m from their community to build an elementary school. We are asking for \$15m to cover part of the cost of the \$26.5m project.

Third, think about how much a new elementary school would change our school district. It is the final piece of the school facility puzzle that we began working on in 2017. The school district in a community our size is a cornerstone of a community. It is a place where we send something that has the highest value in our lives...our children. It is a place where the community gathers for events with our family and neighbors. A new elementary school will change lives now and for many future generations of Monticello students.

FINAL QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER:

If not now, then when? The cost of a new elementary will not be less expensive if we kick the can down the road.

Why not us? Who deserves this more than the Monticello community? Walt Disney used to say, "Keep Moving Forward" ...and I believe that our community values that philosophy as well.

Thank you all, and in the spirit of Thanksgiving, I want to share how thankful I am for **ALL** of you and your continued support of the Monticello Community School District. As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to send me an email or give me a call at any time.



Sincerely,

Dr. Brian Jaeger
Superintendent

*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.*

November 2024

NEWS & NOTES

of the Monticello Community School District

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

NO SCHOOL!

Thanksgiving Break is
November 27-29.

Have a *Happy*
Thanksgiving!

UPCOMING EVENTS

November is **National Gratitude Month**—let's take time to reflect on the things we're thankful for and spread positivity in our Monticello community! Here are some things to try.

Practice Gratitude!

There are many ways to practice gratitude every day! Try one of these 4 ideas to get you started!

- Gratitude Journal!
- Gratitude Jar/Box!
- Write a Letter!
- Create a Gratitude Board!

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Bond Vote: November 5, 2024

New Elementary School Concept

WHERE YOUR FUTURE BEGINS

Completing the community's vision for a central campus

PTO News... Thanks to our PTO volunteers that helped with Grandparents Breakfast, Conference Meals, and the Panther Project night! Our next PTO meeting is Tuesday, November 12 at 7pm in the Carpenter Library.

2024 Seniors, HS Students, and Staff

We'll be hosting our first annual yearbook signing event on November 26, from 2:30- 4:00pm in the HS Commons. 2024 Seniors, current students, and staff can pick up their books, sign, and make more memories.

2024 Yearbooks are still available for purchase. Interested parties can buy them at the signing event or anytime in the office for \$65.

2025 Yearbooks are also on sale now for \$65, but the price will increase November 29!

MAKE MORE MEMORIES!

2024 YEARBOOK SIGNING EVENT

MONTICELLO HIGH SCHOOL
COMMONS
NOVEMBER 26, 2024
2:30 - 4:00 PM
WWW.YEARBOOKOFFICIAL.COM

NOW THAT'S A SMILE

NOT EVERY SCHOOL TREND AIDES GRACEFULLY. But they all bring a smile when you look back! Get your yearbook to truly take the memories of this year!

ORDER NOW

<https://www.jostens.com/yearbooks/students-and-parents/about-yearbooks>



Mark your calendars!
Carpenter Elementary Holiday Concert
Monday, December 2 at 6:00pm
in the HS Gym

Picture Retake Day

Picture retake day for all schools is Tuesday, November 5. (don't forget to *bring your other pictures back*).

UPCOMING EVENTS



Veterans Day Celebration

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11

All veterans are invited to Monticello High School on Veterans Day, Monday, November 11. Breakfast for the veterans will be served from 7-8:00am in the Family Consumer Science Room. Following breakfast, veterans are invited to join the student body in the auditorium for a short assembly.

THANK YOU to all our Veterans!

Elementary Virtual Learning Session Dates:

- ⇒ Session 1: From Oct. 21-Nov. 8 (*This includes a no school day)
- ⇒ Session 2: From Nov. 18-Dec. 6 (*This includes Thanksgiving Break)

Join the Monticello High School Drama Department for this year's production of

Disney's Descendants, the Musical!

Show dates are: Friday, November 15 at 7pm; and Saturday, November 16 at 2pm and 7pm.

Admission is \$7 and can be paid at the door.



Once upon a time, in a faraway swamp, there lived an ogre named Imprisoned on the Isle of the Lost – home of the most infamous villains who ever lived – the teen-aged children of Maleficent, the Evil Queen, Jafar, and Cruella De Vil have never ventured off the island... until now. When the four troublemakers are sent to attend prep school alongside the children of beloved Disney heroes, they have a difficult choice to make: should they follow in their parents' wicked footsteps or learn to be good?

BLOOD DRIVE

BLOODCENTER.ORG

Monticello HS Blood Drive

Sponsored by the NHS

Thursday, November 21
8:00 am – 12:00 pm
Gym



To book your appointment, scan the code above. You may also sign up with Ms. Schochemoehl at kayla.schochemoehl@monticello.k12.ia.us or a member of NHS. **ALL 16 year old donors MUST have a Parental Consent Form**. See Ms. Schochemoehl or a member of the NHS to get a form.

Leaf No One Behind

Donate blood this season! Give & choose a \$10 gift card, bonus points to shop our store for our NEW ImpactLife cuffed beanie & more, OR a charitable donation to area food banks!



Please eat and hydrate before donating and bring Photo ID.



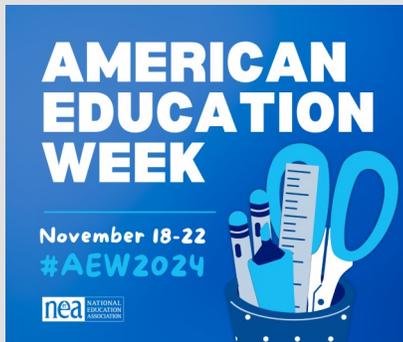
Thank You

- Thank you to Michelle Olson, Kardes, Mark Bouska, Ben Stutt, Erin Dietz, and Larry McDonald for their donations for the 7th Grade Outdoor Ed Day.
- Thank you to **everyone** who attended our Grandparent Day breakfast and helped make the morning so special!
- Thank you to **Buffy Clark & sisters** for the donation of t-shirts to Ms. Rosalez' class.

IMPORTANT INFO

American Education Week November 18-22

Americans nationwide will join the National Education Association in raising awareness about the need to provide every child with a quality public education. The celebration highlights the importance of bringing together educators, parents, students, and communities in a unified effort to build great public schools. Please join us as we thank all of our educators, staff, parents, students, and community. Thanks for all you do to make the Monticello Community School District what it is today!



WINTER is coming...

Please be certain your children are properly attired for colder temperatures with a winter coat, hat, and gloves. Thank you!

Elementary parents/guardians:

If you need assistance with outfitting your students in winter gear, the nurse has a lot of coats and stocking caps available! Some snow pants and boots available as well. Not as many heavy winter gloves, but plenty of light weight options. Contact Nurse Speltz @ jen-nifer.speltz@monticello.k12.ia.us

Parents/Guardians: Are you receiving our text messages?

If not, text Y or YES to 67587

Also, if you are not getting our emails, make sure your email is correct in Infinite Campus. We use School Messenger to send out our delays, cancellations, and important messages. Thank you!



Food Pantry– Items Needed!

Carpenter Elementary Music will be collecting food and other items for the Monticello Food



Pantry. We will collect items at school in the music room starting November 4-29. See below for their specific needs, however, any donation will be accepted. Participation in this drive is voluntary.

We are accepting non-perishable food items and things like: toilet paper, kleenex, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, shampoo, soap, shaving cream, baby wipes, cleaning supplies etc.

Our goal is to collect 1,000 items. If the students meet this goal, all grade levels will get an EXTRA RECESS.

Volunteers are needed to help deliver items to the food pantry any day after November 29. If you are interested please email Mr. Thumma at nick.thumma@monticello.k12.ia.us. Thanks! - Mr. Thumma, K-4 Music Teacher

2024 Certified Enrollment—Each year our District has to certify our enrollment to the Iowa Department of Education by October 15. See below for enrollment data for this year and last year.

Description	2023	2024	Change
Resident Public Students Attending your District	909.30	901.50	-7.80
Resident Public Students Attending another Iowa Public School District	59.20	65.80	6.60
Non Public Shared Time and CPI Students Dual Enrolled for District Classes	0.13	0.32	0.19
Non Public Shared Time and CPI Students Dual Enrolled for PSEO Classes	0.00	0.00	0.00
Residential Facility Students Enrolled for District Classes	0.00	0.00	0.00
Actual Enrollment	968.63	967.62	-1.01
Non-Resident Public Students Attending your District	75.00	66.00	-9.00
PK Students Attending your Statewide Voluntary Preschool Program	29.50	28.00	-1.50
Total School Age Students Provided Instructional Programs/Services by your District	984.43	967.82	-16.61
Limited English Proficient Weighting	1.78	3.50	1.72
ESA Funded Students	29.00	41.00	12.00

SUBSTITUTES NEEDED!



Become a Substitute Teacher!

Join Our Education Team And Become A Substitute Teacher For Monticello!

Benefits:

- \$18.50 per hour
- You decide the days you'd like to work
- Help your community when substitute teachers are needed the most!

Substitute Teachers In Iowa Must Have:

- An Iowa teaching license // or substitute teacher license // or paraeducator certification.
- An associate's degree // or a baccalaureate degree // or 60 college credits through a regionally accredited college or university.
- Completed a substitute authorization course.*
- At least 18 years of age.

*Those with a teaching license do not need to complete a substitute authorization course

SCAN ME



How Do I Start?

Everything you need to become a substitute teacher can be found at subcentral.vista-iowa.com

It's now easier than ever to qualify to substitute teach!

We can also use sub associates, sub bus drivers, & sub food service employees!

Substitute Special Education Associates

- Starting wage \$11.00 per hour
- On call, as needed basis
- Provide one-on-one or small group assistance to special needs students
- Previous healthcare or working with children preferred

Substitute Bus Driver

- Starting wage \$19.50 per hour
- Must have a CDL license with the school bus passenger endorsement
- On call, as needed basis

Substitute Food Service

- Starting wage \$13.00 per hour
- On call, as needed basis

After 10 days of subbing in our District, the sub will get the base pay for that position. Applicants must have a high school diploma and pass a background check.

To apply please stop by the District Office @ 850 E Oak St, Monticello, IA or apply online via our website at: <https://www.applitrack.com/Monticello/onlineapp/>

For questions or more information, please contact Brooke Scott at 319-465-3000, option 1 or brooke.scott@monticello.k12.ia.us. EEO.

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)

2025
Class of

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!



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PROJECT



School Bond Election—November 5

Get out and VOTE!

On November 5, the Monticello Community School District will ask residents within the district’s boundaries to vote on a general obligation bond that will fund the construction of a new elementary school to replace the two existing elementary schools. The following language will appear on the ballot. The measure must pass with 60% approval.

Shall the Board of Directors of the Monticello Community School District, in the Counties of Jones, Delaware, Linn and Dubuque, State of Iowa, be authorized to contract indebtedness and issue general obligation bonds in an amount not exceeding \$15,000,000 for the purpose of furnishing, equipping, constructing, improving, repairing and renovating school buildings and improving the sites therefor including a new elementary building located on the existing high school campus, and related site and building improvements?

Polls will be open from 7am-8pm. More election information is available on the Jones County election [website](#).



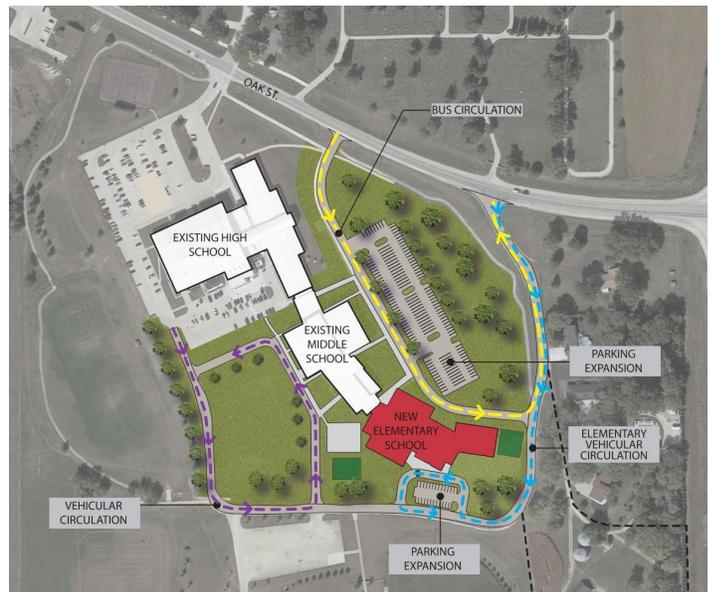
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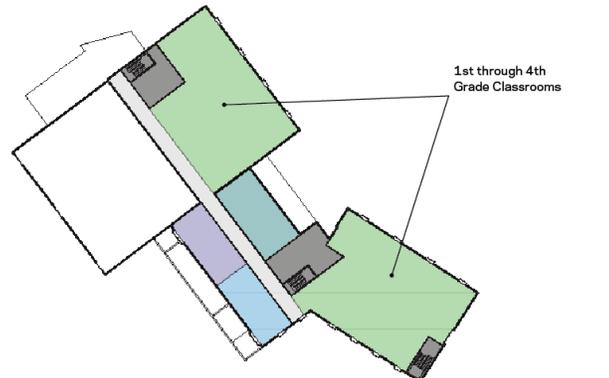
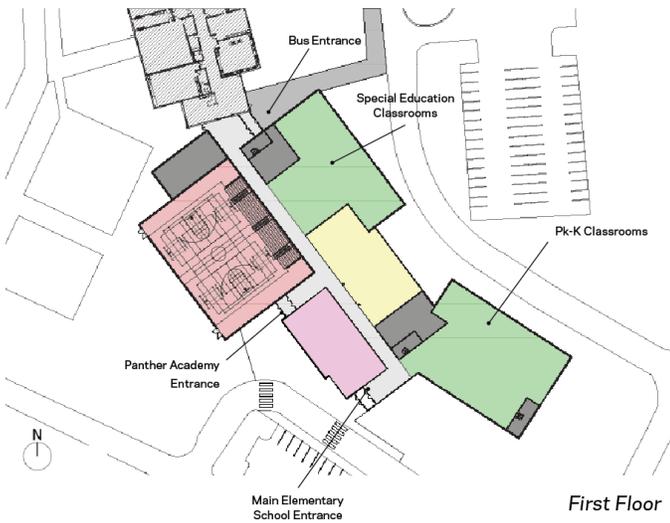


Completing the community’s vision for a central campus

Building for Our Future



	Classrooms		Administration & Panther Academy		Music		Media Center
	Gym		Cafeteria & Multi-Purpose		Art		Building Support



Scan to learn more!

FOOD SERVICE NEWS

BREAKFAST MENU



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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				1 NO SCHOOL
4 Breakfast bagel Fruit Fruit juice	5 Waffles Fruit Fruit juice	6 Yogurt cup/granola Fruit Fruit juice	7 Cereal bar Fruit Fruit juice	8 Cereal Pop tart Fruit Fruit juice
11 Breakfast pizza Fruit Fruit juice	12 Long John donut Fruit Fruit juice	13 Chocolate muffin Fruit Fruit juice	14 Egg & cheese biscuit Fruit Fruit juice	15 Cereal Pop tart Fruit Fruit juice
18 Mini donuts Fruit Fruit juice	19 Breakfast burrito Fruit Fruit juice	20 Cereal bar Fruit Fruit juice	21 Cheese omelet Fruit Fruit juice	22 Cereal Pop tart Fruit Fruit juice
25 Pancake sausage bites Fruit Fruit juice	26 Long John donut Fruit Fruit juice	27 NO SCHOOL	28 NO SCHOOL	29 NO SCHOOL

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
				1 NO SCHOOL
4 Breaded cheese sticks Green beans Assorted fresh veggies Pineapple tidbits	5 Breaded chicken/bun Sweet potato fries Cucumbers & carrot stick Oranges	6 Grilled cheese Tomato soup Mixed vegetables Peaches	7 BBQ rib/bun French fries Baked beans Apple wedges	8 Stuffed crust pizza Tossed salad w/ greens Steamed Broccoli Fresh melon
11 Chicken drummies Italian pasta Steamed carrots Tropical fruit	12 Salisbury steak Mashed potatoes & gravy Peaches Roll & butter	13 Breaded pork/bun Wedge fries Green bean casserole Pears	14 Chili w/crackers String cheese Applesauce Cinnamon roll	15 Popcorn chicken Seasoned potatoes Steamed broccoli w/ cheese Strawberries & grapes
18 Pasta w/ meat sauce Vegetable medley Pears Garlic twist	19 Mandarin orange chick- en Seasoned rice Oriental vegetables Mandarin oranges Dinner roll (grades 6-12)	20 Deli sandwich Fresh baby carrots Baked chips Orange wedges Rice Krispy treat	21 Philly beef/bun Peppers & onions Buttered corn Mandarin oranges Pumpkin dessert	22 Garlic cheese bread Salad w/dressing Green beans Applesauce
25 Breaded chicken drum- stick Mashed potatoes & gravy Fruit medley Roll & butter	26 Sausage pizza Lettuce salad Steamed carrots Watermelon	27 NO SCHOOL	28 NO SCHOOL	29 NO SCHOOL

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

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NOVEMBER 2024

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 No School	2
4 7/8 GBB @ Bellevue-4:00	5  Election Day! All Schools—Picture Retake Day! Parent Teacher Conferences @ All Schools -4-6pm	6 1:00 Early Dismissal– Prof. Development	7 7/8 GBB vs Anamosa—4:00 FFA Fall Fest @ Youth Development Center—6:00 	8	9
11 Veterans Day! 7/8 GBB @ Cascade -4:00	12 PTO Meeting @ Carpenter Library – 7:00pm	13 1:00 Early Dismissal– Prof. Development Board Work Session—6pm	14 RVC Honor Band @ Cascade—TBD	15 7/8 GBB @ Beckman-4:00 Fall Musical— <i>Disney's Descendants</i> - 7:00pm	16 Fall Musical— <i>Disney's Descendants</i> —2:00 & 7:00pm
18 7/8 Boys WR—Home -4:00 7/8 GBB vs Camanche-4:00	19 V Girls WR @ Iowa City High-4:30	20 1:00 Early Dismissal– Prof. Development	21 Blood Drive @ HS Gym - 8am-Noon All State Music Festival @ ISU-TBD 7/8 GBB @ Northeast-4:00 7/8 Boys WR @ Maq. Valley-4:30	22	23 MHS Dance Show—Home V Girls WR @ Wilton-9:30
25 7/8 GBB vs Maquoketa-4:00 Board Meeting—6:00	26 V Girls WR @ Iowa City -10:00 HS Yearbook Signing Event—2:30-4pm 7/8 Boys WR @ West Liberty-4:00 JV/V GBB vs West Delaware-6:00 & 7:30	27 No School Thanksgiving Break	28 No School Thanksgiving Break 	29 No School Thanksgiving Break	30 Midwest Best Dance Competition– Home V GBB @ Kirkwood vs. Williamsburg-9:00

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