



SCHOOL DISTRICT  
OF MONTICELLO  
April 2010

*Monticello's values build world ready citizens*

Now that another exciting basketball season has come to an end, I'd like to say a special thank you to our student body, staff, parents and every Pony fan who cheered for our student athletes. This season was truly a class act when it came to sportsmanship. Even during the most nail-biting moments, our fans and athletes showed that sportsmanship is not an empty word at Monticello Schools. Don't get me wrong....We always play to win, and we take great pride in every victory, but there's a bigger picture here. I think our fans and student athletes combined to make a great team in demonstrating the very best of character in both victory and defeat. It was truly a season to be proud of!

-Dr. Karen Ballin, District Administrator

We have had beautiful spring weather as the third quarter comes to an end. Please watch for 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter report cards and honor roll to come out after April 1<sup>st</sup>. Spring sports are underway and Baseball, Softball, and Track have started practicing. Please check our website to see when the teams start competing.

Winter activities have obviously come to an end. I can't say enough good things about everything that's gone on the last few months. Boys and girls basketball was wonderful. The Boys advanced to sectionals. Coach Mark Olson was named conference coach of the year. Many of the boys received conference honors as well. Solo Ensemble for band and chorus shared great success in 2010 too. We still have State forensics upcoming but here too our students have excelled.

Our extracurricular groups have been amazing. FCCLA scored very well at Regional Star Event. Jacob Marty will be advancing to State FFA Convention by earning a first place finish at the Sectional contest in Extemporaneous speaking. Extemporaneous speaking allows only 30 minutes for preparation and delivery of a 4-6 minute speech on an agriculture related topic. The Sectional contest was held on March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2010 in Evansville, Wisconsin. This will be Jacob's third trip to state in this competition. Good luck and great job to all.

We have been actively planning spring events. The Band is going on its NYC trip soon. Prom and Graduation plans are in full swing as the junior and senior classes have been meeting. It's going to be an exciting spring.

-Allen Brokopp, MS/HS Principal  
Go Ponies!

## **First Grade NEWS by Pansy Balleine and Tara Thompson**

Happy Spring! Although spring arrived covered with a blanket of snow, we're looking forward to daffodils, tulips, and short pants.

We have been busy the last few weeks. In math we have learned about numbers made with tens and ones. Now we are learning about *more than* and *less than*. Some of this has been a challenge but we will keep working to we get the concept. You and your child still need to work on flash cards. We are finding that many students do not know the addition and subtraction facts. These are

a very important part of math in the elementary grades.

In science we are studying about rocks and fossils and natural resources. Ask your child how a fossil forms.

We have studied government on the local level as well as the state and national level. It was interesting learning about the mayor, governor, and president's job and how they are alike and different.

The students are progressing well with their reading. Please read to

your children as often as you have time. I know we are asking a lot from parents, but it is important that students get a good base to carry them through school.

Our field trip will be May 13. We are going to the planetarium and Olbrich Gardens. As of now we do not know how many adults we can take. We will draw names from a hat after we find out just who wants to go. More information will follow.

## **Second Grade NEWS by Ann DeNure and Angie Richter**

Happy Spring! Be prepared for anything! We have been enjoying the nice weather, but remember to bring a jacket for those cool mornings.

We celebrated Dr. Seuss' birthday with cake, a trivia game, lots of Dr. Seuss stories. In reading we learned how bats can be very helpful, and enjoyed having Mike Davis, our local bat expert, share

interesting facts with us. It's time to take action in language, as we are studying verbs.

The students really enjoyed working with geometric figures in math, and now we turn our focus to fractions. Try to show your child how you use fractions at home, especially with cooking.

It was great to see all the families at Family Reading Night. A big "hats off" to Mrs. Indergand for organizing this event. Thank you also goes to the Monticello P.T.O. for the basket raffle and pizza!

As we enter our final quarter of second grade, remember to keep working hard. We have some much to learn as we prepare for third grade.

## **National Volunteer Week by Emily Love**

The week of April 18<sup>th</sup> has been designated as National Volunteer Week. In our school we are lucky to have many volunteers come in week after week to contribute to our children's education. There are so many tasks they do that one might take for granted, but that make an impact on students and teachers. They perform a variety of jobs including

photocopying, correcting papers, hanging art, filing, shelving books, helping with vision and hearing screening, listening to students read or doing flashcards with students. A big thanks goes to Stephanie Adams, Jean Adler, Ron Blumer, Karen Brugger, Brenda DiChristina, Nancy Elmer, Kelly Errthum, Susan Hoffmaster, Jackie Holcomb Lois Hopkins, Tina

Klitzke, Donna Klosterman, Elaine Ruegsegger, Carol Schultz, Verena Schwoerer and Margaret Wenger for donating their time to our school. Their efforts are greatly appreciated by both the students and staff. We are fortunate to have such wonderful volunteers!

## 6<sup>th</sup> Grade News by Judy Kiel

The 6<sup>th</sup> grade participated in a community service project on March 17<sup>th</sup>. Students helped set up for Family Reading Night after school by setting up and covering tables, putting up posters, setting up chairs and helping at the Make-a-Book and Library tables. Sixth grade students were also door greeters and were of service in the cafeteria washing tables. Most students stayed until the end of the night's festivities. During homeroom the next morning, the class returned to the gym to put chairs away, take down posters, and do what ever else needed to be done. The students received many complements for their fine work and enthusiasm! Volunteering not only can be fun, but also offers wonderful opportunities to develop character and self-esteem.

In Reading, students will soon be finishing their Black Literature Unit. Students are currently reading *The Cay* by Theodore Taylor or *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry* written by Mildred D. Taylor. I want to send out a Thank You to parents who have taken interest in these books by reading some of it to their son or daughter. Students are more interested in their reading when you also show interest and are willing to discuss the story and events with them. It's always fun to hear their comments about how a character is changing or to hear comments about the problems encountered by

characters. So, where do we go next? On to a topic seldom explored ...Famous Women!

In Science, our main focus is on the life sciences as we study the cell, cell processes, and genetics. So far, students have learned the parts of the microscope and how to use it properly. They have looked at prepared slides, and have learned how to prepare and stain their own slides. In this lab, students looked at their own cheek cells. How can you help your child? They need to know the parts of the cell, the part functions, and phases of cell division... Help them study!

Fractions, Fraction, Fractions! Yes, we will be studying and working with fractions until the end of the year. Equivalent fractions, reducing fractions, converting improper and mixed numbers, adding and subtracting fractions, and then on to multiplying and dividing factions! Whew! We can only hope there is enough time to master the skills needed to successfully understand and work with all the different operations! So far, I have heard comments like, "*This is fun.*" "*I like fractions!*" Attitude is important, so I think we are off to a great start! How can you help your child? Help them notice the use of fractions in everyday use... recipes, how many serving are there in the foods you use? Musical notes and money are also based on

fractions! Fractions are everywhere!

Later in the month of April, Canyon Camp information will be coming home with your child. Please read the packet cover to cover to learn all about the incredible outdoor environmental educational experience your child will take part in. This is school, and learning does take place, just not at the school building. The environment will be our classroom. This will be the program's 22<sup>nd</sup> year! Canyon Camp dates this year will be May 12, 13, 14<sup>th</sup>. More information about Canyon Camp will be headed your way later this month and next month.

It is my goal as a 6<sup>th</sup> Grade teacher to provide your son or daughter with a meaningful learning experience - Learning with varied teaching methods and many hands-on learning opportunities suited to their learning styles. With your support at home, we can make 6<sup>th</sup> grade a fantastic year for them. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me. Thank you for your support.

### **Box Tops for Education**

Please keep saving those Box Tops. Box tops can be brought to school and given to your child's teacher, dropped off at the district office, or deposited in the Box Tops for Education container at Gempeler's in downtown Monticello.

## **Hooray for Books!!!**

### **Elementary Book Fair a Big Win for Young Readers**

Thank you to everyone who supported the Elementary Book Fair. We will be able to purchase over \$800 of new books to classroom libraries with the proceeds. This is in addition to the many books parents purchased and donated directly though the teacher wish lists. We have a great group of young readers, and they are always looking for more good stories. These additions to classroom libraries will be very welcome!

## **FCCLA News by Linda Marty**

Twelve members of the Monticello FCCLA chapters competed in Regional STAR Events competition on February 26<sup>th</sup> at Oregon High School. They all received an 85% or better score to qualify for state competition in April. Receiving a gold placing was:

Megan Ball – Job Interview

Jacob Marty – Environmental Ambassador

Kenny Swann – Illustrated Talk

Nicole Baebler and Jamie Statz – Focus on Children

Alex Henning – Food Innovations

Evan Schultz – Recycle and Redesign

Receiving silver were Brock Westby- Hess and Hunter Pratt in Illustrated Talk and Kelsey Jacobsen, Liz Pratt and Katie Studer in Focus on Children. Congratulations to all the competitors and good luck as you compete at state. It takes a lot of effort to put together a quality project for STAR events and these members did a great job. Thanks to Ken and Vicki Colle, Cathy Fink, Katie Kubly and Jeff Lamb for serving as volunteer judges.

Thanks to everyone who supported our recent fundraisers and food drive. The high school members have completed their candy bar sales and Tastefully Simple orders from the middle

school members are due on March 30<sup>th</sup> with delivery scheduled for April 13<sup>th</sup>. Thanks also to the parents who drove to the Kalahari so that the middle school members could enjoy a day at the water park; Kim Kachel, Mary Statz, Belinda Pratt and Danielle Risley.

A special thank you to all the elementary students who donated food during our annual food drive. We took approximately 915 items which weighed 977 pounds to Green Cares. In addition, our chapter donated \$60. Mrs. Appel's 5<sup>th</sup> grade classroom was the winning class with donations of more than 10 items per class members. Super job! They will be enjoying an ice cream sundae party compliments of the middle school chapter to thank them for all their effort.

February and March have been busy months for our chapters. In addition to the activities I have already mentioned, we worked with the Monticello Lions Club at their pancake breakfast. The high school chapter donated books to the Family Birth Center at the Monroe Clinic hospital to encourage reading to babies. Middle school members made bars for the canteen at the

February blood drive and assisted in the canteen area during the blood drive. On March 26<sup>th</sup> the middle school chapter will be having a mini lock-in after school.

This year we have 26 members looking forward to state conference to be held at the Kalahari on April 6-8. During this time the twelve members who qualified will be competing in state STAR events competition. Megan Ball and Michael Fink, regional representatives will also be assisting with STAR events. Karlie Klossner has also volunteered to help out with STAR events and will be competing in the Outstanding Member Portfolio competition. The middle school chapter will be donating \$200 and the high school chapter \$100 to Children's Miracle Network; this is the national FCCLA outreach program this year. Thank you to Cathy Fink and Belinda Pratt for helping with chaperoning and judging duties during the conference.

We are planning to finish off our year with our awards programs in May. The middle school chapter awards will be on May 18<sup>th</sup> while the high school awards will be on May 19<sup>th</sup>.

## **PTO News by Shelley Molencamp**

The Monticello PTO would like to thank the volunteers that helped make our Basket Raffle a success! From helping in the kitchen to selling tickets, we couldn't have done it without you. Congratulations to the

winners as well! The baskets looked beautiful, and there was something for everyone!

The PTO is also happy to announce that we have donated a meal to the upcoming HS Band

trip, money for Post Prom and to the POPPS committee.

The next meeting will be held in early April. Please watch for an update for the date and time.

## Alumni Tournament

Dust off your sneakers, it's time for the annual Monticello High School Men's Alumni Tournament. The date is Saturday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> and games will be played in the

MHS gyms. Entry fee is \$75 per team and entries should be submitted by March 31<sup>st</sup> if possible. Teams can be from consecutive years. Please contact

Mark Olson with entries or questions at 763-242-4431 or at 938-4194 ext. 253 or [olsonma@monticello.k12.wi.us](mailto:olsonma@monticello.k12.wi.us)

## The Apprentice Challenge by Mark Olson

Students in the Business Department's Intro to Business class are taking part in the Apprentice Challenge. Inspired by the Apprentice TV show, students have been broken into teams and

are developing a product, marketing plan, budget, operation plan, and display to sell their product. Teams are given a budget of \$20, and on Tuesday April 20<sup>th</sup>, during lunch, they will

be selling their product on the new gym balcony. Rather than the losing team being fired, the team that turns the largest profit will be rewarded with a cash prize. Good luck to all teams!

## Thank You from the Boys Basketball Team by Mark Olson

The Boys Basketball Team would like to thank the community for its incredible support of the team all year long and throughout the playoffs. The team finished the season 20-4, with 3 overtime losses. For the second consecutive year they were

conference champions and this year went on to win a regional championship. Tyler Meier, Jacob Marty, and Tyler Ritschard were honored by the coaches as First Team All-Conference and Corey McGowan received Honorable Mention. The team is proud to

represent a community that supports its team as wholeheartedly and positively as the people of Monticello, as seen by the sell-out of the Sectional game in Monroe. Thank you again, and GO PONIES!

## Kalberwurst Church Supper

Zwingli United Church of Christ will be holding their annual Kalberwurst Church Supper on April 17 from 4:30-8:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. The family style menu includes kalberwurst, ham, mashed potatoes, green beans,

copper penny carrots, applesauce, rolls, cookies and bars. Carry-outs are available. Cost is \$10 for adults, \$5.00 for children 5-10 years old and children under 4 are free. The Women's Guild will also be

holding a Basket Silent Auction Fundraiser and is looking for donations for baskets. For more information call the church office at 938-4369.



## Spring Family Fun Night

**Tuesday, April 20<sup>th</sup>**

**4:30-6:14 p.m.**

**High School Gymnasium**

**For 4 Year Old Kindergarten Students and Families  
And next year's 4 Year Old Kindergarten Students and Families**

**For more information call 938-4194, ext. 274**





## Chorus News by Dena Gordon

You'll need to mark your calendars for: **MONDAY, MAY 24th—ELEMENTARY CONCERT-7:00p.m.**

Elementary students are busy working on their spring concert selections. A concert of favorite songs will be sung by the students. Also, the fifth grade band will be playing. There will be a power-point of the elementary students as a finale to the concert. An ice cream social will follow the concert for all friends and family of the elementary students, free of charge in the cafeteria.

**MONDAY, MAY 10th—MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL CHORAL CONCERT-7:00p.m.**

**The Large Group Festival for Band and Chorus will be held on Wednesday, April 21 at Barneveld Schools.** The Middle School Chorus will be singing Like A Mighty Stream, Dona Nobis Pacem, and Hallelujah, Amen.

On Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, the District Solo-Ensemble Festival was held at Barneveld Schools. Students in Middle and High School who were participating met with great success.

**The State Solo-Ensemble Festival will be held at UW-**

**Platteville on Saturday, April 26th.** A vocal duet sung by Crystal Hauri and Megan Ball, and a vocal solo sung by Megan Ball are advancing. Thanks to accompanists Dawn Jordan, Shelly Molencamp, Carolyn Hilliard, Julie Kinstler, and Deb Hauri for their help with the District Festival.

Students who have earned the title of "MUSIC STUDENT OF THE WEEK", for March are: Cole Femrite, Peter Blumer, and McKenna Pfeuti.

The next Music Parents meeting is April 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00p.m. in the choral room.

## Band Notes by Mike Korth

We have not left on our **New York trip** yet at the time of this newsletter deadline. I would like to take this time to recognize **chaperones** that have traveled with us. They are: Annette Aeberhard, Renee Blum, Darlene and Larry Edge, Deb Hauri, Julie Havens, Kathy Hefty, Connie Henning, Nannette Hilliard, Tina and Bill Klitzke, Jill Klossner, Roxie Kolasch, Jim Marty, Carol McGowan, Donna Pence, Paula Ritschard, Judy Rufener, Cathy Sennett, Jane Smith, Carol Strause, Nadine Westby-Hess, Sheri Wichser, Sally Yaun, and Kari Zimmerman. We appreciate the sacrifice and commitment they made to accept the responsibility for the safety of our students.

Also, thank you to the following community, school, and individual groups who made donations to the High School Band students for this trip: PTO, Athletic Boosters, Lioness Club, Monticello Music Parents Organization, Bud and Carol Schultz, Nancy Briggs, and Harold and Wanda Babler. Their thoughts and generosity are greatly appreciated.

Besides the Band Trip, April has other experiences for our students. Both Middle and High School Bands will be performing in the **Six Rivers East Band and Choir Festival which will be held in Barneveld on Wednesday, April 21.** A panel of three adjudicators will judge 14 Bands on the musical aspects of Tone, Intonation, Balance, Technique, Interpretation,

Expression, and Presentation. It is a busy but educational day for all involved. The Middle School Band performs at 11:30AM, and the High School Band at 1:30PM. The festival is free and open to the public.

Thirty High School Band students will be participating at the **State Solo/Ensemble Festival at UW-Platteville on Saturday, April 24.** These are students that received a 'I\*' rating in Class A at the conference festival in February. A complete listing of results was in the Post Messenger, and is also located on my website.

There will be a **Monticello Music Parents meeting on Monday, April 12,** at 6:00PM in the Choir Room. Thinking Spring!

## Family Reading Night a Fun Time!

Family Reading Night was held in conjunction with PTO on Wednesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>. Families participated in various events- watching a storytelling magician, making-a-book, taking an AR quiz, reading to LB, signing up for a public library card, and MUCH MORE! A huge THANK YOU goes out to all who helped make the

night a success! A special thanks goes to the Monticello Excellence in Education Fund for funding Bob Kann's presentation of "Read, Read, Read...it's Magic!" Also, thank you to the many teachers that volunteered their time to make this event happen and a BIG thank you to Mrs. Kiel's 6<sup>th</sup> grade students that helped with

setting-up, managing, and tearing-down for this big event. Finally, thank you to the children, families, and organizations that contributed to our One for Books campaign! The proceeds will not only be used for building the classroom libraries, but also for helping children and families in need.



SCHOOL DISTRICT OF MONTICELLO  
Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting  
January 13, 2010

- I. Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by President Ken Christen at 7:30p.m.  
Present: Ken Christen, Larry McGowan, Travis Zimmerman, Randall Smith, Tim Bruns, Ron Blumer and Julie Havens. Administration: Karen Ballin, Allen Brokopp and Jean McMannes. Audience: Jules Cappelle, Alex Henning and Pansy Balleine.
- II. Approve Agenda:** Motion by Ron Blumer to approve the agenda, seconded by Julie Havens, motion carried.
- III. Communications/Concerns from the Public:** None.
- IV. Approval of Minutes:** Motion by Randall Smith, second by Travis Zimmerman to approve the minutes of the regular board meetings of December 16, 2009, motion carried.
- V. Reports:** Treasurer Tim Bruns reported December receipts in the amount of \$602,907.58 and expenses of \$431,562.23. Food Service has planned a Grandparents Day Luncheon for Thursday, February 11. Pansy Balleine reported on doing guided reading in first grade and Jules Cappelle mentioned the state testing results and noted that we are still low in math. The Sports Committee met recently to discuss the football program.
- VI. Administrative Team Reports:** Mr. Brokopp reported that Semester Exams will be held next week. He has recently completed MAPS Program training. We have made schedule adjustments on days that we have had late starts due to weather and have been discussing various options with staff. He also reported that he will be meeting with officials to discuss truancy issues. Dr. Ballin reported that the third grade classroom recently had a uni-vent hose that failed, resulting in several inches of water flooding the room over the weekend. It has also been noted that several roofs leaks have appeared on the east side elementary wing and work will be done in those areas when the snow is gone. The elementary and middle school enjoyed an assembly which was enjoyed by all. We recently received a \$2,000 scholarship donation by an anonymous donor. The cost for textbooks for the Ag/Science course recently approved is estimated at \$2,300. The district did some short term borrowing between December 5 and 7. We expect to receive approximately \$5,500 in grant money for computer hardware. We recently disposed of a number of old computers at a cost of \$270.
- VII. Approval of Vouchers:** Motion by Tim Bruns, second by Larry McGowan to approve checks 41897-41995 and manual checks 592-595 in the amount of \$292,447.31, motion carried.
- VIII. Approval of Fund 49 Expenditures:** None.
- IX. Payroll:** Motion by Tim Bruns, second by Randall Smith to approve December payroll in the amount of \$139,114.92, motion carried.
- X. Old Business:** The board discussed a proposed Student Online Course Agreement which outlines costs and conditions of online courses. Motion by Ron Blumer, second by Travis Zimmerman to approve updating the photography classes to focus on digital photography, motion carried. Safety requirements for Technology Education classes were discussed. Motion by Randall Smith, second by Larry McGowan to approve changing Integrated Math to Consumer Math, motion carried. Motion by Julie Havens, second by Ron Blumer to approve the second reading of Policy 5462 Online Learning, motion carried.
- XI. New Business:** Funding student participation in the National FFA Soil Judging Competition was discussed. Motion by Randall Smith, second by Tim Bruns to approve a request from the FCCLA to attend the National FCCLA Cluster Meeting November 5-7, 2010 in St. Louis. Motion carried. Motion by Tim Bruns, second by Ron Blumer to approve a Memorandum of Understanding regarding the Race to the Top grant application, motion carried. We have a grant for \$2,400 to encourage greater integration between community child care providers and our EC/K4 Program. One program has been held and a Family Fun Night is being planned. A meeting of the Sports Committee was held recently to discuss ideas which would promote interest and participation in the football program. Motion by Ron Blumer, second by Julie Havens to approve purchasing Adobe Indesign software with 25 licenses at a cost of \$2,795.20, motion carried. The board discussed the insurance settlement for the 2004 Chevy van and option for its replacement. Issues regarding medical services for students with severe health needs were discussed. Travis Zimmerman and Randall Smith will run unopposed for the school board in the Spring Election. Motion by Randall Smith, second by Larry McGowan to approve the resignation of Tim Dubel as Track Coach, motion carried.
- XII. Future Board Agenda Items:** Nursing services, van replacement, truancy, hiring of track coach.
- XIII. Advance Meeting Dates:** Technology Committee January 27 at 6 p.m., Regular Board Meeting February 10 at 7:30 p.m.
- XIII. Contemplated Executive Session, Pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85 (1b) and (f), to Discuss Compensation for Administrative and Non-Represented Staff; to Discuss Administrative Evaluations and Contracts; to Discuss Athletic Director Contract and Compensation; to Discuss the Status of Collective Bargaining with MEA and MESS; and to Discuss a Personnel Matter Regarding Professional Staff Pursuant to Wis. Stat. 1982(1), 19.85(1e):** Motion by Travis Zimmerman, second by Larry McGowan to go into closed session at 9:10 p.m. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.
- XIV. Reconvene into Open Session for Discussion or Action on Items Above if Appropriate:** Motion by Travis Zimmerman, second by Julie Havens to reconvene into Open Session at 10:40 p.m., motion carried. Motion by Ron Blumer second by Julie Havens to approve salary increases for administrative and non-represented staff as presented: Administrative Assistant Jean McMannes 3%; District Bookkeeper Julie Frie 3.0% salary increase and a 2.5% increase directly related to completion of a degree in business administration; Pupil Services Director Ruth Voight 2.95%; District Administrator Karen Ballin 2.95%. Motion by Travis Zimmerman second by Tim Bruns to approve a contract modification for the district administrator terminating contributions to a TSA and adding the prior contract amount toward salary.
- XV. Adjourn:** Motion by Randall Smith, second by Travis Zimmerman to adjourn at 10:51 p.m., motion carried.

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF MONTICELLO  
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- I. Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by President Ken Christen at 7:34 p.m.  
Present: Ken Christen, Larry McGowan, Travis Zimmerman, Randall Smith, Tim Bruns, Ron Blumer and Julie Havens. Administration: Karen Ballin, Allen Brokopp and Jean McMannes. Audience: Linda Marty, Amanda Jacobson, Elizabeth Lamb, Emily Love, Ann DeNure, Jules Cappelle, Lita Appel, Katilyn Schrader, Julene Elmer, Janet Field, Laurie Kuebli, Sylvia Klitzke, Chris Blumer, Ralph Pederson, Larry Strause, Larry Klassy, Mary Winn, Greg Titus, Tara Murphy, Ellen LaLuzerne, Jodi Golembiewski.
- II. Approve Agenda:** Motion by Larry McGowan to approve the agenda, seconded by Ron Blumer, motion carried.
- III. Communications/Concerns from the Public:** None.
- IV. Approval of Minutes:** Approval of January 13 minutes was tabled.
- VII. Reports:** Treasurer Tim Bruns reported January receipts in the amount of \$828,275.62 and expenses of \$405,212.82. Connie Vacho reported that Food Service has planned a Grandparents Day Luncheon for Thursday, February 11 and has over 90 reservations thus far. A financial report is showing the food service budget is right on target. Elizabeth Lamb reported on the Child Development Day Screener held today. The Technology Committee met recently to discuss copier proposals. There was no Student Report.
- VIII. Administrative Team Reports:** Mr. Brokopp reported that possible changes may be made regarding final exams. He also attended a county-wide truancy meeting in Monroe to discuss working on truancy policy and procedures. We have been working with Skyward on our grading scale. The dance team recently competed at a competition and received first place in their class. The ASVAB test has been scheduled for Juniors. Coach Eichelkraut is scheduling meetings to meet with football players and their parents. Dr. Ballin reported that CESA 2's office will be moving to Whitewater. A proposal from Stalker Flooring was received. A new floor scrubber was brought in and demonstrated today. The Elementary recently celebrated the "100<sup>th</sup> Day" of school and also had a Math Assembly. Grandparents' Day will be held tomorrow. Dr. Ballin, Mr. Brokopp and Mrs. Voight recently did a classroom walk-through training.
- XIV. Approval of Vouchers:** Motion by Tim Bruns, second by Larry McGowan to approve checks 41996-42115 and manual checks 596-599 in the amount of \$268,256.81, motion carried.
- XV. Approval of Fund 49 Expenditures:** None.
- XVI. Payroll:** Motion by Tim Bruns, second by Julie Havens to approve January payroll in the amount of \$136,956.01, motion carried.
- XVII. Old Business:** New Glarus held a meeting to address their district needs and consideration of consolidation and the feasibility study recently completed. Motion by Tim Bruns, second by Ron Blumer to approve the purchase of 40 tablet desks for the Choral Room from Marshfield Book and Stationery, Inc. in the amount of \$3,868, motion carried. A claim has been filed with EMC for settlement on the van accident. The Transportation Committee will meet to discuss replacement options.
- XVIII. New Business:** Ellen LaLuzerne addressed the board with concerns regarding negotiations with MESS (Monticello Educational Support Staff). We are looking at tentative class size numbers for next year and discussing MS/HS course selections. Staff have been given budgeting information and working on needs for 2010-2011. There has been some discussion regarding possible collaboration between New Glarus and Monticello for resource sharing in the areas of Gifted and Talented Services and Nursing Services. The board discussed possible ideas for the use of the Distance Learning Lab Room as well as disposal and/or disbursement of equipment. The need for school trip guidelines and behavioral expectations was discussed. Motion was made by Travis Zimmerman, second by Julie Havens to approve a copier proposal from Gordon Flesch in the amount of \$1,244.43 per month (a savings of \$365.62 per month), motion carried. Proposed changes to the football co-op with New Glarus for Middle School Football were discussed and questions raised. Truancy issues were discussed. State Statutes say that part or all of 5 days of unexcused absences in a semester is considered truancy unless excused by a doctor.
- XIX. Future Board Agenda Items:** Budget, van replacement, truancy, hiring of track coach, class sizes, open enrollment.
- XX. Advance Meeting Dates:** Transportation Committee March 1 at 11:00 a.m., Regular Board Meeting March 10 at 7:30 p.m.
- XIII. Contemplated Executive Session, Pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85 (1b) and (f), to Discuss Administrative Evaluations; to Discuss the Status of Collective Bargaining with MEA and MESS; and to hear an MEA Employee Grievance Pursuant to Wis. Stat. 1982(1), 19.85(1b)(1c)(1e) and (1f) and Section 118.22, Wis. Statutes:** Motion by Ron Blumer, second by Julie Havens to go into closed session at 8:58 p.m. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.
- XIV. Reconvene into Open Session for Discussion or Action on Items Above if Appropriate:** Motion by Randall Smith, second by Larry McGowan to reconvene into Open Session at 11:06 p.m., motion carried. Motion by Travis Zimmerman second by Randall Smith to deny grievance. Yes: Ron Blumer, Tim Bruns, Travis Zimmerman, Randall Smith, Larry McGowan, Julie Havens, Ken Christen. Passed 7-0.
- XV. Adjourn:** Motion by Julie Havens, second by Larry McGowan to adjourn at 11:08 p.m., motion carried.

# The April Art Newsletter 2010

## K-12 Art with Mr. Worachek

The **Kindergarten Artists**, students have painted their trivets, and their turtles, and are now starting the sculptural unit to create fish with polystyrene Styrofoam. It will be cut, shaped, sanded, and eventually painted.

The **1<sup>st</sup> -3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Artists** are finishing painting their clay self portraits, and coil pots. The sculptural unit will create an animal out of polystyrene.

The **4<sup>th</sup> Grade Artists** have painted their clay containers, and are designing dinosaurs which they will cut, carve, and sanded, out of Styrofoam. They too will be painted.

The **5<sup>th</sup> Grade Artists** almost finished their plaques that show some of their interests.

The **Exploratory Artists Grades 6-8** are learning how to animate on the computers. After an introduction to how computer generated animation is done in the real world, using super computers, the students are learning how to draw their own characters using the power-point application. Their animations will be very simple compared to animators who are artists who use the computer as a drawing and animation tool.

The **H.S. Art Classes** are almost finished with the two faced sculptures, and most of the class is starting to create a plaque that is mechanical abstracts. They are challenged to create hard edged objects out of ceramic clay, in an abstract pattern. They are creating springs, tools, sprockets, and gears which are repeated to create a pattern.

The **Advanced Art students** are working at an advanced level, some are creating paintings, some are creating drawings, and one student is working with ceramic clay.

A Special Thanks to [ravensoftware.com](http://ravensoftware.com), and Mike Jungbluth for sharing his time with the Exploratory Animation class, and the H.S. Art Classes, for telling his story about life as an Animation Artist.

**Thank You** for your continued support for the Arts in Monticello.

We are in need of Lean Cuisine trays, and butter, cool whip containers with lids. Other items like plastic wrap, tin foil, wire, or donations to purchase items needed this time of year. Thanks again for your donations.

**The K-12 Art Show will be on May 17<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 till after the elementary choral concert, in the Rehmstedt Gym. This is a great way for everyone to see what the students have worked so hard to create in Art class, and parents should plan on taking their students art home that night, safely.**

Contact me if you have something to donate, and wonder if we can use it or not.  
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# Featured Artists for April 2010

MACKENZIE ERRTHUM, and ANYKA C. SWANSON,  
both in First Grade



**MACKENZIE ERRTHUM**, from **First Grade** is a very talented art student. She loves art, and tries her very best. She is painting her self portrait she has made out of ceramic clay. She has a little kitten sitting on her lap, (in the sculpture.)

**ANYKA C. SWANSON** also from **First Grade** is a very fine artist. She always does her very best when it comes to working on her art, in art class. Her little self portrait sculpture looks like it was created by a much older student of art. An inborn talent!



# School District of Monticello Calendar of Events April 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK Baseball Brodhead 4:30pm	2 NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK	3 Alumni Basketball Tournament
4	5 NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK Baseball at Parkview 4:30pm BMSBB at NG 5pm PTO Meeting 6:30pm	6 FCCLA State Conference TR at Parkview 4:30pm BMSBB Argyle 5pm Spring Election	7 FCCLA State Conference	8 FCCLA State Conference TR at Darlington 4pm BMSBB at Belleville 5pm	9	10
11	12 FBLA State Conference Baseball at Shullsburg 4:30pm SB at Black Hawk 4:30pm	13 FBLA State Conference TR at Cassville 4:14pm	14 School Board Meeting 7:30pm	15 Baseball Barneveld 4:30pm FFA Banquet 7:30pm	16 State Forensics SB at Darlington 4:30pm	17 State Forensics SB Tournament 9am
18	19 SB Juda 4:30pm Baseball at Pec 4:30pm	20 TR at River Ridge 4:15pm Family Fun Night (4K) 4:30pm	21 SRE Large Group Festival at Barneveld	22 Softball Albany 4:30pm Baseball Argyle 4:30pm	23 SB at Benton 4:30pm	24 State Solo Ensemble at UW Platteville
25	26 Softball at Pec 4:30pm Baseball at Albany 4:30pm	27 TR at River Ridge 4:15pm	28 NHS Banquet EARLY RELEASE 12:24pm	29 TR at Cuba City 4pm Softball Black Hawk 4:30pm Elem/MS Spring Pictures from Lifetouch	30 DARE Roller Skating Party 12- 2:30pm	

## Upcoming Dates

**May 29 Class of 2010 Graduation 1:00 p.m. in the Rehmstedt Gymnasium**

**May 31 Memorial Day Holiday NO SCHOOL**

**June 7 Last day of school**



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**Don't forget to vote on April 6!**