



SCHOOL SPIRIT

January 2017

Hi everyone,

The start of a new year is a time for reflection and setting some goals for ourselves. I encourage each of you to set some goals for yourself in 2017. I have some traditional personal goals such as eating better, exercising more, and being the best father and husband that I can be. I also have some professional goals. I want to see our school district be the best that it can be for each of our students. I want to see each of our students have an educational experience that they are proud of and that makes them college and career ready. I want each of our students to be well rounded with the best curricular and extracurricular experience they can have.



A long-standing partner of the Monticello Community School District that shares these goals has been the Monticello Community School District Foundation (MCSDF). The MCSDF wants our students to have all of the resources needed to have the best educational experience possible. They have worked very closely with the district to provide needed support in our classrooms since 1988. The mission of the MCSDF is:

It is the mission of the Monticello Community School District Foundation Board to secure funds from sources other than the traditional methods of taxation. Upon securing such funds, the Foundation shall guide the expenditure of those funds in an effort to supplement the school district's ability to provide excellent opportunities for all students.

The Monticello Community School District Foundation has donated over \$600,000 to Monticello Community School District projects over the years. Here are some examples of items the MCSDF has purchased in support of the Monticello Community School District:

- Portable Science Lab for the Middle School
- Treadmills for the High School fitness program
- Table saw for the Industrial Tech Department at the High School
- LCD projection devices for the High School Science department
- Books for the ELP program
- Presentations by guest authors & musicians
- Middle School Applied Technology Lab
- Sound system for the High School auditorium
- Enclosed trailer for hauling equipment, band instruments, etc.
- Gateway to Technology provided continued support to the Applied Technology Lab
- Automatic External Defibrillator for the High School
- Field Trip Expenses
- Weight room equipment at the high school
- New instruments and band uniforms
- iPads for the Middle School and Elementary
- Employee Recognition Awards
- Computers for HS Business Education Classes
- Elementary & Middle School library books
- Donation to the Accelerated Reader program



New computers for the High School Business Education classes



New Band Uniforms

(Photos courtesy of The Monticello Express)



Mimio Boards at the High School

How can you help the Monticello Community School District Foundation? Answer...By attending their biggest fundraiser which is a dinner and auction to be held **Saturday, March 4, 2017** at the Berndes Center. Please consider attending this event to help support Monticello students. Tickets are \$25 and available from any Foundation Board Member, at any Monticello School Office, or at the District Office.

Also, if you are interested in donating an item or items for either the silent or live auction, the items may be dropped off at the District Office, 711 South Maple Street, between 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM Monday—Friday.

Sincerely,

Dr. Brian Jaeger, Superintendent

UPCOMING EVENTS



Middle School Geography Bee

The Middle School Geography Bee will be held on Tuesday, January 17 at 2:10pm in the MS auditorium. Anyone interested is invited to attend. Top winners from each grade will compete to see who the school champion will be!

Jammin' in January **Showcases Talent!**

"Jammin' In January", the Monticello Band Parents fundraiser will be held on Monday January 9, 2017 starting at 6:30pm at the Monticello Community Building. Come have dinner and see a few of our middle and high school band students perform some fun solo and small group pieces. Plus you'll get a sneak peak at the coming MS and HS Jazz season! Tickets cost \$15 and can be purchased at Citizens State Bank or Ohnward Bank until January 3rd. Hope to see you there!"



2017-18 Kindergarten Round Up Scheduled

Kindergarten Round Up for students entering kindergarten in the fall of 2017 is scheduled for **Monday, January 9 thru Friday, January 13, 2017 at Shannon School from 7:30 AM. to 4:00 PM.** At this time parents will be asked to complete some information forms. A health form, dental form, physical form (with lead screening), and immunization card will be provided. Completed immunizations and a dental exam are required by law for all students entering kindergarten. Some of the series of vaccines take six (6) months to complete. Start now to make sure all needed immunizations are completed before your child starts school in the fall. 2017-18 kindergarten students **do not** need to attend this special Round Up event. Students must turn 5 years of age on or before September 15, 2017 to attend kindergarten. If you have any questions, please call Sandy Hinrichs at 465-5425, ext. 4114.

THANK YOU TO:

- **The Delphian Society** for their donation to the Health Fund.
- **The Porch Posse** for their donation to the Food Service Department.
- **Angie Beitz** for the donation of hats & mittens.
- **Everyone** who donated items for the food pantry at our Carpenter Fine Arts night, over 800 items were collected!

Upcoming Treble Makers Events:

The Treble Makers meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 5:30pm at Happy Joe's. NEW MEMBERS are always welcomed! Our remaining meetings for the 2016-2017 year will be: January 17, February 21, March 21, April 18, and May 16.

Vocal Concerts yet this year will be: Grades 7-12 Concert—February 28, and the Dessert Concert—May 9. Please come out and support the Fine Arts programs!



Attention Parents!!

From the Nurses Office...

Since winter is upon us it is a good time to be reminded that lice is always present in the schools. Please remember to check your child's head weekly. If you find live lice or nits, please treat them before sending them back to school. If you have any questions please call school nurses, Jen Speltz or Jodi Heinrich at 319-465-5963. Thank you!!

Speech Contest Help Needed!!!

Monticello will be hosting a speech contest in January and volunteers are needed. There are several areas you could volunteer. Room chair keeps the room running on time, time keeper (just have to know how to run a stopwatch), or concession helper.



Saturday, January 21

shifts available 7 - 11am, 11-2, 2- 5pm

If you are interested in helping please contact Kim Carlson either by phone 465-5963, ext. 1328 or email kim.carlson@monticello.k12.ia.us

Public Preview Night

Monday, January 16, 2017 @ 6:30 p.m. in the HS Auditorium.

Everyone is welcome to see all the events the students have been working on for the speech contest.

Free will donation at the door! All proceeds help pay for scripts, entry fees and costumes.

Physical Plant and Equipment Levy (PPEL) Special Election **February 7, 2017**

Polling Place: Berndes Center
766 N Maple Street
Monticello, Iowa

Polling Hours: 7:00 am– 8:00 pm



There will be a community forum on **Monday, January 30th at 5:00pm in the High School Auditorium to discuss the PPEL and to answer any questions. Please join us!

****Winter Break****

Winter break is December 23—January 2. No School on Jan. 3rd—Teacher Collaboration Day. **School will resume on Wednesday, Jan. 4th!** Enjoy the holidays!!

From the Guidance Office...

All students, including juniors and especially seniors, should be checking the Guidance Office News webpage for updated information on College Visit Days, the guidance office calendar, scholarship information and specific scholarships with attached applications, and other guidance office information. Go to the school's website at www.monticello.k12.ia.us - click on the downloads icon and click Guidance Office News under the guidance heading. These webpages are updated daily and with the college application and scholarship deadlines season arriving, it's an easy solution to finding the local and state scholarships and college information you need.

8th graders will start the process of high school registration the end of January/beginning of February. If parents have questions about the registration process feel free to contact Angela Bibb, Middle School Counselor, at 465-5963, ext. 2215.

2017-18 Preschool Information

2017-18 Mother Goose Preschool Registration Information

Mother Goose Preschool will enroll children for 2017-18 beginning February 1st. Applications will be available at Mother Goose Preschool. Tuition for three-years-olds is \$100 per month. A Statewide Voluntary Preschool allocation may cover the tuition for children who are four by September 15th. Watch the February issue of the *School Spirit* for additional information.

Openings are available for Sacred Heart Preschool and PreK programs for the 2017-18 school year.

There are two sections for 3 year-olds: M & W 8:00-10:55 a.m. and T & Th 8:00 - 10:55 a.m.

The 4 year-old PreK program has two sections also: M-Th 8:00 - 11:00 a.m. and M-Th 12:00 - 3:10 p.m. If your child is four years old by Sept. 15, 2017, tuition is paid by State of Iowa Preschool Grant. Please call Sacred Heart School at 319-465-4605 for registration information.



2017-18 Little Panthers Preschool Registration Information

Openings in the Little Panthers Preschool are available for 2017-18. If you are interested in registering your three or four year old, applications will be available from the Shannon School office on February 1st. General education four-year old preschool openings are filled through a lottery method. The program includes: breakfast, lunch, milk, and snacks. If your child turns four years old on or before September 15th, a Statewide Voluntary Preschool allocation will lower your child's tuition. This program also serves six Headstart slots and special education students (for both three and four year olds). More information about Little Panthers Preschool and our community preschool partners, Mother Goose and Sacred Heart will be available in the February issue of the *School Spirit*.

Congratulations to:

- **Jill Dobel**, middle school band director, on being awarded the 2016 Philip Sehmman Excellence in Teaching Award for the Middle School Level at the Northeast Iowa Bandmasters Association's Honor Band Festival! Mrs. Dobel has served as NEIBA Middle School Affairs Chair for three years and will chair the 2017 All-Iowa 8th Grade Honor Band. The Philip Sehmman Excellence in Teaching Award is presented to those individuals who meet the criteria of excellence, dedication and commitment to the value of instrumental music education in our schools.
- 8th graders **Noah Arduser, Olivia Besler, Philip King, Karli Recker, Levi Temple, and Maddie Stadtmueller** on being selected to perform at the Northeast Iowa Bandmasters District Honor Band festival on December 3. That day the students also auditioned to perform in the 2017 All-Iowa 8th grade honor band and **Levi Temple** earned an alternate trombone spot.
- The **Carpenter students and families** on collecting over 800 items for the Monticello Food Pantry during the Fine Arts night on November 29th!

Looking For a Way to Support the Monticello School District Foundation?

What better way than to buy a brick on the "Wall of Support" or a spot on the "Perpetual Tree" located at the High School auditorium?

Or any donation can be sent to:

**Monticello CSD Foundation
PO Box 2
Monticello, IA 52310**



For more information, please go to our website at www.monticello.k12.ia.us, click on "District" then click on "MCSD" Foundation.

Upcoming Programs at the Monticello Public Library

January 9 - 3:30-5:30pm - STEAM Team for ages 8 & up, explore Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math in a hands on environment, no registration required.

January 11 - 2-5pm - Early Dismissal Day Activities. Movie from 2:10-4:00pm, Coloring for all ages available. Bring your Pokémon cards, games and electronic devices and talk Pokémon with others from 2-5pm

January 12 - 3:30-4:30pm - After School Brick Building Club- kids ages 7 & up can join us for themed LEGO® building fun.

January 17 - 6pm - Pushing the Limits- Arctic Drift Book discussion

January 19 - 1:30pm - Monticello Reads Pushing the Limits- Arctic Drift Book discussion

January 19 - 4-6pm - US Cellular Tech Class- Discover all the things your device can do.

January 25 - 6:30pm - David Thoreson, professional photographer and explorer from Lake Okoboji. David's presentation includes stories of his three Arctic expeditions aboard small sailboats in 1994, 2007, & 2009 and the quest for the infamous Northwest Passage.

January 26 - 3:30-4:30pm - After School Brick Building Club- kids ages 7 & up can join us for themed LEGO® building fun.



Physical Plant and Equipment Levy (PPEL) Special Election

February 7, 2017

The Monticello Community School District Board of Education is seeking voter renewal of the PPEL tax levy used to maintain and repair district facilities. The Physical Plant & Equipment Levy (PPEL) will be on the ballot in a special election on **Tuesday, February 7, 2017**. The current PPEL expires in 2018, **so voters are being asked to simply renew existing funds for an additional ten-year period**. Currently, almost 78% of school districts in Iowa have a voted PPEL in place.

What is PPEL?

The Physical Plant and Equipment Levy (PPEL) is a levy that serves as one of the primary sources for funding school infrastructure and equipment repairs, purchases, and improvements.

Two parts to PPEL:

1. The School Board may annually certify a regular Physical Plant and Equipment Levy (PPEL) in an amount up to 33 cents per thousand dollars of assessed valuation. In Monticello, the amount raised with this part of the PPEL is approximately \$120,000 per year.
2. The voters may authorize a Voted Physical Plant and Equipment Levy (VPPEL) for a period not exceeding ten years and in an amount not exceeding \$1.34 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation. In Monticello, we are asking for 67 cents per thousand dollars of assessed valuation. This will result in approximately \$240,000 per year.

The total tax is a combination of property taxes and income surtax not exceeding \$1 per \$1,000 of assessed value (67 cents is voter approved and 33 cents is School Board approved).

Why do this now?

1. Building Blocks: Renew PPEL and finish SOP (Facility Projects, Technology, Communication, and Curriculum/Instruction) before starting on School Facilities Planning (Bond).
2. If we move the bond timeline up even six months it will save us money on the back end, as much as \$300-\$400 thousand (20 million Bond).
3. In case it does not pass we have time to reconsider community expectations and put it out there again.

What will the PPEL be used for at Monticello Schools?

- Non-Instructional Software
- Building Repairs
- Land Improvements
- Vehicles/Mowers/Tractors
- School Busses
- Furniture/Fixtures
- Heating/Air Conditioning/Plumbing
- Resurface Track
- Technology
- Infrastructure Upgrades
- Fire & Security System Updates
- Instruments
- Bleacher Inspection/Repairs
- Parking Lot Repairs
- Asbestos Services

Voting Location

Berndes Center
766 N Maple Street
Monticello, Iowa

Polling Hours

7:00 am– 8:00 pm

Revenues may NOT be used for employee salaries or travel; supplies; printing costs or media services; or for any other purpose not expressly authorized by Iowa Code.

RENEWING THE LEVY WILL NOT INCREASE PROPERTY TAXES

You are invited...



To attend a community forum on **Monday, January 30th at 5:00pm** in the High School Auditorium to discuss the PPEL and to answer any questions. Please join us!

Breakfast Menu "USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer"				
January			Milk served with meal	
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2	3	4	5	6
		Breakfast pizza	French toast / syrup	Cereal
		Fruit	Fruit	Poptart
NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	Fruit juice	Fruit juice	Fruit
				Fruit juice
9	10	11	12	13
Sausage biscuit w / cheese	Cereal bar	Sausage pancake bite w/ syrup	Cheese omelet	Cereal
Fruit	Mozzarella cheese stick	Fruit	English muffin	Poptart
Fruit juice	Fruit	Fruit juice	Fruit	Fruit
	Fruit juice		Fruit juice	Fruit juice
16	17	18	19	20
	Cold cereal	Breakfast pizza	Chocolate chip muffin	Cereal
	BB muffin	Fruit	Fruit	Poptart
NO SCHOOL	Fruit	Fruit juice	Fruit juice	Fruit
	Fruit juice			Fruit juice
23	24	25	26	27
Rainbow yogurt	Cold cereal	Long John	Sausage pancake bites	Cereal
Granola	BB muffin	Fruit	Fruit	Poptart
Fruit	Fruit	Fruit juice	Fruit juice	Fruit
Fruit juice	Fruit juice			Fruit juice
30	31			
Mini donuts	Cereal bar			
Fruit	Mozzarella cheese stick			
Fruit juice	Fruit			
	Fruit juice			

Lunch Menu "USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer"				
January			Milk served with meal	
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2	3	4	5	6
		Country fried steak	Cheeseburger / bun	Stuffed crust Pepperoni pizza
		Mashed potatoes	Smiley fries	Lettuce w/ Romaine
NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	Mandarin Oranges	Glazed carrots	Broccoli w/ cheese sauce
		Roll & butter	Apple slices	Diced pears
9	10	11	12	13
Chicken nuggets	Meatball sub	Beef nacho's w/ cheese sauce	Salisbury steak	Breaded cheese sticks
French fries	Corn	Spanish rice	Mashed potatoes & gravy	Lettuce w/ Romaine
Pineapple Tidbits	Peaches	Refried beans	Mixed fruit	Baby carrots /dip
Bread & wow butter	Cookie	Apple sauce	Roll & butter	Strawberries/bananas
16	17	18	19	20
	Popcorn chicken	Pasta w/ meat sauce	Hot dog / bun	Cheese quesadilla
	Seasoned rice	Lettuce salad	Baked beans	Baby carrots w/ dip
NO SCHOOL	Green beans / carrots	Diced pears	French fries	Fresh fruit
	Pineapple tidbits	Garlic toast	Diced peaches	Cookie/dessert
23	24	25	26	27
Cheese Omelet or French Toast	Breaded chicken /bun	BBQ pulled pork /bun	Chili w/ crackers	Sausage pizza
Sausage links	Vegetable soup/crackers	Smiley fries	String cheese	Lettuce w/ spinach
Hashbrown patty	Orange slices	Green beans	Apple sauce	Carrots/Broccoli/Cauliflower
Strawberries & bananas	Frosted cake	Jello w/ fruit	Cinnamon roll	Apple slices
30	31			
Pepperoni pasta	Chicken strips			
Green beans	Mashed potatoes & gravy			
Apple sauce	Pineapple/mandarin oranges			
Bread stick	Roll & butter			



January 2017

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 Winter Break— No School	3 No School—Teacher Collaboration Day JV/V GBB vs Bellevue-4:00 JV/V BBB vs Bellevue-5:15 V Wrestling @ Anamosa-6:00	4 Day 3 School Resumes— Welcome Back!	5 Day 4 V Wrestling @ West Liberty-6:00 9/10 BBB vs Easton Valley-6:30	6 Day 5 JV/V GBB vs Wilton-4:00 JV/V BBB vs Wilton-5:15	7 V Wrestling Tourney @ Maq. Valley-9:00 FFA 212 & 360 Conferences JV GBB @ North Linn-2:00 JV BBB @ North Linn-3:30 V GBB @ North Linn-3:30 V BBB @ North Linn-5:00
9 Day 6 Dorian Honor Choir at Luther Kindergarten Round Up — 7:30-4 @ Shannon <i>Jammin in January Band Parents Fundraiser @ Monticello Community Building-6:30</i>	10 Day 1 Kindergarten Round Up — 7:30-4 @ Shannon PTO Meeting—6:00 pm @ Carpenter 9/10 BB @ Cascade—5:00pm	11 Day 2 Kindergarten Round Up — 7:30-4 @ Shannon 2:00 Early Dismissal — Prof. Dev Board Work Session—6:00 PM	12 Day 1 Begin 3rd Quarter/2nd Semester Kindergarten Round Up— 7:30-4 @ Shannon 7 BBB @ Northeast—4:15 8 BBB vs Northeast-4:15 V Wrestling @ Durant—6:00	13 Day 2 Kindergarten Round Up — 7:30-4 @ Shannon JV/V GBB vs Northeast-4:00 JV/V BBB vs Northeast-5:15 JV Wrestling @ Western Dbq—5:00	14 River Valley Conference Speech Contest @ Regina-9:00 V Wrestling @ Marion —10:30 JV GBB @ W. Liberty MS-1:00 JV BBB @ W. Liberty MS—2:30 9/10 BBB @ W. Liberty MS-3:45 V GBB @ W. Liberty HS—4:00 V BBB @ W. Liberty HS—5:30
16 Panther Players Preview Night-6:30 9/10 GBB @ Dbq. Senior-6:00 No School— Professional Development Day	17 Day 3 Kirkwood Classes begin MS Geography Bee—2:00 MS Auditorium JV/V GBB @ Camanche-4:00 JV/V BBB @ Camanche-5:30	18 Day 4 	19 Day 5 JV GBB @ Anamosa MS-4:00 JV BBB @ Anamosa MS-5:30 V GBB @ Anamosa HS-6:00 V BBB @ Anamosa HS —7:30 7 BBB @ Bellevue-4:15 8 BBB vs Bellevue-4:15 9/10 BBB vs Tipton-6:00 @ Monticello MS V Wrestling Home-6:00	20 Day 6 JV/V GBB vs. Mid-Prairie-4:00 JV/V BBB vs. Mid-Prairie-5:15 9/10 BBB vs Mid-Prairie-5:15 at Monticello MS	21 MS Honor Band @ Marion V Wr @ Alburnett-9:30 District Large Group Speech Contest—home—8:00
23 Day 1 7/8 BBB vs Camanche-4:15 JV Wrestling @ CPU-5:00 IHSMA State Jazz @ W. Delaware-6:00 9/10 GBB vs Northeast-6:30 9/10 BBB vs Northeast-7:45 Board Meeting—6:00 PM	24 Day 2 JV/V GBB vs N. Cedar-4:00 JV/V BBB vs N. Cedar-5:15	25 Day 3 	26 Day 4 JV/V GBB vs. Maq. Valley-4:00 JV/V BBB vs. Maq. Valley-5:15 V Wrestling @ Northeast-6:00 7/8 BBB @ Cascade-4:15	27 Day 5 JV/V GBB @ Durant-4:00 JV/V BBB @ Durant-5:15 Tipton Honor Choir	28 Men's Basketball Alumni Tournament—9:00 V Conference Wrestling Tournament @ Northeast -10:00 WPA Dance —8-11 @ HS Commons
30 Day 6 7 BBB @ N. Cedar-4:15 8 BBB vs N. Cedar-4:15 JV Wrestling Conference Tourney @ Camanche-5:00 PPEL Community Forum – 5:00– HS Auditorium 9/10 GBB vs Cascade-6:00 9/10 BBB vs Cascade-7:30	31 Day 1 Elem/MS P/T Conferences—4-8pm JV/V GBB @ Cascade-4:30 JV/V BBB @ Cascade-5:30 32nd Iowa FFA Legis. Symposium				

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Students, parents, employees, and others doing business with or performing services for the Monticello Community School District are hereby notified that this school district does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, age, national origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, disability, creed, marital status, gender identity, socio-economic status, physical attributes, physical or mental ability, ancestry, political party preference, political belief, familial status, and genetic information in admission or access to, or treatment in, its programs, activities, and employment practices. There is a grievance procedure for processing complaints of discrimination. If you have questions or a grievance related to this policy, please contact the District's Equity Coordinator, Brent Meier at 217 South Maple Street, Monticello, Iowa, 319-465-5963, brent.meier@monticello.k12.ia.us. Any person having inquiries concerning the school district's compliance with state and federal laws and regulations concerning discrimination is directed to contact: Superintendent of Schools, 711 South Maple Street, Monticello, Iowa 52310, (319) 465-5963. This individual has been designated by the school district to coordinate the school district's efforts to comply with all state and federal laws and regulations concerning discrimination.