



The Montrose Bluejay

Chatter

Special points of interest:

- Make-up snow days—January 20, February 17, and April 21. All other make-up days (if we have any) will be made up at the end of the year.
- Honor Roll Breakfast—January 22
- Homecoming—January 24
- Seniors—check out the website for up-to-date scholarship possibilities.
- FBLA District Contest—February 18 at UCM
- GVVC Math Relays @ Hume on February 24.

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‘Jays Fly Past Million Mark

On October 29 Montrose R-XIV principal Ryan Middleton recognized three students for successfully answering the challenge to read a million words this past school year. For this accomplishment eighth-grader Gabrielle Iliff was inducted into the honorary Millionaire Club, and freshman Betty Jurgensmeyer and junior Joyce Jurgensmeyer, charter members last year, were lauded for earning second-year titles as “Millionaires.”

Reflecting a nation-wide trend of pushing students to read at least a million words a year, the Montrose School District instituted the Millionaire Club at the beginning of the 2011-2012 academic year, recognizing the impact that independent reading has in increasing students’ comprehension, intelligence, speed, endurance, problem-solving competencies, memory, cop-

ing ability, writing skills, and exposure to new ideas and information while promoting reading’s recreational and cultural values.

The local organization stipulates that a candidate document reading at least a million words during the regular school term and verify comprehension through tests, discussion, essays, or other diagnostic means.

District librarian and club sponsor Carol McEwan stated, “We wouldn’t expect ball players to compete with one hand tied behind their backs. Yet students who do not exercise their literacy skills inflict upon themselves a comparable handicap detrimental during and, especially, after high school. Studies indicate teenagers need to read about 1,000,000 words a year to develop sufficient vocabulary and to improve reading proficiency. Joyce, Betty, and Gabrielle have shown how



Joyce Jurgensmeyer, Betty Jurgensmeyer, Mr. Ryan Middleton, and Gabrielle Iliff, showing the amount of “words” they read.

easily this can be done. At Montrose High School, we’ve seen a big increase in reading so far this year and hope to honor more students next year.”

Bluejay millionaires Joyce and Betty Jurgensmeyer are the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Greg Jurgensmeyer, and Gabrielle Iliff is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tim Culver.

“Do You Remember”—Homecoming 2014

Homecoming week is quickly approaching beginning January 20 through January 24.

Homecoming dress up days are: Monday—PJ Day; Tuesday—Career Day; Wednesday—Decade Day; Thursday—Celebrity Day; and Friday—Blue and White

Day.

The candidates are: freshmen—Katelyn Steinbach and Dalton Jones; sophomore—Richlyn Foster and Daniel Engeman; juniors—Aubrey Swaters and Jacob Engeman; and seniors—Mikayla Engeman and Tyler Crowder. The retiring queen is Audrey Collins, escorted

by Logan Swaters. The kindergarten attendants are: Katie Gilkey, Trenton Munsterman, Seth Engeman, and Nicole Cook.

Finishing up the week’s activities will be the poster contest between all grade levels; the hall decorating in the junior high and high school; and a pep assembly.

FFA Members Attend National Convention



Four-year FFA members attended the FFA National Convention at the end of October. Those attending were: Tyler Crowder, Noah Jurgensmeyer, Lucas Hetherington, Hannah Boden, Audrey Collins, Natalie Collins, and Mercedes Koch.

Seven members of the Montrose FFA Chapter attended the National FFA Convention on October 29 through November 2 in Louisville, Kentucky. FFA members from across the United States attended the convention to compete in contests, gain leadership skills by attending leadership workshops, meeting new friends and finding a career choice in a field of agriculture.

Members of the Montrose FFA Chapter that attended

include: Hannah Boden, Audrey Collins, Natalie Collins, Mercedes Koch, Tyler Crowder, Noah Jurgensmeyer, and Lucas Hetherington. On the way to Louisville, we made a stop in St Louis to tour the Danforth Science Center to learn about technology and research that they are using to grow different species of plants in their greenhouses. Once in Louisville our group toured the Louisville Slugger Museum and learned how to make bats for baseball players of all ages. We also toured the Churchill Downs and learned about caring for

horses and race preparations. While at Churchill Downs, our FFA members toured the museum and learned how the race has changed from its beginning to today's race.

Throughout the week, our members attended business sessions of the National FFA Convention and listened to keynote speakers. Our FFA members had the opportunity to travel throughout the career show to visit with colleges, agricultural business and agriculture booths.

*3rd Quarter Midterm
is January 31.*

*Early out at 12:30
p.m. and Teacher In-
service is
January 31.*

FBLA Christmas Competition—Doors and Lockers

Montrose FBLA sponsored a Christmas Door and Locker Decorating competition to help promote the holiday spirit.

Winners of the elementary door decorating competi-

tion were: 1st place—5th and 6th grade; 2nd place—1st and 2nd grade; and 3rd place—Kindergarten. High school door decorating winners were: 1st place—Senior Class (the judges moved them to the door competition due to the fact

they decorated 22 lockers); 2nd place—Mrs. Logan; and 3rd place—Mr. Palmer. Locker decorating winners included: 1st place—Joyce Jurgensmeyer.

Joyce—1st place



5th grade—1st place



1st and 2nd grade—2nd place



Kindergarten—3rd place



Seniors—1st place



Mrs. Logan—2nd place



Mr. Palmer—3rd place

2nd Quarter Honor Roll

A HONOR ROLL

Grade 11

Alex Engeman
Aubrey Swaters

Grade 10

Harrison Boden
Durant Goth

Grade 9

Betty Jurgensmeyer

Grade 7

Chase Calhoun

Grade 6

Faith Calhoun
Alex Swaters
Abigayle Vogel

Grade 5

Lindsay Eye
Haven Goth

Grade 1

Kellan Eye
Lily Foster
Kallie Gilkey
Nathan McIntosh
Charlie Meredith
Ayden Morgan



B HONOR ROLL

Grade 12

Hannah Boden
Audrey Collins
Natalie Collins
Tyler Crowder
Mikayla Engeman
Samantha Foster
Lucas Hetherington
Noah Jurgensmeyer
Mercedes Koch

Grade 11

Grady Gatzemeyer
Taylor Henzlik
Ashlynn Hilte
Karenza Jones
Joyce Jurgensmeyer
Hunter Kidwiler
Scott Plunkett
Logan Swaters

Grade 8

Emily Palmer
Leah Plunkett

Grade 6

Gracie Meredith

Grade 5

Jacob Chavez
Morgan Walden

Grade 3

Sean Roberts

Grade 2

Jaelynn Crowder
Cheyanna Parratt

Grade 1

Mariah Bauer
Jaycee Crowder

Grade 9

Jethro Cunningham

Grade 4

Jaidon Crowder
Madysen Faulkenberry
Alexus Israel
Madilynn Lippa
Orion Miller



*Honor Roll
Breakfast,
Wednesday,
January 22, High
School beginning
at 7:45 am-8 am;
Elementary
begins at
8:15 am-8:30 am.*

1st Semester Honor Roll

A HONOR ROLL

Grade 11

Alex Engeman
Taylor Henzlik
Aubrey Swaters

Grade 10

Durant Goth

Grade 9

Betty
Jurgensmeyer

Grade 7

Chase Calhoun

Grade 6

Faith Calhoun
Gracie Meredith
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Abigayle Vogel

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Logan Swaters

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Grade 10

Harrison Boden

Grade 9

Jethro Cunningham
Emma Swaters

Grade 8

Leah Plunkett

Grade 7

Jacob Jurgensmeyer
Aeris Paul

Grade 6

Ethan Houk

Grade 5

Malarie Fennell
Morgan Walden

Grade 4

Jaidon Crowder
Madysen Faulkenberry
Kaylee Houk
Madilynn Lippa
Orion Miller

Grade 3

Drake Roberts

Grade 2

Preston Anderson
Zachary Blevins
Olivia Howell
Cheyanna Parratt

Grade 1

Jaycee Crowder
Zahara Foose
Tashawn McCulloch
William Roberts
Jeffrey Short



Makeup basketball game with NEVC is January 30. It is a home game.

Help Keep Our Bluejay Family Healthy

Our area has seen a dramatic increase in positive lab specimens for Influenza A for our community, which is H1N1 according to the Missouri Department of Health and CDC. Anyone vaccinated with flu this season has a decreased risk of flu or will have a milder case than those not vaccinated.

How to prevent flu:

- Flu is spread through coughing, sneezing, nose blowing or touching contaminated surfaces

then touching your eye/nose/ or mouth.

- Cover coughs and sneezes with your arm
 - Frequent hand hygiene with alcohol based hand cleaner or soap and water
- Clean and disinfect surfaces that are touched often (desks, countertops, door-knobs/handles, keyboards, hands on items, phones, toys, sports equipment, bathrooms) <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/school/cleaning.htm>

Persons ill with flu can be contagious to others from one

day **before** feeling sick to 5-7 days after symptom onset.

Symptoms: fever, chills, cough, sore throat, runny nose, body aches, headache, tiredness, diarrhea, and vomiting.

Persons should be free of fever below 100 F for 24 hours without fever reducers of ibuprofen or acetaminophen

Help keep our Bluejay family healthy throughout the winter months.

5th Annual Christmas Family Adoption

The Montrose R-14 Chapter of the National Honor Society and FFA Organization held their 5th annual Christmas Family adoption during December as one of their community service projects. Three local fam-

ilies were adopted this year. The NHS and FFA students wrapped many presents for each child member of the families selected for adoption.



Far left—Aubrey Swaters wraps one of the NHS gifts. Left—Natalie Collins, FFA and NHS member, works at wrapping Christmas presents for the adoption program. Right—Alex Engeman and Jacob Engeman wrap presents.



JANUARY 2014—EVENTS CALENDAR

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
29	30	31	Jan 1	2	3	4
Christmas Break						
		12:30p North Lab-Health		12:30p North Lab-Health	Montrose Profession Develo	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Christmas Break	Snow day	9 FFA Greenhand Conference 12:30p North Lab-Health 5:30p VG/VB BB v NEVCO		FBLA Testing for Districts 12:30p North Lab-Health 5:30p VG/VB @ Chilhowee	5:30p VG/VB @ Bronaugh	4p GBB/BBB @ Archie
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	VG & VB BB @ Appleton City Tournament					
		12:30p North Lab-Health 4:30p VG v ACE 9p VB v Miami	12:45p Winter Sports, Club, O	12:30p North Lab-Health		FBLA Skills Testing Due
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	Make Up Day	12:30p North Lab-Health 6p VG/VB BB v Ballard	Sophomore to CTS	12:30p North Lab-Health 7p VG BB v Butler	8 6th Grade to CTS 5:30p VG/VB BB v Leeton 7p HOMECOMING	
26	27	28	29	30	31	Feb 1
		12:30p North Lab-Health		12:30p North Lab-Health 6p GBB/BBB v NEVCO	12:30p Teacher Inservice 12:30p Early out/Midterms 6p VG/VB v Calhoun	

Elementary Reading, Math, and Science Nights will be coming in February, March, and April. Watch the website for more information.

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Mission Statement

It is the mission of the Montrose Public School to recognize its students as special, unique individuals, to provide them the opportunity to develop fully their intellectual, physical, cultural, and social capabilities, to realize their worth as individuals, and to become productive members of a democratic society.

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