



# MAGIC HAPPENINGS

MONTICELLO PUBLIC SCHOOLS MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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## SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE

Dear Monticello Community,

Happy April, and most importantly, happy eve of actual spring weather! I know how anxious our activities director and our principals are for good weather, and I'm sure our families are right there with them - I hope you are able to get out and enjoy the sunshine on this beautiful long weekend!

Speaking of sunshine, I'm really excited to introduce our inaugural Be the Light selections from around Monticello School District! These students were nominated by teachers for exemplifying integrity and the idea of doing the right thing, even when no one is watching.

Congratulations to (pictured clockwise from the top left): Lavonna C (Grade 4), Gage H (Grade 3), Campbell B (Grade 10), Leo T (Pre-K) and Tenley W (K), and Whitney S (Grade 8). I am so proud of each of these students and the examples they continue to set for their peers and the community at large. Thank you to the Just Drive organization for their partnership and the great shirts that these students can now wear proudly!

Go Magic!

*Eric H. Olson*



### LUNCH MENU

April

Breakfast: \$1.75 ; K: \$0  
Elementary Lunch: \$2.95  
MS/HS Lunch: \$3.10



### 2022-23 SCHOOL CALENDAR

The school calendar lists key dates throughout the district. Print for the fridge!



### ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE

Stay up-to-date on your favorite Magic teams in every season.



### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Numerous positions are available for the 2022-23 school year. Apply today!



### SCHOOL CLOSURES DUE TO WEATHER

Find information on procedures for school closures/delays due to weather.

## Six to be inducted into the Monticello Wall of Fame

Monticello School District is thrilled to announce the upcoming induction of six school community members into the Monticello Wall of Fame. The six honorees are: Sheldon Johnson, Michael Benedetto, Richard Frie, Brad and Kim Sawatzke, and the late Tom Keating. The Monticello Wall of Fame was originally established to honor Monticello High School graduates who went on to achieve great things. Reintroduced this year after a ten-year hiatus, the Wall of Fame has been reimagined to include both Monticello graduates and individuals that have had a great and lasting impact on Monticello School District. [Learn more about the inductees here!](#)

## MESSAGE FROM MONTICELLO SCHOOL BOARD

As many of you are likely well aware, now is a very busy time for the Minnesota State Legislature. They are currently setting spending targets and moving bills through committees and into legislation. With that in mind, it's also an incredibly important time for advocacy. While our administrators and board members have spent hours with legislators already, we need our families to utilize these next few weeks to share our wants and needs with our legislators. Please visit our [Advocacy Page](#) on our website for more tools on how to make your voice heard!

## Scholarship Reading

Monticello School District is looking for volunteers to help read and score scholarship applications this month through a virtual process. If you do not have a senior and are interested in volunteering, please email [Clay.Sawatzke@monticello.k12.mn.us](mailto:Clay.Sawatzke@monticello.k12.mn.us)

# ACTIVITIES ROUNDUP



- While we wait for fields to clear and Spring sports to really hit the ground running, now is a perfect chance to catch up on news you may have missed from the Magic Activities Department: earlier this year, Grayce Roubinek and Mason Bauer were selected as Monticello High School's winners of the Minnesota State High School League Academics, Arts, and Athletics Award (known as the Triple A Award). Read all about it [here!](#)

- With the improving forecast, we hope to see outdoor activities ramp up in the near future. To stay up to date on the latest scores and news from our Magic activities, be sure to check out the [Magic activity website](#) today.



## KEY DATES

### APRIL

6 - Polar Plunge at MHS

7 - No School!

17- School Board Meeting @ 6

30 - [Better Together Event at Memorial Stadium](#)



## SPOTLIGHT ON STEM



Monticello Middle School STEM Lab Instructors Casie Monson and Jill Kedrowski presented to the Monticello School Board earlier this month on their renovated STEM Lab and the hands-on learning opportunities afforded to Middle School students. See the lab in action in [this district-produced video!](#)

## Student shines in VFW Essay Contest

Congratulations to Monticello Middle School student Nolan Green, who was awarded second-place in a national essay contest last month! **From the VFW:** *The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) is pleased to announce Nolan Green, a sixth grade student from Monticello, Minnesota, has been named the national second place winner and recipient of a \$4,000 award in its 2022-2023 Patriot's Pen essay contest. Green, who was sponsored by VFW Post 8731 in Monticello, Minnesota, wrote his winning essay based on this year's theme, "My Pledge to Our Veterans."*



## Community Giving

Students at Eastview Education Center put their community giving and their dominoes skills to the test all at once earlier this spring! Students collected a whopping total of 380 boxes of cereal to donate to the Monticello Food Shelf, but not before they played the largest game of Dominoes in school history. Students lined the cereal boxes down the main corridor of Eastview and successfully sent them tumbling one by one down the hall. Physics, fun, and community giving - a winning lesson all around!



## FAMILY ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

All school district families are invited to the [Wright Technical Center Open House](#) on Monday, April 17 at the WTC in Buffalo! The event, running from 4 to 7 p.m., will include an in-depth look at the great programs WTC offers for high school students, as well as feature student demonstrations, games, food, and more. Learn more [here](#)

