



SCHOOL SPIRIT

November 2017

Hello everyone,

I wanted to dedicate this newsletter to the topic of school facilities. Based on my conversations with people in this community I think it is fair to say that school facilities are a high priority. School facilities have been identified over and over again as an important topic in my collection of information to develop the Strategic Operating Plan. When Heart and Soul collected information from the community on priorities, school facilities were indicated by our community as the most important issue facing our community.



In July 2017 we assembled a school facility committee to investigate options and give "Big Picture" feedback to the school board. The school facility committee has met five times so far and we have been discussing facts about our facilities. I wanted to share some of those facts with you because we need people to begin discussing our school facilities.

FACT #1: Every school facility (except the district office) has issues that need to be addressed. Shannon, Carpenter, Middle School, High School, and the Bus Barn all have substantial work that has to be done.

FACT #2: In 2012, FEH Associates Inc., an architect/engineering firm, did a facility needs assessment that included Shannon, Carpenter, Middle School, and the Bus Barn. They discovered that to repair and bring those facilities up to ADA standards it would cost the district \$20.3 million dollars. This included a small addition at Shannon and Carpenter but did not include any of the work needed at the High School. This Assessment was done five years ago and the prices will have increased.

FACT #3: This fact seems to surprise people. We are a district that is debt free!!! Our last General Obligation Bond for the high school was paid off in 2016.

FACT #4: One theme that has become very obvious as I did my research on bonds in Monticello was that during the 80's, 90's, and 00's school boards and the community supported the idea of creating a "Central Campus" plan. This plan would put the elementary, middle school, and high school together on one campus. The students would not necessarily be in the same buildings but located in the same general area. A "Central Campus" plan would create some opportunities for efficiency in our school district in several areas.

FACT #5: The school board has asked me to put out a Request For Proposal (RFP) and the school board will be interviewing Architectural/Engineering Firms on November 8th at the next school board work session. The school board will be voting on November 27th to select a firm to work with.

FACT #6: Construction prices will continue to rise each year and building costs raise between 4%-6% annually. If we do nothing to our facilities at this time the costs for future projects are growing faster than we can save money, so we will only be forced to borrow more in the future.

These are the facts we have been discussing at our Facility Committee meetings and the facts our community should be discussing. There is no doubt that whatever decision we make it is going to cost a substantial amount. I wish there was a different solution but there is not. So I ask you, when it comes to facility improvements....**WHY NOT US?....WHY NOT NOW?**

I would love to hear your thoughts so I can share them with the Facility Committee. Please feel free to send me an email or give me a call at anytime. Thank you for your continued support of the Monticello Community School District.

Sincerely,

Brian Jaeger



American Education Week is November 13-17, 2017

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 welcome 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!

UPCOMING EVENTS



Monticello High School

presents the musical

LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS

Performances

**November 2 & 3 at 7:00 pm, and
November 4 at 2:00 pm**
High School Auditorium

Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$4 for senior citizens and students.

The meek floral assistant Seymour Krelborn stumbles across a new breed of plant he names "Audrey II" - after his coworker crush. This foul-mouthed, R&B-singing carnivore promises unending fame and fortune to the down and out Krelborn as long as he keeps feeding it, BLOOD. Over time, though, Seymour discovers Audrey II's out of this world origins and intent towards global domination!



Panther Academy Student Openings!

Panther Academy currently has openings for students for their before and after school program. Panther Academy is our before & after school childcare and summer program located at Shannon Elementary. Please contact Director Tammy Helgens at 319-465-5425 or via email: tammy.helgens@monticello.k12.ia.us for more information or to register.

High School Students Interested in NCAA Sports

Here is a quick overview of the NCAA Eligibility Center process to help guide student-athletes and ensure they are ready for college sports. Students are responsible for maintaining their academics throughout high school. These tips will help keep them on track for meeting academic initial-eligibility standards:

Grade 9

- Students work with their counselor to ensure they take appropriate NCAA core courses.

Grade 10

- Students register with the NCAA Eligibility Center at eligibilitycenter.org.

Grade 11

- Students work with their school counselor to ensure they will graduate on time with the required number of NCAA core courses.
- Students take the ACT or SAT and submit their scores to the NCAA Eligibility Center using code 9999.

- Students ask their counselor to upload their official transcript to the NCAA Eligibility Center at the end of the year.

Grade 12

- Students complete last NCAA core courses.
- Students take the ACT or SAT again, if necessary, and submit their scores to the NCAA Eligibility Center using code 9999.
- Students should apply to the school of their choosing and confirm they have been accepted.
- Students request final amateurism certification beginning April 1 before enrolling in college in the fall.
- Students ask their counselor to upload their final official transcript with proof of graduation to the NCAA Eligibility Center.

BAND FUNDRAISER

In the month of November, MS and HS Band students will be selling Cookie Dough and Custom Travel Mugs to raise money for the band program and the HS trip to New York, New York! The delicious cookie dough will come just in time for the holidays and will be a wonderful sweet treat you can bake for friends and family. The travel mugs can be customized to have a Monticello Panthers theme, your favorite NFL Team, or your favorite university including Iowa, Iowa State and UNI! Be on the look out for MS and HS band students and help support the band program by purchasing these wonderful products! THANK YOU!



MANDATORY MEETING

For all parents of winter sport athletes!

November 14 — 7:30pm — HS Auditorium

We will be having a mandatory meeting on sportsmanship for all parents who have athletes participating in the following winter sports: cheerleading, wrestling, bowling, and boys & girls basketball.

The meeting will be on Tuesday, November 14 at 7:30 pm in the HS Auditorium. Please plan to attend. Thank you!

Seniors

Do you have a dream career in mind? If you do- or if you have just started to explore options – please consider applying for an internship experience coordinated by the Workplace Learning Connection. The internship program is designed to help you make those important future education and career decisions by getting out and exploring a career that interests you. Please see Mrs. Stenger in the counseling office for help applying or go directly to workplace-learning.org. Online applications for the Spring 2018 term must be completed no later than Thursday, November 2nd!

Panther Players Fundraiser

The Panther Player's fundraiser will take place on Monday, November 6th. Panther Player members will be canvassing the town asking for a \$3 donation. They will be hitting the streets starting at 5:30 p.m. and will be done at 7:00 p.m. If a Panther Player doesn't make it to your house and you would still like to donate all donations can be sent to Kim Carlson at the Monticello High School. The Panther Players thank you in advance for your support!

THANK YOU TO:

- **Mike & Cheryl Falb** for their donation of tickets for our 4th graders to attend the Dubuque Symphony Orchestra.
- **The Edinburgh Historical Society volunteers** for the 3rd grade tours!
- **Sarah Kraus** for donating drawing paper to Panther Academy!
- **Phyllis Albang** for her donation of two ceramic panthers to the high school.
- **Virgil Hunt** for his donation of a winter coat to the middle school.
- **Monticello Canoe Rental** for donating canoes for middle school Outdoor Ed day!
- **Jim & Jackie Reuter** for donating a ukulele and music stand to the Carpenter music room.
- **Janaan Kraus** for donating winter coats to the Middle School.
- **Monticello Sports, Baked, and Legacy Lanes** for donating prizes for the PTO Fall Fundraiser
- **The Menasha Corporation Foundation/Orbis** for their donation to each building.
- **Chanda Gassman & Rebekah Schnoor** for planning, organizing, and carrying out the fundraising for the GaGa Ball pit at the Middle School and to all those that donated!

LOST & FOUND

A LG flip cell phone was found on Panther Playground on October 6. It can be claimed at the District Office. Thank you!

Prizes for Geography Bee Needed!

-by Laura Schmitt

The middle school will once again be participating in the National Geographic Bee. The preliminary rounds will take place in individual classrooms in the 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grades. Ten finalists will be selected and a school-wide final bee will be held in January. The winner of the school-wide bee will have the opportunity to take a test for a chance to qualify for the state bee in April. Businesses and individuals in the past have donated gift certificates, prizes, and money to purchase prizes for the top ten finalists. I am again looking for help to get prizes for these individuals. If you are interested in helping, please contact me at the middle school 465-3000 ext. 2180, email laura.schmitt@monticello.k12.ia.us, or mail your contribution to me at the middle school. Thank you!

Breakfast Menu				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1	2	3
		Breakfast pizza	French toast/syrup	
		Fruit	Fruit	NO SCHOOL
		Fruit juice	Fruit juice	
6	7	8	9	10
Sausage, egg & cheese biscuit	Cereal bar	Sausage pancake bite w/ SF 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
13	14	15	16	17
Waffle sticks w/ syrup	Breakfast wrap	Breakfast pizza	Chocolate chip muffin	Cereal
Fruit	Fruit	Fruit	Fruit	Poptart
Fruit juice	Fruit juice	Fruit juice	Fruit juice	Fruit
				Fruit juice
20	21	22	23	24
Gogurt	Pancakes & syrup			
BB muffin	Fruit	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL
Fruit	Fruit juice			
Fruit juice				
27	28	29	30	
Mini donuts	Cereal bar	Breakfast pizza	Waffles w/ syrup	
Fruit	Mozzarella cheese stick	Fruit	Fruit	
Fruit juice	Fruit	Fruit juice	Fruit juice	
	Fruit juice			

Lunch Menu				
USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer				
Choose a salad as an alternate lunch daily (H.S. & M.S. only)				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1	2	3
		Country fried steak	Cheeseburger	
		Mashed potatoes	Smiley fries	NO SCHOOL
		Mandarin Oranges	Glazed carrots	
		Roll & butter	Apple slices	
6	7	8	9	10
Chicken nuggets	Chicken & noodles	Walking taco	Salisbury steak	Breaded cheese sticks
French fries	Green beans	Seasoned rice	Mashed potatoes & gravy	Lettuce w/ Romaine
Pineapple Tidbit	Peaches	Refried beans	Mixed fruit	Baby carrots/dip
Bread & butter	Roll & butter	Apple sauce	Roll & butter	Pineapple/Mandarin oranges
13	14	15	16	17
BBQ Rib/bun	Mandarin orange chicken	Pasta w/ meat sauce	Meatball sub	Cheese quesadilla
Augratin potatoes	Seasoned rice	Lettuce salad	Baked beans	Baby carrots w/ dip
Corn	Green beans	Diced pears	French fries	Fresh fruit
Mandarin oranges	Pineapple tidbits	Bread stick	Diced peaches	Frosted cake
20	21	22	23	24
French toast sticks	Breaded chicken			
Sausage links	Vegetable soup / crackers	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL
Hashbrown patty	Orange slices			
Strawberries & bananas	Cookie			
27	28	29	30	
Deli wrap	Chicken strips	Breaded Pork / bun	Lasagna	Mac & cheese
WG chips	Mashed potatoes & gravy	Seasoned potato cubes	Steamed broccoli	Green beans
Baby carrots/dip	Pineapple/mandarin oranges	Baked beans	Mixed fruit	Apple sauce
Side Kick Frozen juice	Roll & butter	Diced peaches	Bread stick	Bread stick

A reminder from the Food Service Department!



If you have a negative balance in your lunch account you are not allowed to purchase any food or drinks from the ala cart. We will be giving any student that has a negative balance of \$20.00 or more, a brown bag lunch. This lunch will include a cheese sandwich, baby carrots, and a carton of white milk. Please check your family's lunch account and make sure you have a positive balance and sign up to receive emails when your balance is low!

If you have any questions, please give me a call at 319-465-3000, ext. 1374. Thank you! - Pat Kelly, Food Service Director



Announcements

PowerSchool is now mobile – Download the FREE app today from iTunes or the Google Play Store!

Our District Code is : RDGX

For more information go to: [PowerSchool-Mobile-App](#)

You must have a valid PowerSchool parent account to access this on your mobile device. For account questions, please contact Morgan Murray-Zimmerman at morgan.murray@monticello.k12.ia.us.

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

The middle school & high school student daily announcements are also posted in PowerSchool. You can sign up to receive these via email daily, weekly, every other week or monthly and they are also available on the mobile app. Log in today!

Monticello Board of Education Corner...



The Board of Education held their October regular meeting on October 23rd. At the end of each of their meetings, they answer this question

'What Did We Learn at This Meeting and What Would We Want the Public to Know?' Here were the answers from the October meeting:

- ◆ We are a **debt-free district!!!** Our last General Obligation Bond for the high school was paid off in 2016.
- ◆ Curt Tauke has done a great job so far in moving the district forward with 1 to 1 technology and the project has come in about \$100,000 under budget with the help of the Monticello School Foundation, the Monticello PTO, and our E-rate program. This is an exciting time for our students and the community!

2017 Certified Enrollment

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

Description	2017	2016	Change
Resident Public Students Attending your District	943.00	972.00	-29.00
Resident Public Students Attending another Iowa Public School District	46.80	51.60	-4.80
Non Public Shared Time and CPI Students Dual Enrolled for District Classes	3.79	2.09	1.70
Non Public Shared Time and CPI Students Dual Enrolled for PSEO Classes	0.00	0.04	-0.04
Residential Facility Students Enrolled for District Classes	0.00	0.00	0.00
Actual Enrollment	993.59	1025.73	-32.14
Non-Resident Public Students Attending your District	96.00	89.00	7.00
PK 4 Students Attending your Statewide Voluntary Preschool Program	28.00	28.00	0.00
Total School Age Students Provided Instructional Programs/Services by your District	1042.79	1063.13	-20.34
Limited English Proficient Weighting	3.96	2.86	1.10

Thank you!

A big thank you to Chanda Gassman and Rebekah Schnoor for planning, organizing and carrying out the fundraising for the GaGa Ball pit at the Middle School AND to all those that donated. We appreciate it and the kids love it!



PTO News!

Fall fundraiser pick-up is **November 2nd in the Carpenter gym from 3:30-6:30pm**. Please bring your reusable grocery bags for easy carrying! All orders must be picked up at this time.

The PTO would like to thank all who contributed to our fundraiser with purchases and donations!

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, November 14th at 6:30pm in the Carpenter Gym.



CELEBRATIONS!



IGHSAU
IOWA GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC UNION

Dan Sauser 2017 Recipient of IGHSAU Cross Country Golden Plaque Award

Monticello's Dan Sauser is the 2017 cross country recipient of the Iowa Girls' High School Athletic Union's Golden Plaque of Distinction Award. Dan will be awarded honored Saturday in a presentation at the 2017 State Cross Country meet at the conclusion of the Class 2A girls' race.

The IGHSAU's Golden Plaque of Distinction Award honors the Iowa coach who has demonstrated a successful career while making notable contributions toward school, community and the coaching profession.

Sauser has been the head coach for both the girls and boys cross country teams at Monticello since 2004. During his coaching tenure, his teams have won 19 conference championships. At the state level, his teams have won four boys class 2A state cross country championships and the Panther girls have won two Class 2A state titles. In addition to the six titles, Sauser's teams have three state runner-up finishes, three third place finishes and 17 of his 21 state qualifying teams have placed in the top five.

Coach Sauser has collected numerous coaching honors throughout his coaching career. He has been named the IATC State Coach of the Year six times and the northeast Iowa Coach of the Year nine times. Sauser is currently a member of the Cross Country Advisory Committee.

Dan has been married to his wife Donna for 22 years. They have three children, Nathan, Ella and the late Kyle Sauser. He is a graduate of the University of Iowa and teaches mathematics at Monticello High School and Kirkwood's Jones Regional Educational Center.



MIKE KOWBEL receives KCRG's A+ for Education!

Congratulations to Mike Kowbel, HS Band Teacher, for being selected as KCRG's A+ for Education recipient!

This is a program in which they honor and highlight educators going above and beyond in the classroom. Mr. Kowbel was nominated by Ashleigh Matheny.

KCRG's video can be found at:
<https://www.facebook.com/kcrgtv9/videos/10154750361737172/>






Congratulations to:

- Erin Adams and the 5th Grade team on receiving the Silos & Smokestacks National Heritage Area Bus Grant for their field trip to the Herbert Hoover Presidential Library & Museum this year!
- Cindy Savage for receiving a Silos and Smokestacks National Heritage Area (SSNHA) Bus Grant for the 3rd graders to go on a field trip to the University of Iowa Museum of Natural History.
- The Varsity Volleyball team and coaches for being Conference Champions.
- Bo Kramer on winning a day at the capitol with representatives Dave Jacoby and John Landon at the BPA Fall Leadership Conference.
- The following seniors on being nominated for the National Council on Youth Leadership (NCYL) and also for being selected as semi-finalists for Monticello High School: Courtney Campbell, Paige Holub, Maddie G. Lambert, Rileigh Lambert, Rachel Larabee, Anna Loes, Taylor McDonald, Meredith Melchert, Jordyn Patterson, and Kate Tuetken.
- The following 8th graders on being accepted for the 2017 River Valley Conference Honor Band: Heather Burrow, flute; Grant Hospodarsky, percussion; and Karle Kramer, clarinet.
- The HS Marching Band on making it to the State Contest for the first time in almost 20 years and for placing 2nd out of 13 bands at the Wilton Festival of Bands on October 7, 2017.
- The HS Band for the following outstanding achievement awards at Wilton: Drum Major, Horn Line, Color Guard, Drumline, Drill Design, Marching Execution, and Soloist – Makayla Coffey.
- Congratulations to all the Fall athletes & coaches on a great season! GO PANTHERS!



November 2017

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Day 4 Speech Auditions 7:30am & 3:30pm	2 Day 5 PTO Fall Fundraiser Pick Up @ Carpenter Gym -3:30-6:30pm Speech Auditions 7:30am & 3:30pm 7 Girls BB @ Bellevue-4:15 8 Girls BB vs Bellevue-4:15 Fall Musical—7:00pm	3 No School— Collaboration Day 7 Girls BB vs Maq. Valley—3:30 8 Girls BB @ Maq. Valley-3:30 Fall Musical—7:00pm	4 Fall Musical— 2:00pm
6 Day 6 Senior Jostens Mtg—8:10 Juniors Jostens Mtg—9:30 7/8 GBB @ Camanche—4:15 7/8 Wrestling @ Bellevue—4:15 Panther Players Fundraiser 'Beggars Night' -5:30	7 Day 1 Iowa Assessments @ HS 7/8 Wrestling @ N. Linn-4:30 FFA Fall Festival—6:00	8 Day 2 Iowa Assessments @ HS College & Career Fair in HS Gym—Seniors 8am Juniors -9:30 Sophomores-10:40 Board Work Session—6:00	9 Day 3 Iowa Assessments @ HS 7/8 Girls BB vs Cascade—4:15 Wrestling Meeting -6:30- HS Auditorium	10 Day 4 River Valley Conference Honors Band @ Durant 7-12 Band Conference Festival—7:00 @ Durant Jostens Order Day in HS Commons -11:00 & 11:50	11 FFA Discovery, 212 & 360 Conference
13 Day 5 7/8 Girls BB vs N Cedar—4:15 7/8 Wrestling home-4:15	14 Day 6 7/8 Wrestling @ Ed-Co—Colesburg -4:30 PTO Mtg—6:30 @ Carpenter Library Mandatory Parent Mtg-7:30	15 Day 1 American Education Week	16 Day 2 7 GBB vs Northeast-4:15 8 GBB @ Northeast -4:15 All State Band/Vocal Festival @ ISU	17 Day 3 All State Band/Vocal Festival @ ISU	18 All State Band/Vocal Festival @ ISU
20 Day 4 7 Girls BB vs Bellevue-4:15 8 Girls BB @ Bellevue-4:15 7/8 Wrestling @ Regina-4:15	21 Day 5 JV/V Girls BB vs Bellevue-6:00	22 No School Thanksgiving Break	23 	24 No School Thanksgiving Break	25
27 Day 6 JV Wrestling @ N. Linn-5:30 Board Meeting— 5:00 PM	28 Day 1 JV G/B BB vs Northeast-4:00 V G/B BB vs Northeast-6:30 V G Bowling vs Cascade—4:00	29 Day 2 2:00 Early Dismissal — Prof. Dev	30 Day 3 B V Bowling vs Cascade-4:00 7/8 G BB vs Camanche-4:15 7/8 Wr @ Northeast-4:15 V Wr home—5:30		

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