



SCHOOL DISTRICT
OF MONTICELLO
May-June 2017

Monticello's values build world ready citizens

Monticello School District Awarded "2015-16 Title I School of Recognition"

We recently learned that the Monticello School District was awarded the 2015-2016 Title I School of Recognition. We were one of 22 schools in the State of Wisconsin chosen based on our attaining *High-Progress*. Mr. Gustafson and Mrs. Indergand will be attending a ceremony on May 1st at the Wisconsin State Capitol and receive the award from State Superintendent, Tony Evers. The criteria for recipients is as follows:

High-Progress Schools

- fall within the top 10 percent of schools experiencing student growth in reading and mathematics for elementary and middle school students or the top 10 percent of schools with the greatest improvement in high school graduation rates, and
- have achievement gaps that are less than three (3) percentage points between student groups or show evidence of reducing gaps greater than three (3) percentage points

Congratulations to our amazing hardworking staff!

#ponyproud



Congratulations to the Class of 2017!

Tyler Adams	son of Lisa Malone
Matthew James Bartels	son of Tracy Bartels and Rob Bartels
Stephen Bockhop	son of Sheri Bockhop
Brittany Disch	daughter of Dave and Jennifer Disch
Jessie Garrison	daughter of Duane and Julie Garrison
Brienne Graber	daughter of Perry and Cheryl Graber
Chandler Hansen	daughter of Tina Cherry
Edelynn Hill	daughter of Adam and Jaime Hill
Max Hoffmaster	son of Brian and Susan Hoffmaster
Madalyn Rae Holtz	daughter of Chris and Janet Holtz
Samantha Kammes	daughter of Anthony Kammes and Anjie Kammes
Megan Lehr	daughter of David and Amy Lehr
Rachel Love	daughter of Rob and Emily Love
Cassandra Mahlkuch	daughter of Victoria Kempfer and Robert Mahlkuch
Marissa Elyse Peterson	daughter of Kelly and Bill Peterson
Zachary Price	son of Jimmy and Teresa Price
Trenten Ryan	son of Chad Ryan and Amber Carroll-Ryan and Tracey Klitzke
Bryss Shover	son of Brian and Jodi Shover
Kolton Shulka	son of Brad and Lauren Shulka
Trent Siegenthaler	son of Melissa Anderson and Matt and Suzie Siegenthaler
Rebecca Wahl	daughter of Tom and Janet Wahl
Karlene Walters	daughter of Lorie Walters and Frank Walters
Samantha Winters	daughter of Richard and Sheri Winters



Important Information for Graduates

Baccalaureate	Sunday, May 21 at 7:00 p.m. at Washington Church
Senior Banquet	Wednesday, May 24 at 7:00 p.m. in Rehmstedt Gymnasium
Senior's Last Day	Thursday, May 25
Graduation	Saturday, May 27 at 1:00 p.m. in Rehmstedt Gymnasium
Class Colors	Teal and Gold
Class Flower	White Dahlia
Class Motto	"Our lives are before us, our pasts are behind us, but our memories are forever with us."
Featured Speaker	Mr. Ryan Indergand
Student Speakers	Jessie Garrison, Megan Lehr and Samantha Winters

Pony Summer School!!!

It's not too late to join the fun! Lots of boredom busters right here to keep our kids engaged in learning, trying new activities, interacting with peers, gaining new skills, and staying active all summer long! Incoming 4K students are welcome to come, too!

Registration packets can be picked up at the school office or email schwacar@monticello.k12.wi.us to get an electronic copy.

Reminder that 2017 Pony Summer School dates are...

- **Pony Enrichment- July 10-27th
(Monday-Thursday 8:30-11:30am)**
- **Pony Prep- August 7-17th
(Monday-Thursday 8:30-11:30am)**
- **Youth Summer Ball Leagues
(T-ball, Coach pitch, girls softball, and boys baseball)**
- **specific team calendars will be handed out to players and emailed to parents in early May**



Be checking your mail in late June for your student's 2017 summer school schedule!



Residents of Monticello,

As a Park and Rec member, I would like to take this opportunity to let you know some of our wish list items for the public pool. We are still trying to make the pool more accommodating. Last year we added some new seating, a concession stand, new outdoor speakers and radio for the pool. This was all done by very generous donations from the Community Club and Lioness Club. We are still trying to improve on this by adding some new items such as a docking station, aquatic weights to use during water aerobics, some more seating and or metal tables and chairs. We are also looking for three

new garage doors for the pool house. We feel that it is time for the pool to get some attention since in recent years it has been somewhat of bare bones minimal. The time has come for some maintenance and aesthetic updates. Our pool is roughly twenty eight years old and very little has been updated. As a result of this we have a lot of repairs to start. The pool generates about \$16,000.00 per year which is not a lot compared to cost of about \$35,000.00 to operate. Every year the village takes a loss on the pool. We feel that we are very lucky to have such a great asset to our community. Our children are

able to learn how to swim and have the opportunity to be able to socialize at the pool for the summer months. What a wonderful combination to have our pool along with our new fitness center for such a small community. So in conclusion we are asking for some donations and new ideas to help generate more revenue. We feel very fortunate to be part of such a generous community who works so hard to make it a great place to live and raise children. If you are interested in making a monetary donation or any other kind please contact Rachel Rufer at 214-3750.

4 Year Old Kindergarten News by Kristy Auz

Oh my goodness, it's already May?!!

Our Kindness Challenge ended on the last day of April. I can't wait to see how many acts of kindness we have done as a district this year (it may take some time to count them all)! Watch our Monticello Facebook Page for an announcement of the GRAND TOTAL this month!!

Reminder to 4K Families: Our field trip to the Henry Vilas Zoo is on May 16th for a full day of fun! Please remember to get your permission slips and info sheets turned in to me by May 2nd at the latest! We'd like to extend another HUGE thank you to Tri-Insure. Tri-Insure has sponsored all t-shirts for the 4K kiddos for our field trip this year to make sure we arrive in style and stay safe and visible while at the zoo. ☺

This year has gone by so quickly, but we're not done

yet! In Four-Year-Old Kindergarten we've been busy planting tomato and basil seeds and watching them grow. We water them and keep them in a warm and sunny place, and we're finally seeing roots, stems, and leaves! Our pretend classroom springtime garden is up and running too!

We'd like to thank Ms. Paula HUGE BUNCHES for her gift to us - she constructed a beautiful green pallet for our dramatic play center! We'd also like to shout out "THANK YOU" to Maggie Roth for sewing the veggies for us to "plant" in the garden pallet Ms. Paula made. We are so lucky to have such wonderful (and TALENTED!) ladies supporting our playtime learning! (Photo below - I only wish you all could see it in color!)

Growth will be our primary focus for our last weeks of school as we look back on everything we've learned this year in 4K. We will complete our spring assessments this month, which will show us our academic growth, and it's easy to see our social and physical growth in the classroom as well. We've practiced numbers and counting, letters and lots of challenge words, days of the week and months of the year, not to mention all the hard work we've done in learning our routines and learning to care for others and share and take turns with them. The 4K kiddos sure are on their way to being ready for Kindergarten! I wish you all a successful finish to the school year and an active summer! Thanks for the best year yet!! ~Ms. Auz~



5 Year Old Kindergarten News by Alma Mentz and Jess Gobel

WOW! Where has the time gone? To think it is the end of the school year already is crazy to us! This year we have been so busy learning to read and write amazing stories! We not only have been learning to

read and write; we have also been learning all sorts of Math and Science as well! If you see a kindergartner asking them about the shapes they have learned as well as some addition or subtraction facts!

We would like to remind everyone of some very important events happening in Kindergarten during the month of May.

May 10th, 2017: Spring Concert in the Park 6:00 p.m.

May 12th, 2017: Community Day of Service 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

May 25th, 2017: Class Field Trip to Madison

May 31st, 2017: Kindergarten Graduation 10:00 a.m.

We would like to invite everyone to join our elementary school during their concert in the park! It is a great show!

On May 12th, 2017 our Kindergarten Family will be hosting a Community Picnic for local businesses and community workers. During this picnic all we ask is that you have conversations with the

kindergartners about the jobs you do within our community. Our kiddos are very interested in all that makes our community successful. If you will be attending please feel free to contact Ms. Gobel or Ms. Mentz so we can get an accurate head count for food ☺ 608-938-2723 or 608-938-2707;

mentzal@monticello.k12.wi.us

On May 31st, 2017 our Kindergarten family would love to invite you to come to their graduation ceremony, commemorating them moving on up! ☺ They have worked so hard all year and our celebration is their final hurrah of Kindergarten! Come and help us send them to 1st grade! ☺

Second Grade is...

Fossils

Using tools to measure

Neat opinions



PTO Hosting Fun Run

Unstrap your running/walking shoes! Monticello PTO is once again hosting a fun run during Monticello's Homecoming. There is a registration form available in

this newsletter. The registration desk opens at 7am, Saturday, July 8th with the Little Pony Trot starting at 8am and the 5K Fun Run/Walk beginning promptly

at 8:30am. Make sure to sign up and send in your payment by June 25th to ensure you receive a t-shirt! Come and join us for all the fun!!

Monticello FFA: Turkeys and Awards by Miah Brokopp, FFA Reporter

On March 17th, 24th, and 27th, students in Mr. Indergand's class conducted another session of "Turkey Time" with Ms. Denure's and Mrs. Ula's 2nd grade classes. This activity focuses on educating the Monticello 2nd graders about environmental conservation through studying the wild turkey. The 2nd grade students learned about wild turkey conservation and history, anatomy, subspecies types and descriptions, and various turkey terminology with the instruction coming directly from the high school students. There were three 40 minute sessions which also included a visit from renowned turkey expert and donor of the Wild about Turkey Education box, Kent Pilz. Each student received their own box call and Kent helped the 2nd grade students "talk turkey" by demonstrating various turkey calls. Special thanks to Kent for helping out with this project.



On April 6, 2017, the Monticello FFA held their annual FFA Banquet in the Rehmstedt Gymnasium to recognize FFA members and supporters for their recent accomplishments over this past year. Special recognition for the evening included Cory Bauman presenting the Daniel J. Karlen Memorial Leadership Award. This prestigious honor for top leadership in FFA was given to Megan Lehr, past FFA President, for her strong commitment and dedication to FFA. Another special award was the Star Greenhand Award, recognizing the top two-year high school FFA Member. This award was presented to Sam Allard. The top middle school FFA member earned the Star Discovery Award. This award was presented to Natalie Roe. The evening included many additional awards, door prizes donated from many area businesses and supporters, and a great meal. The culmination of the evening included the installation of the new 2017-2018 Monticello FFA Officer Team. Next year's officers are: Erin Lehr, President; Lindsey Pence, Vice-president; Alexis Graber, Secretary; Sarah Blumer, Treasurer; Miah Brokopp, Reporter; Andrew Eyler, Sentinel, and Sam Allard as the Parliamentarian. Thank you to everyone who has continuously supported our FFA Chapter and congratulations to all FFA member.

Monticello FCCLA Members Attend FCCLA State Leadership Conference

Eighteen members of the Monticello Middle School and High School FCCLA chapters attended the 2017 Wisconsin FCCLA State Leadership Conference on April 3-5th at the Kalahari Resorts and Convention Center.

Claire Klossner was elected to a position on the 2017-18 Wisconsin FCCLA State Executive Council. She will serve as the Vice-President of Competitive Events. Serving as the voting delegates from our chapters were Samantha Peterson, Peter Gustafson, Nick Blumer and Brandi Sarbacker. Claire completed her first year on the executive council serving as the Vice- President of Career Development. It has been a busy year for Claire and she has done a terrific job representing our chapter and school.



Eight members competed at the state level of STAR Events. Mackenzie Errthum received a silver placing in Career Investigation. Claire Klossner competed in Nutrition and Wellness and was awarded a silver. The Life Event Planning team of Jacy Rufer, Miah Brokopp and Hannah Zanow earned a silver placing. Receiving gold placings were Sarah Blumer in National Programs in Action and Lindsey Pence and Abby Wicker in Sports Nutrition. Congratulations to Sarah Blumer, Claire Klossner and Mackie Errthum who qualified for national competition which will be held during the FCCLA National Leadership Conference in Nashville, Tennessee in July. They were the top two competitors in their category to qualify for national competition. Lindsey Pence and Abby Wicker were each awarded a \$500 scholarship to Johnson and Wales University for their gold placing in Sports Nutrition. Thanks to Sharon Blohowiak and Rachel Rufer for serving as judges for state STAR Events. Regional Representatives, Simon Blohowiak, Alyssa Holcomb and Mackie Errthum assisted at the competition.

Representing the Monticello Middle School chapter at the conference were Samantha Peterson Peter Gustafson, Alyssa Holcomb and Mackenzie Errthum. Accompanying the members were Linda Marty, adviser, Sharon Blohowiak and Rachel Rufer. The chapter received an honorable mention designation for their participation at the state conference.

Claire Klossner, Nick Blumer, Brandi Sarbacker, Hannah Zanow, Jacy Rufer, Austin Blumer, Kyle Walters, Karl Schwoerer, Simon Blohowiak, Chantee Lamps, Miah Brokopp, Lindsey Pence, Abby Wicker and Sarah

Blumer attended from the Monticello High School FCCLA chapter. They were named a gold chapter award winner for their participation in FCCLA activities throughout the year and at the conference.

Members were busy throughout the three days attending the three general sessions and multiple breakout sessions, attending the candidate speeches and determining the new officers, and competing and helping with state STAR Events completion. Thank you to MFCC (Monticello FCCLA Community Connection) for your financial assistance for members attending the conference.

Monticello to host German Big Band/Choir-Looking for Host Families

Blue Lake International Exchange Program has offered Monticello Middle and High School the opportunity to host Big Band and Choir of Markgraefler Gymnasium Muellheim, September 11-15, 2017. This is a great honor for our district, but we need *your* help! There will be almost 70 students and directors who will need a place to stay. We are hoping you would be willing to open your home and share with them our Wisconsin culture.

Blue Lake guests should be treated as much as possible as a member of the family. Guests are asked to be neat, helpful and courteous - please do not hesitate to let your guest know if he or she does something that displeases you. We ask that you provide a clean and safe environment for the guests. This should include the following:

- Smoke free environment
- Private room with a bed
- Overall clean house
- Quality meals

As a host, it will be your responsibility to make sure your guests get to rehearsals, concerts, and other planned activities on time. I will make sure you have an itinerary of events. As a host, you should know the whereabouts of your guests at all times. If they request permission to leave - it may be granted or denied at the convenience of your family. If granted, it is recommended that the host parents set a time for return.

I thank you for considering opening your home to this program. I have had the privilege of staying with a host family in France and The Netherlands through music trips. Those were the highlights of my trip. I enjoyed learning and experiencing the cultures. If you are interested, please contact me via email (beckeki@monticello.k12.wi.us) or phone (938-2759). I'm excited for this chance to share our culture and community! Thank you! Kim Becker, Choral/General Music

Watch for our "Back-to-School" Newsletter the end of July

**Registration for all students will be held
August 3 from 4-7 p.m. & August 8 from 4-7 p.m.
All Students in Grades K4-12 will be photographed
for student ID's during registration
First day of school is September 5, 2017**

Registration fees will reflect your free/reduced lunch status for the 2017/18 school year, so be sure to complete and submit the National School Lunch and Breakfast Program application before July 1st to the District Office. The form is available in the newsletter and on our website.

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF MONTICELLO
Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting
March 8, 2017

- II. Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by President Tim Bruns at 7:30 p.m. Present: Tim Bruns, Randall Smith, Becky Clark, Ron Blumer, Tyler Smith, Julie Havens, and Trina Zanow.
Administration: Al Brokopp, Mark Gustafson and Jean McMannes. Audience: None.
- III. Pledge of Allegiance:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.
- IV. Approve Agenda:** Motion by Trina Zanow, second by Becky Clark to approve the agenda, motion carried.
- V. Communications/Concerns from the Public:** None.
- VI. Approval of Minutes:** Motion by Julie Havens, second by Ron Blumer to approve the regular board meeting minutes of February 8, 2017, motion carried.
- VII. Treasurer's Report:** Ron Blumer reported February cash receipts of \$711,018.30 and expenses of \$436,457.09. **Food Service Report:** Mr. Brokopp reported meal counts and total revenue have increased. **Faculty Report:** None.
- VIII. Administrative Team Reports: Director of Pupil Services:** None. **PreK-12 Principal:** Mr. Gustafson reported that the staff budgeting process has begun. Two classrooms will be updated with new furnishings. Chromebook usage is being expanded down to 3rd grade classrooms. Next year's schedule is being worked on and some changes will be made in the 5/6 grade schedule. An after-school enrichment program is being considered for next year. **District Administrator:** Mr. Brokopp reported on a national conference he recently attended in New Orleans which had excellent sessions. The keynote speaker had been at a shared in-service in Juda five years ago. The Safety Team has been meeting and is trying to put together a mass evacuation drill with staff and students. The SWAG Foundation will be presenting books on March 22; the FFA has their annual banquet scheduled for April 6; the Wisconsin Technology Institute Conference will be held April 7-8 and Spring Break will be April 12-17.
- IX. Approval of Payroll and Vouchers:** Motion by Ron Blumer, second by Randall Smith to approve vouchers 49641-49701 and manual checks 1257-1266 and voided checks 49604, 49607, 49619, 49632, and 49633 in the amount in the amount of \$281,328.29, motion carried. Motion by Ron Blumer, second by Trina Zanow to approve February payroll in the amount of \$155,128.80, motion carried. There were no Fund 49 expenditures to approve.
- X. Old Business:** We have discussing shared staffing with Juda and Albany. Amy Giza will continue to be here 2 days a week next year, and Rich Bailey will be here every day. AFG-HSA insurance options were discussed. Switching to HSA now would reduce our rate by 17%. We will discuss processing options with financial institutions. Referendum spending was discussed with needs for glass backboards for the drop-down baskets being needed as well as speaker system upgrades. Ball field upgrades were also discussed with a number of possible options being explored. A community center was also discussed. Motion by Julie Havens to purchase a Mig Welder in the amount of \$1,295. Motion was seconded by Becky Clark and carried.
- XI. New Business:** Motion made by Trina Zanow, second by Julie Havens to approve nine students to take one Youth Options class through Blackhawk Technical College if we don't offer a comparable class and they can fit it inn their schedule, motion carried. The Control Solutions contract was tabled. Siteimprove ADA website accessibility was discussed. The Summer School booklet will be going out next week. We are looking for coaches for summer leagues being scheduled. Motion by Ron Blumer, second by Julie Havens to approve a contract to Scott Smice as Varsity Baseball Coach, motion carried. The Assistant Baseball Coach position is vacant. Motion by Ron Blumer, second by Randall Smith to approve a contract to Joe Woolsey for Middle School Assistant Boys Basketball Coach, motion carried.
- XII. Future Board Agenda Items:** Insurance, building and grounds issues, Control Solutions contract, Summer School, projects discussed at last year's Senior Town Hall Meeting.
- XIII. Future Meeting Dates:** JAM'B Board Collaboration Meeting March 22 at 6:30 p.m.; Regular Board Meeting April 12 at 7:30 p.m.; Special School Board Reorganization Meeting April 19 at 7:30 p.m.
- XIV. Contemplated Executive Session for Consideration of 2017-2018 Staffing; Budgeting Pursuant to 19.85(1)(c)(e), Wis. State Statutes:** Motion by Trina Zanow, second by Ron Blumer to go into closed session at 9:13 p.m., motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.
- XV. Reconvene into Open Session for Further Consideration and/or Action on the Above Referenced Items, Including Items Discussed in Closed Session, if Appropriate:** Motion by Ron Blumer to reconvene into open session at 9:21 p.m. Motion was seconded by Trina Zanow and carried.
- XVI. Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn at 9:22 p.m. by Julie Havens, second by Becky Clark, motion carried.

School District of Monticello Calendar of Events May 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Baseball at Argyle 5pm Softball at Argyle 5pm	2 Softball Juda/Albany 5pm	3 Spring Play with the Ponies 6-8pm HS FCCLA Awards 7pm	4 MS Track Invite at Belleville 4:15pm Track at Black Hawk 4:15pm Baseball Argyle 4:30pm	5 Baseball (DH) Highland 3:30pm MS Track at Deerfield 4pm Softball Highland 5pm	6 K-2 Hoops 8:30-9:30am
7	8 NO SCHOOL Baseball at Argyle 5pm Softball at Black Hawk 5pm	9 Baseball Pecatonica 5pm Softball Pecatonica 5pm	10 School board meeting 7:30pm Elementary Concert 6pm	11 Grade 3 Field Trip to Dubuque, IA Softball at Cassville 5pm	12 Baseball (DH) at River Ridge 3:30pm MS Track at Belleville 5pm Community Day of Service	13 K-2 Hoops 8:30-9:30am Varsity Softball Tournament at Juda 9am
14	15 Track Conference Meet at UW-Platteville 4:15pm Softball WI Heights 5pm	16 K4 Field Trip to Madison Baseball at Barneveld 5pm MS FCCLA Awards 2:30pm Softball at Barneveld 5pm	17	18 Grade 1 Field Trip to Madison Grade 5 Link Up Field Trip Softball Belmont 5pm MS/HS Large Group Concert 7:30pm Community Garage Sales	19 Baseball (DH) Belmont 3:30pm Community Garage Sales	20 Softball Argyle 2pm Community Garage Sales Spring Fling
21 Baccalaureate 7pm at Washington Church	22 Baseball at Parkview 4:45pm	23 Grade 2 Field Trip to Madison	24 Senior Banquet 7pm Canyon Camp Grade 6 thru May 26	25 K5 Field Trip to Madison	26 Safety Patrol Trip to Madison	27 Graduation 1pm in Rehmstedt Gym
28	29 Memorial Day NO SCHOOL	30	31 Grade 5 Field Trip to Janesville Kindergarten Graduation 10am	June 1	June 2 Last Day of School Students are dismissed at 12:30pm	



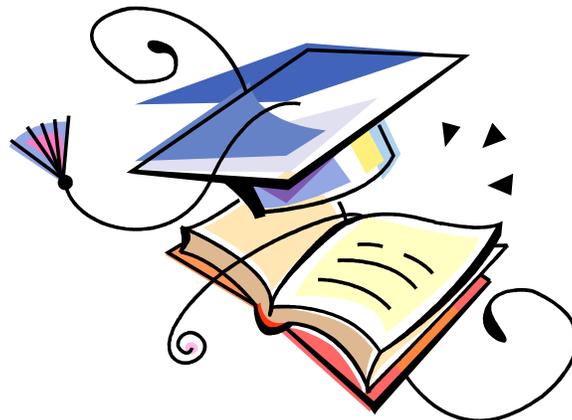
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School District of Monticello Notice of Non-Discrimination Policy

The Monticello School District will not discriminate in curricular, co-curricular, pupil services, recreational or other program or activity on the basis of sex, race, religion, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation, physical disability, emotional disability or learning disability. This policy will prevail in all matters concerning staff, students, the public, educational programs, services and individuals with whom the Board does business. The complete Board Policy 5102 regarding nondiscrimination, as well as complaint procedures, is available upon request from the District Office. Any complaints must be filed in writing with District Administrator Allen Brokopp, Monticello School District, 334 S. Main Street, Monticello, WI 53570. Any questions regarding the policy should be directed to Mr. Brokopp at 938-2798.