



**School District  
Of Monticello  
November 2011**

Monticello's values build world ready citizens

**Veteran's Day Program**

**November 11, 2011**

**At 10:30 am**

**Rehmstedt Gym**

**Patriotic readings, music and poetry.**



## Message from the Principal

Wow! Where has first quarter gone? Parent/Teacher conferences were a success. High school teachers reported a good turnout but would always like to see more parents. The Middle School had nearly 100% participation from parents and students in their "student lead" conference format. This year's conferences were a little later but hopefully holding conferences near midterm gave us a couple weeks to encourage parents and students and boost 1<sup>st</sup> quarter grades.

Fall sports have been a ton of fun. Congratulations to the CC teams. The boys and girls are the 2011 Conference Champions. Well done in Mr. Wehrley's last year! The football team showed great growth throughout a successful year. On the volleyball front, the team completed their regular season with the first conference crown in 15 years and advanced to the regional final. Congrats to Coach E. and the Lady Ponies on a great season! Good Luck to all of our athletes as our seasons continue and we transition into winter sports.

The Senior Class Play and roles have been selected. February 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> will be the public performances. The band marched at the New Glarus Homecoming Parade and has been preparing music for pep band and concert bands. They were spectacular as usual. The Choir visited UW Platteville for a festival day. FCCLA attended a leadership conference in the Madison. National Honor Society is working on setting up a blood drive and set some dates to volunteer at the local food pantry again this year. Student Council has been hurriedly working on Homecoming events for the week of December 12<sup>th</sup> – December 16<sup>th</sup>. The Junior class also attended a College Fair at Verona High school where there were over 100 tech and college booths and recruiters they could visit. Finally, the sophomores were fortunate enough to attend P.A.R.T.Y. (Preventing Alcohol Related Trauma in Youth) at the PAC in Monroe.

Lastly, as the winter sports approach, please make sure that we have all of our athletic codes signed and physicals taken care of. Enjoy the remainder of this beautiful Fall.

## 4 Year Old Kindergarten News by Kristy Roth

Our 4K friends have been learning so much in the first few months of school! We've learned each other's names and we're learning how to share and take turns. We've also been exploring all of the natural wonders that come with the fall season. Leaves, pumpkins, squirrels, and the fall harvest were some of our favorite topics in October.

On October 14<sup>th</sup>, we visited the Richard Smith farm and had lots of help picking pumpkins. A big thank you goes to the Smith family and

friends (including Richard Smith, Randall Smith, Bob Voss, Carolyn Schwartzlow, and more), and all of our student volunteers and parent chaperones!

During Fire Safety week, we met Mr. Blumer and some of our local fire fighters! We learned to only call 9-1-1 for emergencies, and that if our clothes catch on fire, we should STOP, DROP, and ROLL (and cover our faces with our hands while we roll). We also got to see what fire fighters wear, and now we know not to

be afraid of them or to hide from them because they come to help us during a fire. Also, if our house is on fire, we learned to GET LOW AND GO because we won't be able to see or breathe if we stand up in a room filled with smoke. We want to give a big "THANK YOU" to Mr. Blumer and all of our local fire fighters who helped us learn all of these things... we especially loved the fire truck ride and the fire safety house!!





Top Photo is Morning 4K Group  
Bottom Photo is Afternoon 4K Group



### Kindergarten News by Teri Fahey and Jodi Golembiewski

What a great month we have had! We started the month with our super fun RtI groups. The kids are really enjoying working at their own skill level with the fun activities the teachers have planned. We have seen a lot of academic growth since we have started our RtI groups. Way to go Kiddos!

On Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> we went to the Richard Smith Pumpkin Patch. The kids picked a pumpkin, roasted marshmallows, ate

hotdogs and had wagon rides. Special thanks go out to all the wonderful helpers at the Richard Smith Pumpkin Patch. We cherish the fun each year!

We also spent some time learning about fire safety this month. Firefighter Ron Blumer came to teach the children about Stop, Drop and Roll and Stay Low and Go. We will always remember that Firefighters are our FRIENDS! We loved our fire truck rides. Thank you to all the

firefighters that took the time to teach us this month!!

We ended the month with a Spooky Halloween Bash! Batty Crocker flew in to help us create a yummy witch's brew. The kids dressed up and had a led super parade around the whole school!

We are looking forward to a great November. Remember to bundle up as the days are growing colder!



## **First Grade NEWS by Pansy Balleine and Carolyn Meyer**

Greetings from First Grade! We are happy to welcome Lola Ula to the world. Lola was born the end of September.

We enjoyed our visit to the TenEyck's apple orchard and to the Perry Graber home for a demonstration of cider making. The apples were delicious and it was interesting seeing a 100 year old apple press work. We all enjoyed the delicious cider and playing in Graber's yard.

In Math we are working on addition and subtraction. We are doing okay with this but

need more work on flashcards. Please practice with your child.



We have completed our social studies unit on families and community. We alternate between science and social studies. Now we will begin a science unit on plants and living things.

Reading continues to go well. It helps when your child reads at home with you.

Now that cooler weather is here make sure that your child has warm clothing, hats and gloves.

Thank you for making parent/teacher conferences a success. It was good to meet you and discuss what is going on with the students.

Halloween party will be Oct. 31. The parade will begin at 1:45, party will be after that.

## **Second Grade NEWS by Ann DeNure**

October has been a busy month in Second Grade! We honored Christopher Columbus by making our own "symbol ships", Kay Dickson and Karen Brugger gave us tours of the Monticello Historical Museum, and our local fire department took us through the "Fire house" and gave us fire truck rides. Our school nurse spoke on "germs" and "dental health". How fitting as we celebrated

Halloween on the 31<sup>st</sup> with a classroom party and elementary costume parade.

We wrote our first personal narratives during centers and the students did an excellent job with their sentences. Now we will focus on nouns. In math, addition and subtraction strategies have been reviewed and we will work with numbers up to 100. What's the "matter" with science?

Nothing, but we can tell you properties of solids, liquids, and gases. The students are really enjoying our investigations in science. Ask them about them!

It was great to talk to parents during conferences. You're welcome to come in anytime to volunteer or share with our second grade.

## **Third Grade NEWS by Angie Richter and Amy Gordinier**

The third graders have been very busy this month. In math we are finishing up our subtraction unit and preparing for multiplication. Nouns are the hot topic in language and

they continue to do very well on spelling tests. In Social Studies we are beginning our study of Native Americans and the Pilgrims. We were very excited to show off our

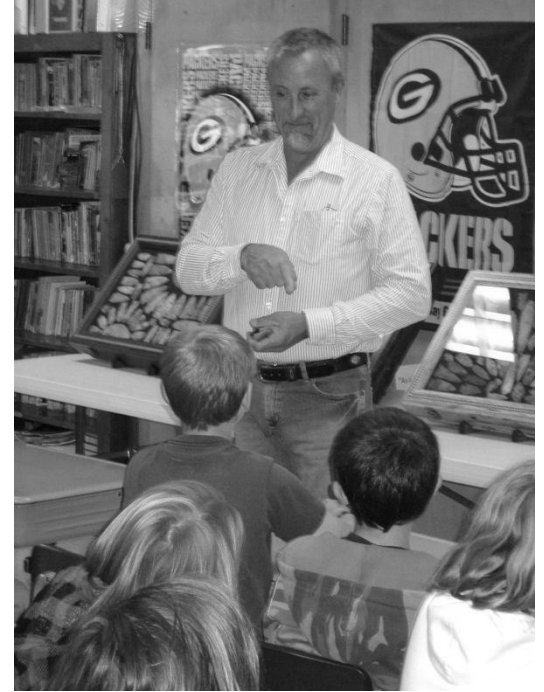
Halloween costumes and can't wait to celebrate Thanksgiving with our family and friends. We hope you all have a wonderful Thanksgiving!



## Fourth Grade News by Jules Cappelle



Fourth grade students enhanced their study of Native Americans with a presentation of artifacts by Janet & Steve Gobeli. Included in their study, students learned how Native Americans lived in this area. They also made villages which were displayed at the Native American Artifact Show sponsored by the Badger State Archaeological Society and held annually in Monticello.



## Fifth Grade News by Tara Murphy

The fifth graders are truly enjoying having Reading Buddies with the kindergarten classes of Mrs. Fahey and Mrs. Golembiewski this year! Reading Buddies is a wonderful program designed for fifth grade students to create projects and practice skills geared toward kindergarten students. Not

only does the practice help the kindergartners, but it creates leadership and creativity among the fifth grade students. They look forward to Reading Buddies each week and it's fun to have a special "buddy" to wave at and say hi in the hallway! ☺

Also, fifth grade is gearing up for Halloween and their last Halloween Parade; it will be an exciting and memorable time for all of them. We are working hard and reading nonstop, I am extremely proud of how much enthusiasm they bring to reading!! Keep up the great work fifth grade! ☺

## New Glarus Culver's Serves Up Fun, Food and \$451.62 for Monticello Excellence in Education Fund

Monticello Excellence in Education Fund (EIE) would like to thank everyone who came out to support the benefit night hosted by New Glarus Culver's on October 5<sup>th</sup>. Monticello staff and EIE board members were on hand to help greet customers, serve food and clean tables in order

to earn extra funds for classroom projects and activities. Twenty teachers have submitted grant applications to EIE this year hoping to fund specific projects that are not otherwise covered in the regular school budget. Thanks to all who supported our Culver's night

and the generosity of the New Glarus Culver's team an extra \$451.62 is available for this year's grants. The goal of Monticello EIE, a component of the Community Foundation of Southern Wisconsin, is to enhance education for Monticello students.

## Ten Mile Club News by Paula Ritschard

October's weather has been outstanding and it has been a pleasure to work on our 10 mile club laps. Since its implementation 3 weeks ago, we've had 75 students and staff members achieve their first mile. Nineteen of them have completed two or more miles. Congratulations to Carter Wirth and McKenna

Pfeuti for completing their 5<sup>th</sup> miles! Mrs. Meyer walks part of every lunch break with her students and just completed her second mile. Dr. Ballin just completed her first mile as well. A grand total of 108 miles have been achieved in just three weeks' time! That's 2,376 laps!! This doesn't include the many other

students that are still in the process of accomplishing their first mile.

So, if you're driving around town between 11:30 and 12:30 someday, honk and wave as you go past the playground and cheer on the walkers!



## Halloween Food Drive Monday, Oct 31

Members of the Monticello High School FCCLA will be conducting their annual trick or treat food drive on Halloween. Members will be going door-to-door in the village of Monticello during trick or treat hours on Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup> to

request donations of nonperishable food items or cash. Members will start canvassing the village at 4:00. All donations will be given to Green Cares, the food pantry just outside of Monticello that serves all of Green County. In addition, the chapter is

making a \$75 donation. We appreciate your support of this service project. Please have your items ready when we call on you. If you will not be home and would like to leave a donation out, we will be happy to pick it up. Thank you.



## Sixth Grade News by Callisa Briggs, Class President

The 6<sup>th</sup> grade just got done with parent/ teacher conferences on the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. It was very new to all of us in 6<sup>th</sup> grade because we lead the conference with our parents, but we all got through it very well. We are also getting ready for 6<sup>th</sup>

Grade Week! I think all of the 6<sup>th</sup> graders are very excited for 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Week! The activities and days are:  
Monday - Duct Tape Day  
Tuesday - Activity Day (Gym Time)  
Wednesday - Twin Day  
Thursday - No Homework Day

Friday - Movie /PJ Day

In English, we have also just gotten done with our Career Reports, Paper Me, and the Elder Care. The Elder Care Projects have been taken to Madison. Now we wait to hear if any of us have won!

## **Sixth Grade News by Judy Kiel**

The 6<sup>th</sup> grade students also have a field trip planned for November 22<sup>nd</sup>. This field trip corresponds with Curriculum Units of study in Science and Reading. Students will travel to Madison where they will go to the Madison Memorial HS Planetarium for a Sky watching program mixed with Greek mythology of star constellations, visit with Chief

Meteorologist, David George, at the channel 15 Weather Lab, and will tour the UW Geology Museum before returning to Monticello.

The 6<sup>th</sup> Grade will also participate in the WKCE testing on November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup>. Testing will start in the morning at 8:15 and continue until 10:00. It is

important that your child get plenty of rest the night before and eat a good breakfast before these tests so they can do their best work.

I want to thank you, as parents, for coming to participate in our MS Student-Led Conferences. Didn't they do a wonderful job!

## **Driver's Ed Classes Offered Here**

Instructor Denise Schindler is offering Driver's Ed classes in Monticello. New sessions are scheduled to start January 9

and April 16. Classes meet Monday and Wednesday nights from 6-8 p.m. for 7 weeks and cost \$250. For

more information contact Denise Schindler at 558-9816.

## **Santa's Workshop Will Soon be Here!**

Santa's workshop will be held on Saturday, December 10, 2011 at Zwingli UCC, Monticello from 10:30AM - 1:30 PM. Make the day a fun family outing as Santa will be visiting the Monticello Fire Station for a couple hours, the firemen will be giving rides on a truck, and the Zwingli Women's Guild is also having their annual bake sale that morning.

We have received many wonderful items, but we are still accepting donations for gifts the children can give to parents, grandparents, and siblings. We are also accepting donations of Christmas wrapping paper, gift tags, and ribbons so we can help the children wrap the gifts before they leave that day. We wouldn't want eager

parents snooping before Christmas! Donations can be dropped off at Tri-Insure (downtown Monticello) during business hours 8AM to 5 PM. Otherwise please contact Kathleen Grossen at 608-558-1588 or Julie Ruegsegger at 608-558-2397 to arrange an alternative pick-up location.

## **School District of Monticello Non-Discrimination Statement**

The School District of Monticello shall not discriminate in admission to any program or activity, standards and rules of behavior, disciplinary actions or facilities usage on the basis of sex, race, religion, national origin, color, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation, physical, mental, emotional or learning handicap. This policy

does not, however, prohibit the District from placing a student in an activity based on objective standards of performance; from providing separate programs in interscholastic athletics for males and females if such programs are comparable in type, scope and support from the District; or from providing separate toilet, locker and shower facilities.

Discrimination complaints shall be handled in accordance with established procedures. Inquiries about Board policies and procedures pertaining non-discrimination, as well as concerns about possible discrimination, should be addressed to: Dr. Karen Ballin, District Administrator, Monticello School District, 334 South Main St., Monticello, WI 53570.

## **Monticello Foundation News** by Jean McMannes, Secretary

Since 1995, the Monticello Foundation has been providing scholarships to graduates of Monticello High School. Contributions and memorials made to the Foundation are invested, and interest earned from these investments is used to award scholarships to deserving students. The board reviews applications based on academics, citizenship, leadership and financial need. This year, the Monticello Foundation awarded \$1,500 scholarships to the following 2011 graduates: Justine Atkinson, Raven Foulker, Taylor Klitzke, Josh Love, Corey McGowan, Taylor Pfeuti, Tyler Ritschard and Kenneth Swann. In October the board reviewed scholarship applications from college students who have earned at least 24 credits and need financial assistance to reach their academic goals.

Individuals recently selected to receive a \$1,750 scholarship from the Foundation are Courtney Erb, Nursing, University of Wisconsin-Madison Western Campus; Sarah Silver, Agribusiness with emphasis in Marketing/Communications and Commodities/Price Analysis, University of Wisconsin-Platteville; Cole Henning, Biology, University of Wisconsin-Platteville; and Katie (Kubly) Marti, MS Nursing with Health Care Administration Focus, Benedictine University.

As the year draws to a close, please consider making a donation to the Foundation. Your tax-deductible donation may include a cash donation, transfer or donation of stocks, property, or memorials. Also remembering the Foundation

in your estate planning is a gift which benefits many.

Recent donations have been received from the Class of 1956-55<sup>th</sup> Class Reunion-\$667; Class of 1971-40<sup>th</sup> Class Reunion-\$250; and memorials received in memory of Hazel Kundert-\$300.

Contributions may be mailed to Monticello Foundation, PO Box 636, Monticello, WI 53570 or dropped off at Monticello High School, 334 S. Main Street, Monticello. To learn more about the Monticello Foundation, please contact one of the following directors: Elmer Lemon, President; Russ Quinn, Vice President; Jean McMannes, Secretary; Cathy Sennett, Treasurer; Linn Lederman, Carol Kubly, Marcia Voss, Mark Wittenwyler or Keith Hoesly.

## **FCCLA News** by Linda Marty

Our FCCLA year is off to a busy start. The high school chapter has completed our calendar and program of work for the year. We have completed our turn running the concession stand. Eleven members of the chapter attended TEAM (The Extreme Academy for Members) Training on October 11<sup>th</sup> in Madison. This conference is planned and presented by the state officer team, including our chapter member, Alex Henning who is serving as Wisconsin FCCLA Vice-President of Finance. Members attending included Lucas Marty, Kody Klitzke, Karlie Klossner, Maggie Edge, Brock Westby-Hess, Hunter

Pratt, Kelsey Jacobsen, Evan Schultz, Nicole Baebler, Lucas Carlino and Alex Henning. Congratulations to Kody Klitzke for being named a FCCLA Regional Representative for Region 6. Regional reps were trained on their responsibilities during TEAM training. Alex also traveled to Stevens Point and Menomonie to attend the TEAM trainings held at those locations.

Katie Studer, Liz Pratt, Karlie Klossner, Alex Henning, Hunter Pratt and Mrs. Marty will be attending the FCCLA National Cluster Meeting in Minneapolis on November 11-13<sup>th</sup>.

All FCCLA members also participated in the MFCC (Monticello FCCLA Community Connection) fundraiser of personalized cake pans and cranberry products.

Michelle Kachel and Kallista Baebler, officers for the middle school chapter also attended the Madison TEAM training. Kallista was also named a Region 6 Regional Rep and received training on her responsibilities.

The middle school chapter has completed their major fundraiser for this year. Thank you to everyone for your support. Products will be

available for pick up on Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup> from 3:30-5:30. Members should plan to deliver their products soon after that date. The Green and Gold Experience will be held on Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 -

11:30 for middle school FCCLA members who have participated in our fundraising efforts. New middle school FCCLA members will have the opportunity to earn their STEP 1 pin on November 17<sup>th</sup> after school in the FACS room.

Members take a short "quiz" using a variety of FCCLA resources to learn more about FCCLA. After we complete the quiz, we celebrate with ice cream sundaes.

Twenty seven members of the Monticello FBLA and H.S. FCCLA along with their advisers, Mr. Olson and Mrs. Marty participated in a field trip to U.W. - Madison on October 20<sup>th</sup>. The day included a campus tour, a discussion of the building of the new Union South along with a tour, lunch at the new union and bowling. This field trip was paid by Carl Perkins funds and was a great opportunity to see what college life is like.



## **FCCLA STAR Events** by Linda Marty

It is time to start planning projects and activities for those FCCLA members who want to participate in STAR (Students Taking Action with Recognition) Events this year. STAR events include a variety of projects, activities or leadership skills that the members develop. Regional STAR Events will be held on Friday, Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> at Sun Prairie High School. Competitors who

achieve an 85% or above qualify for state competition which is held during the state leadership conference at Kalahari Resorts in April. Top golds at state in national events qualify for national competition at the National Leadership Conference in July, this year in Orlando. All members interested in competing in STAR events should attend an informational

meeting on Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 in the FACS room. STAR events work nights are scheduled for December 7, January 17 and 26 and February 7 and 15<sup>th</sup>. All work nights are at 6:30 - 8:00 in the FACS room. An additional work time is Saturday, Feb. 4 from 9:00 - 11:30.

## Spanish Club News by Sarah Quade

In just a little over a week, Spanish Club members will be celebrating Day of the Dead (Día de los Muertos). This is a celebration in which Mexicans honor the deceased members of their family. Students will be able to sample the traditional Day of the Dead bread and participate in a fun activity created by Spanish Club Officers to expand their knowledge about the holiday. In addition to these fun activities celebrated here at school, on November 15, 2011, Advanced Spanish students and Art Club members will be going to Latino Arts, Inc. in Milwaukee, to learn more about this special holiday and Mexican culture. Students will view an art exhibition on Latino artists' works pertaining to Día de los Muertos and attend a workshop on making papel picado. This intricately designed paper is unraveled into a banner which is typically hung from ceilings or altars. After the workshop, all students will eat an authentic Mexican lunch at Café el Sol. Lastly, several Spanish Club members have signed up for our next trip abroad to **Spain** in **June 2013**. The goal is to have all those interested signed up by December, so we

can plan fundraising accordingly for the spring semester and next year. Students will also be afforded the opportunity to work concession stands to earn money for their trip.

If I were able to create a trip abroad, this is the trip I would have chosen! The itinerary is fabulous and we would hit, in my opinion, the most famous, neat cities in all of Spain. We begin in the heart of the country in Madrid and small towns around Madrid, including Segovia, Avila, and Salamanca. Segovia contains the Roman Aqueduct which is an impressive piece of work still standing from centuries ago. Avila hosts a massive, well-preserved wall built around the entire city designed to keep foreign conquerors out. Lastly, Salamanca is a city renowned for its many historical treasures which includes the oldest university in all of Europe.

We then head south to Sevilla and Granada, where you can see some people taking horse carriages instead of taxis. The flourishing orange trees of Sevilla, la Giralda, and southern warmth of the people make it a favorite of many.

Granada is personally my favorite city of the south. Students will get to see the perfectly symmetrical design of la Alhambra, also known as the most beautiful sight in the world former President Clinton has seen. Granada is also known for viewing perfected Flamenco dancing and gypsy culture.

The last part of the trip is spent on the Mediterranean Costa Brava in Barcelona and on the beach. This is the perfect closure to an ideal trip. Students will get to see some of the most magnificent architecture in all of Europe including the Sagrada Familia, Casa Mila, la Pedrera, and Parque Guell. Not to mention they get to spend their last day relaxing on the white sand beaches in perfect Spain weather.

This is a wonderful opportunity for students to see the world from a different perspective and experience first-hand the Spanish language and culture. They would get to experience a taste of the European lifestyle and mindset. I hope that several of our students are able to turn a dream of theirs into a reality!

## Choral News by Dena Gordon

The Monticello High School Chorus members will be having an **aluminum can drive** on **November 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>**. A can cage will be in the back parking lot of the school and cans can be dropped off any time on Saturday or Sunday. **Students will be picking up cans around**

**town between 9:00 and 10:30a.m. Please have bags of aluminum cans out by 8:30a.m. if you'd like them to be picked up in front of your house.** No trash please!

We will be having several can drives during the year so

please save your cans for us. We use the money raised to help defray the costs of trips during the school year. Seeing performances has become more costly as the economy has changed.

**Middle and High School choral** students are deciding

on their song choices and small groups for their winter concert on **Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup>**. A trip to perform at the **New Glarus Home will be Thursday, December 1st at 1:30p.m.** It's hard to believe that the Holidays are coming up fast.

## **Band Notes by Mike Korth**

The High School Band and Color Guard performed and marched well in the windy Homecoming parade in New Glarus on September 30. We have been reading through some new music for Pep Band. The Pep Band recently played for the first time at a volleyball match. It was a good first outing, especially for the Freshmen as they adapt to the quicker pace of High School Band.

**Butter Braid orders will be picked-up by High School Band students on Monday, November 14,** from after school to 5:30. They should have them delivered within the next few days after that. Thank you to those who supported these students with purchases. We hope you enjoy them during the Holidays.

High School Band students are helping to sell tickets and work for the Lions Club Pancake Brunch on Sunday, November 6. Tickets are

Hope to see you at the concerts!

Students in **Elementary Music** are busy finding songs to sing for their winter concert. Contemporary and traditional songs will be sung with no particular theme. The concert is **Monday,**

\$3.00 for under 12 children and \$6.00 for adults.

It is hard to believe, but the Monticello Middle and High School Bands students are in the process of selecting and preparing music for their **HOLIDAY CONCERT on Saturday, December 3, at 11:00 AM in the new gymnasium.** Please mark your calendar as we "announce" the Holiday Season!

The High School Band students will be starting our annual **Poinsettia Sale the beginning of November – 28<sup>th</sup>**. This will be their last major fund raiser to raise funds for the Band Trip to Nashville and Memphis in March. Prices will remain at \$15.00 as they have been for the last 10+ years. They come in 6 inch pots. **Colors available are: RED, WHITE, PEPPERMINT (light variegated pink tone), CORTEZ BURGUNDY (plum colored, oval leaves), JINGLE BELL (red with**

**December 19th for the Elementary students. Both concerts start at 7:00p.m. in the Rehmstedt Gym.**

The next **Music Parents Meeting is Monday, November 7th at 6:00p.m.** in the Choral music room.

**cream spots), and MARBLE (creamy white with a light splash of pink on center veins).** Please call me at school if you were inadvertently missed and would like place an order (938-2758). The order will be given to a student of your choice. Your support for these students is greatly appreciated!

My website contains a fair amount of information regarding the Instrumental Music program. You can easily see information about upcoming calendar events, course outlines/objectives; daily/weekly schedule, Pep Band schedule, Middle and High School Band quarter assignments, festival results, and a snapshot of some past Band trips. Just click on the hyperlinks.

The next Music Parent's meeting will be held on Monday, November 7, at 6:00 PM in the Choir Room.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

## **Use Family Access to Monitor Grades, Attendance and Lunch Accounts**

Family Access is a secure internet based website that allows parents to keep track of their students at school. Among other things, parents can review their child's

attendance, food service balance, emergency and contact information, schedule, assignments, and grades. Parents may also sign up for e-mail notifications to alert

them when a student is missing from class or when their food service balance falls below \$10.00. If you haven't been using Family Access and would like more information or

need log-in or password information, please contact Jean McMannes at 938-2700

or send an e-mail to her at [mcmanje@monticello.k12.wi.us](mailto:mcmanje@monticello.k12.wi.us)



## **Nursing Notes by Carolyn Schwartzlow, R.N.**

Tis` the season already for runny noses and sore throats! Schools are a hot bed of germs, and while we cannot prevent all illnesses from occurring, we can hope to slow the spread of all those colds and other various "bugs". The United States Center for Disease Control tells us that **hand washing** is the single most important thing we can do to keep from getting sick and spreading illness to others. Back-to-school is a great time to focus on teaching and reinforcing the importance of basic, good

quality hand washing. The recent E. Coli outbreak in Green County also makes this a timely lesson. I was able to spend time in all elementary classrooms and with the middle school students doing some fun hand washing activities! Students were taught the importance of washing their hands with soap and water for 20 seconds (saying the ABCs slowly). Washing hands before eating and after using the bathroom were emphasized. Thanks to the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes for making some great

hand washing posters that are displayed throughout the school to remind us all to wash our hands! And congratulations to the following students whose posters were chosen to be classroom winners:  
Mason Marty(Gr 3/Richter)  
Emma Riese (Gr 3/Gordinier)  
Anna Kachel (Gr4/Cappelle)  
Hailey Jones (Gr4/Figi)  
Hannah Zanow (Gr 5/Murphy)

Please contact me at school (938-2736) with any questions/concerns you may have!

## *Rachel's* **KIDS KORNER** LLC

Dear Families,

It has been brought to my attention that many people are not aware of Kids Korner. Kids Korner is a state licensed before and after school program held in the cafeteria at the school. We are open at 6:00am and close at 6:00pm. We are also open on late start

days, early release days and days off of school. We take children 4-12 years of age.

If you need childcare, Kids Korner still has openings available for full or part time. You may inquire about our program by calling Kids Korner at 938-1555 or Rachel Rufer at 938-4908. I would love to

answer any questions you may have about our program.

Kids Korner will be open on November 23<sup>rd</sup>. We will be closed for Thanksgiving Thursday and Friday. Happy Thanksgiving, Rachel Rufer

### **Don't forget to call in to report your child's absence!!!**

Parents-please remember to call the school attendance line 938-PONY (7669) to report your child's absence from school. Failure to do so results in an unexcused absence for your child. An unexcused absence for part or all of five days could result in possible truancy charges for failure to attend school. Your message will also be transferred to your child's homeroom teacher. Calls for bus changes or "no pick-ups" SHOULD NOT be placed on the Pony Line. Please call 938-2701 for transportation issues.

## Guidance News by Colleen Wells

As a response to questions on how Monticello calculates a student's grade point average, we use the following:

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| A  | worth 4.00 points |
| A- | worth 3.67 points |
| B+ | worth 3.33 points |
| B  | worth 3.00 points |
| B- | worth 2.67 points |
| C+ | worth 2.33 points |
| C  | worth 2.00 points |
| C- | worth 1.67 points |
| D+ | worth 1.33 points |
| D  | worth 1.00 points |
| D- | worth 0.67 points |
| F  | worth 0.00 points |

In November we will be administering the WKCE state tests. We are mandated to test our 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, & 10<sup>th</sup> grade students. On November 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, & 11<sup>th</sup> our eighth graders will test in the morning and on November 8<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, & 16<sup>th</sup> our sophomores will take their tests. Our 7<sup>th</sup> graders will test in the afternoon during the first 2 weeks in November. The 6<sup>th</sup> graders will test the first week of November and the 5<sup>th</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders are on their individual classroom schedules. Please try to make sure your son/daughter is well-rested and eats a good breakfast when they are scheduled to test. All of our testing has to be completed by the end of November including any make-up testing, so we appreciate your help in trying to minimize our absence rates as much as possible.

Our seniors are busy submitting their college applications. Students and parents should also be applying for a PIN number so they will be able to sign their financial aid form electronically. Apply for a PIN number, before December 1<sup>st</sup> at [www.pin.ed.gov](http://www.pin.ed.gov). Even if you don't feel that you will qualify for any FREE (scholarships, grants, etc.) money, but you intend to apply for a student loan, you will still want to apply for financial aid using the FAFSA. Most colleges are requiring that you file a FAFSA before you may be considered for any financial aid through their college (this includes student loans). The process is free and the online form is easy to use. You cannot submit FAFSA forms before January 1<sup>st</sup>, so if you apply for your PIN by December 1<sup>st</sup>, you should receive it in plenty of time before you need to use your PIN number. There will be an informational financial aid meeting in New Glarus on January 11<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 7:30PM.

Now is also the time that the juniors need to start thinking about their college plans as far as the ACT is concerned. Our recommendation to those juniors, who need to take the ACT, is to take the test in the spring so they have acquired as much knowledge as possible. Many juniors in the past chose to take their ACT in April so if their score wasn't as high as they wanted it to be, they could retake the test in June. The cost of taking the ACT ONLY is \$34.00 or the ACT Plus Writing is \$49.50. You need to register by a certain date to avoid late fees which would be an additional \$21.00.

The following are the test dates and the registration dates:

| <u>Test</u> | <u>Registration</u> |
|-------------|---------------------|
| 12/10/11    | 11/04/11            |
| 02/11/12    | 01/13/12            |
| 04/14/12    | 03/09/12            |
| 06/09/12    | 05/04/12            |

You should register to take the ACT online at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)

You may also want to visit the ACT website for electronic practice tests. ACT prep classes are offered at Albany or at Verona this year.

If anyone has questions you may reach me at 938-2719. *Colleen Wells, Guidance Counselor*

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF MONTICELLO  
Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting  
September 14, 2011

- II. Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by President Tim Bruns at 7:30 p.m. Present: Tim Bruns, Randall Smith, Larry McGowan, Julie Havens, Ron Blumer and Trina Zanow. Administration: Karen Ballin, Allen Brokopp and Jean McMannes. Audience: Andrea Figi, Judy Kiel, Lori Brokopp, Deb Krebs, Lita Appel, Rachel Smalley, Kirsten Klitzman, Chris Collins and Rachel Rufer.
- III. Approve Agenda:** Motion by Julie Havens, second by Ron Blumer to approve the agenda, motion carried.
- IV. Communications/Concerns from the Public:** A thank you from Mackenzie Zanow was read for the support received for the FCCLA National Convention. New staff members Chris Collins, Rachel Smalley, Kirsten Klitzman and Lori Brokopp were introduced. Unable to attend was Kevin Butters.
- V. Approval of Minutes:** Motion by Randall Smith, second by Julie Havens to approve the minutes of the regular board meetings of July 13 and August 10 and the special board meeting of July 26, motion carried.
- VI. Reports: Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Ron Blumer reported total August receipts of \$853,574.31 and expenses of \$360,061.19. **Food Service Report:** None. **Faculty Report:** Andrea Figi reported that computers seem to be running slower than usual. **Student Representative:** Alex Henning reported that the school year is off to a good start. Students have had class meetings and club meetings to plan for future events.
- VII. Administrative Team Reports: MS/HS Principal:** Mr. Brokopp reported that the teacher in-service was a very positive day and we continue to work cooperatively with Albany and Juda. The 2011-2012 school year is off to a great start. LIFTS is being used in Middle School this year. Updates on attendance and bullying were given. Mr. Brokopp also reported on PBIS and Safety Team meetings. The FFA recently held a bow shoot at Marshall Bluff Bowhunters and donated over \$300 to Family Promise of Green County. **District Administrator:** Dr. Ballin reported that the electronics collection netted 8,126 pounds of equipment which was recycled. Because of the huge response, we are planning on doing another collection in the spring. Our new phone system was installed in August and we have experienced some problems with toolbars and compatibility issues.
- VIII. Approval of Vouchers:** Motion by Ron Blumer, second by Trina Zanow to approve vouchers 43929-43941 and 43948-44040 and manual checks 690-694 in the amount of \$244,343.80, motion carried.
- IX. Approval of Payroll:** Motion by Ron Blumer, second by Julie Havens to approve August payroll in the amount of \$115,717.39, motion carried.
- X. Old Business:** Mr. Brokopp discussed how a Senior student is taking an advanced placement course by skypping into a class taught by a Juda teacher. He also praised Mrs. Wells for the excellent job done with scheduling. Dr. Ballin discussed the 2011-2012 budget which was presented as a balanced budget. The district has maintained an A+ bond rating. The preliminary audit has been completed, but the report is not back yet.
- XI. New Business:** Motion by Julie Havens, second by Ron Blumer to approve a contract for before and after school daycare with Kids' Korner at a rate of \$.85 per child/per day, motion carried. After some discussion, a motion was made by Ron Blumer, second by Larry McGowan to approve a request by the FCCLA for an out-of-state trip to Minneapolis (with no trip next year), motion carried. It has been decided to run two routes for noon K4 transportation. The new school bus has been ordered and we have a loaner available until the new one arrives. Various projects have been completed including tile and carpet installation, landscaping in front of the District Office, Middle School locker installation, refinishing the High School Gym floor, restriping the parking lot and working on the baseball diamond. It was mentioned that the wall mats in the High School Gym need to be replaced. The new phone system has been installed, along with computer upgrades and the installation of Smart Boards. The Board discussed the appointment of a new member to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Travis Zimmerman. It was decided to seek out interested parties and schedule interviews prior to next month's regular board meeting. Motion by Ron Blumer, second by Trina Zanow to approve a contract for school nurse to Carolyn Schwartzlow, motion carried with Randall Smith abstaining. Motion by Randall Smith, second by Julie Havens to approve a contract for middle school math to Kirsten Klitzman, motion carried. Motion by Randall Smith, second by Julie Havens to increase the physical education/health contract for Lori Brokopp to 1.0 FTE, motion carried. FFA out-of-state conference/competition request was tabled. Motion by Larry McGowan, second by Ron Blumer to approve the second reading of Policy 3200-Employee Grievances, motion carried. Motion by Ron Blumer, second by Julie Havens to approve the second reading of Policy 3200.01-Procedures-Employee Grievances, motion carried. Motion by Ron Blumer, second by Julie Havens to approve the second reading of Policy 3200.02-Impartial Hearing Officer Selection Procedures, motion carried. There was discussion on a new policy addressing employee use of technology. Policy 5514.01-Use of Motor Vehicles on School Property was tabled. Motion by Julie Havens, second by Ron Blumer to approve the computer lab upgrade proposal as recommended by the Technology Committee at a cost of \$23,873.38, motion carried. Motion by Randall Smith, second by Trina Zanow to approve the 66:30 School-to-Work Consortium agreement with Brodhead at a cost of \$500, motion carried.
- XII. Future Board Agenda Items:** FFA out-of-state trip, policy readings, gym floor discussion/proposal, organization dates and information.

- XIII. Future Meeting Dates:** Annual District Meeting September 26 at 8:00 p.m., regular board meeting October 12 at 7:30 p.m.
- XIV. Contemplated Executive Session to Discuss the Status of a Student Disciplinary Matter Wis. Stat 19.85 (1) (f); 19.82(1) and Section 118.22, Wis. Statutes:** Motion by Ron Blumer, second by Julie Havens to go into closed session at 9:34 p.m. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.
- XV. Reconvene into Open Session for Action on the Above Referenced Items, if Appropriate:** Motion by Julie Havens, second by Ron Blumer to reconvene into open session at 10:05 p.m., motion carried.
- XVI. Adjourn:** Motion by Trina Zanow, second by Randall Smith to adjourn at 10:06 p.m.

## Notice of Election

(s. 120.06(6) (b), Wis. Stats.)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to qualified electors of the School District of Monticello that a school board election will be held on April 5, 2012 to fill the following board positions:

**Three (3) Members**

**Julie Havens**

**Ronald Blumer**

**Larry McGowan**

**elected at large for a three year term.**

An elector desiring to be a candidate for a position on the school board must file a "Sworn Declaration of Candidacy" at the School District of Monticello Administrative Offices, 334 S. Main St., Monticello, Wisconsin 53570, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on Monday thru Friday, mailed to the address noted above, or filed personally with Mr. Randall Smith, School District Clerk or Dr. Karen Ballin, Administrator, **Prior to 5:00 p.m., January 4, 2012.** Declaration of Candidacy papers are available at the district office. Dated this 21<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2011.

Randall Smith, District Clerk



## MONTICELLO CHRISTMAS STOCKING FUND

Dear Families:

Each year, the Monticello Christmas Stocking Fund helps families who need assistance in providing gifts to their children. The program also provides food baskets for families in need. We are currently in the process of canvassing the area for families that would like our assistance.

If you are interested in participating, please complete this form and return it to the address listed below by November 18, 2011. All information will be kept confidential. It is important that you be specific when listing clothing sizes and toy ideas.

Parent Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

CHILD'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_ Boy: \_\_\_\_ Girl: \_\_\_\_

Favorite Color: \_\_\_\_\_ List of Clothing and Sizes Needed: \_\_\_\_\_

Toys or Games: \_\_\_\_\_

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Favorite Color: \_\_\_\_\_ List of Clothing and Sizes Needed: \_\_\_\_\_

Toys or Games: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY

FOOD BASKET DESIRED: Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_ Number of People in Family: \_\_\_\_

Please note that we will be contacting you to confirm the information on this form and to arrange a date and time for you to pick up the gifts and/or food basket.

Forms **MUST** be returned by **NOVEMBER 18, 2011** to:

Monticello Christmas Stocking Fund  
% Ron and Jen Blumer  
W4835 Pierce Road  
Monticello, WI 53570



## **SCHOOL DISTRICT OF MONTICELLO UPCOMING DATES**

|                       |  |
|-----------------------|--|
| November 4            | End of Quarter 1                               |
| November 9            | NO SCHOOL/In-service Day                       |
| November 23-25        | NO SCHOOL/Thanksgiving Break                   |
| December 22           | Early release/12:24pm dismissal                |
| December 12-January 1 | NO SCHOOL/Winter Break                         |
| January 19            | Early release/12:24pm dismissal                |
| January 20            | End of Quarter 2/Semester 1                    |
| January 23            | NO SCHOOL/Teacher Workday                      |
| February 3            | Early release/12:24pm Dismissal                |
| February 20           | Early release/12:24pm                          |
|                       | Parent Conferences 1:30-4pm & 5-8pm            |
| February 23           | NO SCHOOL/Teacher In-service                   |
| February 24           | NO SCHOOL/Teacher Convention                   |
| March 26              | Early release/12:24pm dismissal                |
| March 27              | End of Quarter 3                               |
| April 4-9             | NO SCHOOL/Spring Break                         |
| May 26                | Graduation 1pm in Rehmstedt Gym                |
| May 28                | NO SCHOOL/Memorial Day Holiday                 |
| June 5                | End of Quarter 4/Semester 2/Last day of school |

### **School Closing Information**

The following information provides procedures on school closing during bad weather.

The decision to operate or close school is based on weather conditions and local road reports. Closing information will be broadcast over the following radio and television stations. Listen between the hours of 6:00 and 7:00 a.m.

|             |       |
|-------------|-------|
| WEKZ-AM     | 1260  |
| WEKZ-FM     | 93.7  |
| Triple M-FM | 105.5 |
| WIBA-AM     | 1310  |
| WIBA-FM     | 101.5 |
| WOLX-FM     | 94.9  |

Television Channels 3, 15, and 27. Messages appear on screen between 6:00 – 8:30 a.m.

When school has to be closed during the school day, it will be broadcast over WEKZ AM-1260, FM-93.7 Monroe, *as soon as the decision is made*. Whenever possible, students will be served lunch with buses leaving right afterward. In the event of a 2 hour delay, morning 4-Year Old Kindergarten classes and Early Childhood would be cancelled. If the decision is made to release school after lunch, afternoon classes would not be held for 4-Year Old Kindergarten. Parents are reminded to have a plan in place so your children know what they are to do if school is dismissed early. We also need emergency contacts updated if they have changed. Please refrain from calling the school to obtain school closing information; instead we ask that you ***listen to local broadcasts whenever the weather is questionable.***

## Free and Reduced Applications

As a reminder, the Free and Reduced Applications for breakfast and lunch are always available at the school district office or on the Food Service Website ([www.monticello.k12.edu](http://www.monticello.k12.edu)).

### What is included if you're approved for either a free or reduced meal cost?

| Free   | Reduced  |
|--|--|
| <b>Breakfast at a cost of \$0.00</b><br><b>Lunch at a cost of \$0.00</b> | <b>Breakfast at a cost of \$0.30</b><br><b>Lunch at a cost of \$0.40</b> |
| Breakfast-<br>Including a Protein, Grain, Fruit Choice, and Milk         | Breakfast-<br>Including a Protein, Grain, Fruit Choice, and Milk         |
| Lunch-<br>Including a Protein, Grain, Fruit and Vegetable, and Milk      | Lunch-<br>Including a Protein, Grain, Fruit and Vegetable, and Milk      |

### **Each child is able to get BOTH breakfast and lunch in the same day.**

If your child is an elementary student and opts not to have a full breakfast, their morning milk is still free. If your child is in kindergarden, where they get both morning and afternoon milk breaks, only the morning milk is free, the afternoon milk is a cost of \$0.35 each day that they take it.

**Do other children know that my child qualifies for Free or Reduced Meals?** No, our register does not show a price of the meal, only that a meal was rung up...the only people within the district who know that your family qualified for Free or Reduced Meals are the Food Service Director and the Food Service Secretary. We keep this information very private and confidential.

**How long is the application good for?** When you fill out the application, it is good for the remainder of the school year, and up to 30 days of the next school year, and then you will need to fill out another application.



## Submit Lunch Payments and School Fees Online

E-Funds for Schools can be use as a payment option for food service accounts and school fees. We hope the service will help busy families who prefer the convenience of paying online. Click on the "E-Fund Payments" link at the top of our school website (<http://www.monticello.k12.wi.us>) under the "For Parents" pull down menu. First time users will need to complete a quick registration process. When registering, you will be asked to enter your primary phone number with area code. It is important to follow the format exactly: (XXX) XXX-XXXX. Please note there is a space between the area code and the rest of the phone number. Once you have registered, you will be sent a personal identification number via email to ensure safe and secure transactions.

All transactions are handled directly online by E-Funds for Schools. The Monticello School District does not have access to your personal information. The fees for using the service (\$1 per transaction and 1.99% of the total payment) are explained in full when you register as a user.



# School District of Monticello Calendar of Events November 2011

| Sunday  | Monday   | Tuesday                             | Wednesday  | Thursday                        | Friday   | Saturday  |
|---|--|-------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|--|---|
|   |  | 1                                   | 2  | 3 MS GVB at Barneveld 5pm       | 4 Q1 Ends  | 5 PTO Green & Gold Experience Chorus Aluminum Can Drive 9am |
| 6 Lions Club Pancake Brunch Chorus Aluminum Can Drive 9am | 7 MS GVB Black Hawk & New Glarus 5pm Music Parents Meeting 6pm FCCLA Star Events Meeting 7pm | 8 MFCC Meeting in FACS 7pm          | 9 School Board Meeting 7:30pm NO SCHOOL Teacher In-service | 10                              | 11 Veterans' Day Program 10:30 in Rehmsstedt Gym | 12  |
| 13  | 14 BBB practice starts WR practice starts  | 15                                  | 16 GBB practice starts                                     | 17                              | 18   | 19  |
| 20  | 21   | 22 GBB Lancaster 5:30pm (scrimmage) | 23 NO SCHOOL   | 24 HAPPY THANKSGIVING NO SCHOOL | 25 NO SCHOOL GBB WI Heights 6pm                  | 26 BBB New Glarus 6pm                                       |
| 27  | 28 WR at Lakeside Lutheran   | 29                                  | 30   |                                 |  |   |

Complete calendar information is available at [www.monticello.k12.wi.us](http://www.monticello.k12.wi.us)

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