



School District Of Monticello

December 2010-January 2011

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From Dr. Ballin.....

On behalf of the staff and students at Monticello Schools, Best wishes for a happy holiday season. We appreciate your continued support and look forward to a bright 2011 for our school and our community!

Monticello Excellence in Education Fund

The Monticello Excellence in Education Fund awarded \$3155 in grants to Monticello teachers on November 18. The grants fund innovative and worthwhile projects not otherwise covered in the regular school district budget.



Left to Right Front: Monticello teachers Judy Kiel, Terri Nipple, Tara Ula, Ann DeNure and Sarah Quade.

Left to Right Back: Carol Strause, Monticello EIE Chair; teacher Kristy Roth; District Administrator Karen Ballin; teacher Jennifer Paris; EIE board members May Burgy and Lois Hopkins; Community Foundation of Southern Wisconsin Donor Services Representative Linda Gebhardt; and teachers Linda Marty, Melody Flesher, Pansy Balleine and Ryan Indergand. Members of the Monticello EIE Fund Board not pictured are Bob Voss, Bob Goehring, Amy Christensen-Waddell and Julie Ruegsegger.

Monticello teachers gathered at a November 18 reception to honor this year's recipients of Monticello Excellence in Education Fund grant awards. EIE awarded a total of 12 grants for 2011, a total of \$3,155, to directly benefit students through a wide variety of projects and activities. The EIE Fund especially seeks out innovative projects that will have a positive impact on students. Projects slated for implementation 2010-2011 school year with full or partial funding are: 6th Grade Canyon Camp, a family fun night for four-year-old-kindergarten students, games and instructional materials for Spanish students; interactive books with CD's for the elementary LMC, a kiln for jewelry making in art class, supplies for the second grade Paul Bunyan lumberjack breakfast, funds for first grade books for the classroom, activities for primary literacy centers, funds for welding helmets and drills in Vocational Education; interactive TAG readers for elementary students, a sewing machine for Family and Consumer Science and funding for a spring school/community health fair.

Funds for the grant awards came from a variety of sources including earnings from an endowment, individual and group contributions, and fund raisers conducted by the EIE board. This year earnings from a rummage sale, a Monticello EIE Night sponsored by Culver's of New Glarus and a corporate donation from TDS Telecom helped to boost the total available for grant awards. The group greatly appreciates the generous community support.

The Monticello Excellence in Education Fund, a component of the Community Foundation of Southern Wisconsin, Inc., welcomes tax deductible donations from area citizens and organizations. Checks should be made payable to the Monticello Excellence in Education Fund, P.O. Box 95, Monticello WI 53570. For more information, contact Linda Gebhardt, Donor Services at 328-4060 or email cfswgreen@wekz.net.



Alvin Ripp, TDS Regional Market Manager, presents a \$250 donation for the Monticello Excellence in Education Fund to Dr. Ballin. The additional funding went directly into grants for classroom activities and projects to benefit Monticello students. EIE thanks TDS for investing in Monticello students!

Message from the Principal by Allen Brokopp

What a great, but busy Fall we have had! November focused on completing the 2010 WKCE testing, finishing up first quarter grades, preparing for our winter concerts and ending our fall sports while moving forward into winter athletics.

I was very impressed with how hard our students worked on this year's WKCE test. We made it a priority this year and the students responded amazingly. They showed pride in themselves as well as

their classmates, teachers, and community. Great Job!

Congratulations to all of the Fall athletes for safe and successful seasons. Fall banquets were a great way to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of the athletes/coaches and to thank the parents for their continued support.

Winter sports and senior play practices have begun, keeping our students extremely active and involved. We are lucky again this year to be able to

fill our gym with sportsmanship from the athletes, a rousing pep band, dance teams, and our legendary halftime performances. Keep an eye on the schedule; you won't want to miss out.

A huge thank you goes out to the American Legion for attending and providing the flags for our Veteran's Day Honor Assembly. The student speakers and musicians were wonderful.



The band and chorus is also working hard to prepare for their Holiday concerts in December. We look forward to these concerts each year and the student's exceptional performances.

Homecoming will be December 13th - December 18th. The court has been chosen. There will be "Spirit" assemblies, contests, and competitions going on all week. Both boys

and girls basketball teams play at home that week, as well as a Homecoming Dance on December 18th. It will be a fun-filled week for all!

Lastly, I would like to thank the parents that have helped our students understand and abide by the new attendance policy. Our attendance has been much better compared to last year at this time.

And in a direct correlation, Monticello's Middle School and High School grades are better too. Keep up the good work.

I'm looking forward to seeing all the Pony pride throughout the school in the month of December!

Allen Brokopp MS/HS Principal
Go Ponies!

4 year Old Kindergarten News by Kristy Roth

Hello Everyone! The 4K kiddos have started learning more about the letters of the alphabet, we learned about Mm, Ss, and Ff so far, and we'll be looking at Pp, Aa, and Tt this month! What a month December is! We'll be focusing on holidays by having fun with gingerbread and talking about all different kinds of families as well as our own! In preparation for this holiday learning, I've asked the kiddos what they would like for presents this year. For your reading enjoyment, here are the responses I got:

Ryer - "a Big Foot monster" (a remote-control one)

Emma - "Barbie computer"

Ella - "Purple mermaid dolly with no shirt on the sides"

Natalie - "Dora blocks, a guitar, and the same Zuzu Pet as James. I think that's it"

Zoe - "a bike with a baby seat"

Brooke - "doggy, cow, and a horse" (toy ones)

Andrew - "toy motorcycle and 2 skateboards"

Brycen - "a light saber"

James - "spaceship stuff, monsters and I think it's a night castle"

Lily P. - "a big bike with stickers on the wheels"

Gavin - "remote control Iron Man and helicopter, and Mater [from *Cars*] a Monster Truck with long hair"

Rhylin - "Spider Man trick arm toy, and Thomas the Train that follows light"

Lily B. - "Hello Kitty bike with wings"

Logan - "Nerf gun with balls and one with darts, and remote control corvette"

Mylie - "baby friends"

Isabelle - "Dora house, and a Hello Kitty shirt, backpack, and makeup"

Jaden - "Real, REAL bunny rabbit from the pet store and a pet kitten - Real one"

Isabella - "a skateboard and a table so I can put my water there"

Peyton - "skateboards and little guys that stick on them, like Lucas has" (toy ones)

Please Note: Coming up in January, 4K will have our first Family Fun Night of the school year! All 4K families are invited for fun child-centered activities, valuable parent information, and of course dinner and snacks will be provided - all free of charge! Keep your calendars open for Wednesday, January 19th from 4-6 PM. More information and specific details will go out to 4K families in our separate 4K Newsletters - keep your eyes open for them at the end of December! Happy Holidays Everyone! See you in 2011! ☺



Kindergarten News by Teri Fahey and Jodi Golembiewski

T is for thankful teachers.
H is for Haidyn getting her cast off!
A is for awesome Kindergarteners.
N is for November – wow it went by fast!
K is for knowing our letters and sounds.
S is for saluting those who serve our country.
G is for giving thanks for our loved ones.
I is for ice cream treats.
V is for valuable lessons learned.
I is for inviting friends and family to dinner.
N is for never giving up.
G is for good times in Kindergarten!



Parents, we are thankful for the opportunity to teach your children. It has been a great few months; we are looking forward to many more.

First Grade News by Pansy Balleine and Tara Ula

Happy Holiday Season Monticello! We are geared up to start our holiday unit. We will also be busy little elves as we work hard on our activities in the next few weeks.

Reading is coming along great! We can tell that there is a lot of reading beyond the classroom! The teachers are very HAPPY about this! In math we are starting to learn about "taking away" in our subtraction unit. Please

practice your math facts with your flash cards. Practice makes perfect! In social studies we found out what we are thankful for. We hope during this holiday season you are able to show your son or daughter what you're thankful for.

Reminders:

- Half day December 9th
- Christmas Program December 20th in Rehmsstedt Gym

- Coats, hats, and mittens! BRRR-winter is here!
- Christmas break-Half day December 22nd
- School resumes January 3rd
- If your child is absent, please call the PONY line at 938-PONY

Wishing Everyone a Safe & Happy New Year!

Second Grade News by Ann DeNure and Amy Gordinier

We've been enjoying stories in reading about how friends and family help us see the world in many ways. The students really enjoyed how to do "Cat's Cradle" and lemon drops!

In Math we've been working on counting money. Thanks

for helping your child with this at home. They get pleasure from working with the "REAL" thing.

The two classes have swapped subjects for Science and Social Studies. Ask your child about geography around where you

live and about different kinds of matter.

This month we celebrated Veteran's Day by having a special program at school. There was special music and readings to honor our Veterans.



As the colder weather approaches, please remember to have your child prepared

for outdoor recess ☺ We look forward to a fun-filled December with concerts, half-

time shows, and holidays to celebrate!

Sixth Grade News by Judy Kiel

Students were all excited about going to the Madison Memorial Planetarium, NBC 15 Weather Lab to meet with David George, and to the UW Geology Museum on November 23rd. This field trip was a part of our Weather/Solar System unit in Science. At the Planetarium, students participated in a Sky watching program with some Greek mythology incorporated into the program. At the Weather Lab, students were shown how David George takes weather information from around the country and incorporates it into all the graphics and charts he personally creates to present the weather. The students were given a brief tour of the studio and were in the weather lab/studio where David also spoke to the students about how to stay safe in all kinds of weather situations. At the UW Geology Museum, students were given a tour filled with lots of information. While for many the rocks and gems were a favorite, others were fascinated with the ancient fossils and remains of ancient dinosaurs. I would like to thank the parents who came along to help supervise and enjoy the day with us. Adults included: Mrs. Bockhop, Mrs.

Garrison, Mrs. Love, Mrs. Walters, Mrs. Hoffmaster, Mrs. Holtz, and Mrs. Winters.

For both Reading and Social Studies, our focus is about to turn from the Ancient Egyptians to the Greeks. Students will learn many details about the land of Greece, the birth of the Greek civilization, and about their many gods and goddesses. Students will also learn about such famous Greeks as Homer, Socrates, Plato, and Alexander the Great, just to name a few. Parents, please find the time to re-read some of these lessons with your child. They love it when you show interest in what they study, and it can make for an interesting breakfast or supper conversation, or interesting "car talk" on your next family outing.

In Science, students will study astronomy. They will learn what happens as Earth moves around the sun, what happens as the Moon moves around earth... and the moon's phases. Students will also learn about the components of our solar system and the characteristics of the stars. Again, what could you do to help peak interest for your 6th

grader? How about drawing and keeping track of the moon's nightly shape...waxing or waning, the time it rises or sets. Point out bright planets. Observe them though a telescope if possible (A moon is even awesome to look at through binoculars!) Look for some of the various constellations in the night sky. Have fun!

In English, students have written their poetry, and are finishing up their short stories. Our next writing project will be the Editorial. In addition to becoming familiar with the editorial form and its purpose, students will select and research a topic for their own persuasive editorial. What could you do as a parent to help your child prepare? Help them think of current topics that are debatable, or topics surrounding issues they may feel need changing. Read an editorial in a local or state newspaper.

As always, if you have any questions about your son's or daughter's progress in my classes, please don't hesitate to call me, send an email, or arrange a time to meet with me.



Winter Choral Concerts by Dena Gordon

Monday, December 13th will be the concert for the **Middle and High School choruses**. They are singing traditional and contemporary winter songs. A number of soloists will also be performing. **The concert will begin at 7:00p.m. in the Rehmsstedt gym.** Deb Hauri and Julie Ruegsegger will be accompanying the choruses. These choruses will also be performing at the New Glarus Home on December 2nd at 1:30p.m.in the chapel.

General music students are busy getting ready for their winter concert. The **Kindergarten through Fifth Grade general music**

students will be performing on Monday, December 20 at 7:00p.m, also in the Rehmsstedt gym. Students need to be in their respective classrooms at 6:45p.m. A fun and entertaining concert is planned. Parents are asked to stay for the entire concert before picking up their child in their respective classrooms. The concerts are open to the public at no charge. The upper bleachers will not be used for seating, but chairs will be set up on the gym floor instead. Should there be a snow day on either of the concert days, the concert missed will be rescheduled on December 22st.

"Music students of the week" have been the following students: Devin Emberson, Becca Hartwig, Bailey Farber, Jarrett Long, Connor Mayberry, Miah Brokopp, Sarah Blumer, Ali Risley, and Selena Torres. These students have had exemplary behavior in the music classroom. They have worked above and beyond regular expectations.

The Six Rivers East Solo/Ensemble Festival is at Albany Schools on Saturday, February 19th. The next Music Parents meeting is January 3rd in the choral room at 6:00p.m.

Band Notes by Mike Korth

The Monticello Middle and High School Bands will present their **HOLIDAY CONCERT on Saturday, December 4, at 11:00AM in the high school gymnasium.** Sounds of the season will be the highlight of the program as well as other music. The concert is free and open to the public.

The High School Pep Band is looking forward to beginning our schedule in December. Please check the monthly calendar here for the dates. You can find a complete schedule on my school website. Other items located there are our Band philosophy, course outlines,

2nd quarter assignments, and my weekly schedule.

Poinsettias will be delivered to school on Thursday, December 9. Pick-up time will be from 3:30 - 6:00 PM on the balcony in the Rehmsstedt Gymnasium. Many thanks for your support to the Band students during this annual sale. We hope they grace your tables at this time of year.

Here are some tips on POINSETTIA CARE: Poinsettias are finicky plants, but can last up to a full year if cared for properly. Always transport them in a heated vehicle. Get them to your

vehicle quickly, and cover. To keep poinsettias beautiful throughout the holidays, keep them away from heat, as well as cold drafts. They like a lighted area with temperatures about 60-70 degrees. Be sure to regularly check the soil for moisture. Do not over-water or the plant will suffer.

There is **no Monticello Music Parents meeting in December.** The next one is Monday, January 3 at 6:00PM in the Choir Room.

May your Holidays be filled with Family, Joy, Peace and Love! Merry Christmas!



Fulfill Your Resolution to Give Back by Donating Blood

American Red Cross encourages eligible individuals to give blood one more time this year

Monticello High School (Rehmstedt Gym) Thursday December 16 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. – As 2010 draws to a close, many may reflect on the past year and the New Year's resolutions made back in January. If 'help others' was included on your list of resolutions, there is still time to help patients in need by donating blood through the American Red Cross.

The Monticello High School National Honor Society students are hosting a blood drive to help educate students in all grades about the value of service to the community

through blood donation. While the blood drive is intended to provide a comfortable and familiar place for first time donors and their parents to come and donate, the public is welcome to attend. The American Red Cross is providing a student scholarship to the school for its participation in this educational program.

"One out of every 10 people admitted to the hospital needs blood," said Greg Novinska of the Badger Hawkeye blood region of the American Red Cross. "By taking the time to donate, you can give patients

in need more time with their family and friends, and even a second chance at life. In addition with this High School drive a valuable educational experience will be shared."

As the new year approaches, take the time to give blood this month and remember to include 'donate blood' on your list of resolutions for 2011. Make an appointment today to make a difference in the lives of others by calling the High School Office at 938-4194 or visiting the website http://membersforlife.org/midamerica/bdc/bdc_login.php.

Spanish Club News by Sarah Quade

Pizza Hut Benefit Buffet & Coupon Books

The Costa Rica Trip members would like to thank everyone who attended or donated money toward our Pizza Hut Benefit Buffet on November 2. It was a huge success! There were 259 attendees and all students going on the trip received a portion of the profits from the event. Many of the students are still selling the **Pizza Hut coupon books for just \$10**. So if you have not gotten a book yet, there are many students looking for buyers. It is a great deal with over \$50 in savings. If interested in supporting this great opportunity for students, please contact the High School Spanish Department or look

for the students around town. They will be going door to door on the evening of November 23.

Other News

During Homeroom on November 2, the Spanish Club hosted its first annual Day of the Dead fiesta. Students enjoyed Day of the Dead bread and drinks, played trivia, and received treats. A special thanks goes out to the Art Club for all their hard work in creating a coffin for the party and to Dee Bruns for the amazing Day of the Dead bread she made for the party. The classroom looked pretty sharp this week with all of the student-made skulls, tombstones, papel picado,

mini coffins, mini altars, and marigolds. Great job everyone!

Upcoming Events

On January 6, the Spanish celebrate Dia de los Reyes Magos (3 Kings Day). This is the day where all little kids in Spain set out their shoes and fill them with hay and carrots and wait for the 3 Kings to come and fill their shoes with treats. Spanish Club students will be doing the same, but in the Spanish classroom. We will also be celebrating this holiday during homeroom after winter break.

In the spring, students going on the Costa Rica trip will be selling Butter Braids. They should be delivered just in



time before Spring Break. So if you are looking to enjoy some tasty breakfast treats

over the holidays, do not hesitate to purchase a Butter Braid from one of our

students. Your support is much appreciated.

Snow Day Information

Winter weather is now upon us. 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.**

Guidance News by Colleen Wells

Seniors, remember if you are going to apply for financial aid, you need to apply for a PIN number and have your parents apply for a PIN number, ASAP at www.pin.ed.gov Remember, many of the colleges require you to file a FAFSA before you may be considered for any financial aid through their college (this may include student loans). The online process is free and easy to use. The reason you need to apply for a PIN number is so you and your parent(s) will

both be able to electronically sign your FAFSA. This saves valuable time in the whole financial aid process. You cannot submit FAFSA forms before January 1st, so if you apply for your PIN now, you should receive it in plenty of time before you need to use your PIN number. There will be an informational financial aid meeting on January 5th at New Glarus High School starting at 6:30 PM. The meeting usually lasts for about one hour.

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.

ACT Dates & Cost:

<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>	ACT ONLY is \$ 33.00
02/12/11	01/07/11	ACT/Plus Writing is \$ 48.00
04/09/11	03/04/11	Late registration fee is \$ 21.00 extra
06/11/11	05/06/11	



To register online or for electronic practice tests go to www.actstudent.org.

New Glarus will **NOT** be offering the ACT prep classes this year but our students do

have the option of taking these classes at Verona. If you click on the following link you will be able to see the dates for the classes (\$75) and the practice tests (\$25) <http://www.verona.k12.wi.us/>

[uploaded/hs/docs/spotlight/OCT_ACT_PrepTest.pdf](http://www.verona.k12.wi.us/uploaded/hs/docs/spotlight/OCT_ACT_PrepTest.pdf)

Any questions, you may reach me at 938-4194 Ext. 289.
Colleen Wells, Guidance Counselor

FFA Fall Highlights by CJ Dilley, 2010-2011 Monticello FFA Chapter Reporter

The Monticello FFA Chapter has been very busy with several activities since the school year began. Some of these activities include their annual pork and fruit sale, competing at the Southwest Land Judging Contest, traveling to National FFA Convention, a visit from the State FFA Officer Cory Brown, Sectional Leadership Workshop and preparation for upcoming awards and contests.

The start of the school year always begins strong with the Sectional Leadership Workshop. This year, seven FFA members traveled to Belleville on September 27th, for the Sectional Leadership Workshop. There, members learned how to be better leaders and how to make their chapter more efficient, especially with their specific officer or committee chair position. The members attending were: Laine Havens, Brent Pence, Evan Schultz, Paul Fenner, Ryan Ruegsegger, CJ Dilley, and Tyler Ritschard.

The Southwest Land Judging Contest was held in Lancaster,

Wisconsin on October 7th, 2010. Members competing included: Lukas Kolasch, Brian Rufener, Evan Schultz, Derek Gilbertson, Aaron Hefty, Ashton Crouch, Bryce Klitzke, Tyler Pusel, and Dustin Trumpy. The team of Luke, Evan, Derek and Aaron did very well earning a 6th place finish. These students have a strong chance of faring well at the state competition next summer. Soils judging evaluates a students' ability to classify land, determine potential for erosion and land's "best use capabilities" and explain various conservation practices that should be implemented on a given site.

One of the major activities for the Fall included traveling to Indianapolis, Indiana for the National FFA Convention. On October 19-22nd, 2010, twelve FFA members traveled to the convention and participated in many activities. Some of the activities included: hiking at Starved Rock State Park in Illinois, visiting Indiana Veneer (a high quality lumber processing plant), touring Red Gold Tomato (processor of many tomato pastes and

ketchups) and learning about college sports history at the NCAA Hall of Champions. They also went to the Career Show and watched a concert performed by Lady Antebellem in Lucas Oil Stadium. The FFA members attending were: Chris Voegeli, Tyler Ritschard, Ben Makos, Kenny Swann, Evan Schultz, Brian Rufener, Jacob Marty, Nellie Pedersen, Dustin Trumpy, Preston Berg, Amy Silver, and Brianna Roesslein.

A huge highlight for this year's convention included Jacob Marty's competition at the National FFA Extemporaneous Speaking Event. Jacob was one of 44 state winners participating in the contest. The Extemporaneous Public Speaking CDE is designed to recognize outstanding FFA members for their ability to prepare and present a factual speech on a specific agricultural issue. Members select one topic from a choice of categories, prepare a four-to six-minute speech in thirty minutes and respond to five minutes of questions following delivery. Congratulations Jacob on your bronze finish and your outstanding



representation for the state of Wisconsin.

The FFA held their annual fall cookout on November 17th, the same date that State FFA Officer Cory Brown visited our chapter. Cory worked with the members in developing leadership skills and teaching them about FFA opportunities. This visit came in quite handy in helping motivate students to complete state FFA degree

applications, proficiencies, and prepare for the upcoming district speaking contest that will be in Evansville on January 24th, 2011. He also spoke about the Half-Time Leadership Conference which will send two members from our chapter to Stevens Point, WI on January 7th-8th 2011 in order to finish the remainder of the school year strong with many chapter functions.

Lastly, our pork and fruit sale is now complete and delivery for the fruit will be during the 3rd week in December. Thank you to all who purchased fruit and/or pork this year as it assists with carrying out all chapter functions throughout the year. We truly appreciate all the support that has been provided.



Pictured from left to right: Jacob Marty, Nellie Pedersen, Evan Schultz, Amy Silver, Ben Makos, Kenny Swann, Preston Berg, Tyler Ritschard, Dustin Trumpy, Chris Voegeli, Brian Rufener and Brianna Roesslein.

Pictured from left to right: Ben Makos, Kenny Swann, Amy Silver, and Brianna Roesslein with their tour guide from Red Gold Tomato



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

- I. Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by President Ken Christen at 7:30 p.m.
Present: Ken Christen, Travis Zimmerman, Randall Smith, Tim Bruns, Larry McGowan, Julie Havens and Ron Blumer. Administration: Karen Ballin, Allen Brokopp and Jean McMannes. Audience: Dale Atkinson, Terri Nipple and Judy Kiel.
- II. Approve Agenda:** Motion by Larry McGowan, second by Ron Blumer to approve the agenda, motion carried.
- III. Communications/Concerns from the Public:** None.
- IV. Approval of Minutes:** Motion by Julie Havens, second by Travis Zimmerman to approve minutes of the regular board meeting of September 8, motion carried.
- V. Reports: Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Tim Bruns reported total September receipts of \$534,280.93 and expenses of \$371,896.89. **Food Service Report:** None. **Faculty Report:** Terri Nipple reported that the Elementary is enjoying using the new Smart Boards that are in classrooms. Teachers are looking forward to parent conferences next week. Judy Kiel, representing the Middle School, reported that things are going well in Middle School. LIFTS (Launching Individuals for Total Success) has been very helpful and a performance at the Performing Arts Center in Monroe is being planned for all students who have no failing grades or late work. **Sports Programs:** A recent meeting was held to discuss personnel issues. **Student Representative:** None.
- VI. Administrative Team Reports: MS/HS Principal:** Mr. Brokopp reported that 3-5 Grade MAPS testing has been completed and 6-9 Grade testing will be completed in the next two weeks. WKCE testing will begin November 1. Miranda Jurrens has accepted the Dance Coach position. Our PBIS training has begun with coaches Amy Giza and Teresa Eliason and Team members Mark Olson, Tonia Swinehart, Katie Sannes and Angie Richter. The Power Team recently was here for an assembly and had a very positive message for students. Mr. Brokopp also reported on his attendance at PARTY (Preventing alcohol related tragedies in youth) with Sophomores and Seniors and will be involved in the Reality Check program tomorrow. **District Administrator:** Dr. Ballin reported that Culver's Excellence in Education Night was very successful. Grant applications have been received from fifteen teachers this year. Colleen Wells has been working hard on getting elementary report cards completed online. ACT results indicate Monticello having a composite score of 23.5 which is above the state average of 22.1. MAPS testing has been completed in the Elementary. We have had numerous bus problems this year and it is recommended that we consider replacing Bus 1. Dr. Ballin also discussed the cost of athletic letters.
- VII. Approval of Vouchers:** Motion by Tim Bruns, second by Julie Havens to approve vouchers 42776-42901 and manual checks 631-634 in the amount of \$247,800.71, motion carried.
- VIII. Approval of Payroll:** Motion by Tim Bruns, second by Travis Zimmerman to approve September payroll in the amount of \$124,096.18, motion carried.
- IX. Old Business:** The 2010-2011 budget was discussed. Motion by Julie Havens, second by Larry McGowan to approve a 1 year bleacher service agreement with BR Bleacher Services in the amount of \$1,950, motion carried.
- X. New Business:** The need for a new phone system was discussed and sent to Technology Committee for review. Plans for the Elementary Winter Concert were discussed. Motion by Ron Blum, second by Julie Havens to purchase a CD/MP3/DVD Player to update the audio systems in the gymnasiums, motion carried. Proposals to update the alarm system in the 1995 addition were discussed and tabled. Motion by Ron Blumer, second by Larry McGowan to approve the purchase of height adjusters for 2 baskets in the High School Gym at a cost of \$1,700, motion carried. Motion by Randall Smith, second by Tim Bruns to approve a 66:30 agreement with Monroe School District and Green County School-to-Work Consortium,



motion carried. Motion by Travis Zimmerman, second by Ron Blumer to approve the Youth Options applications, motion carried. Resolution to allow short term borrowing was tabled. Motion by Travis Zimmerman, second by Tim Bruns to put auditing services out to bid, motion carried. Motion by Tim Bruns, second by Ron Blumer to approve a request for exemption to the truancy policy for Justine Atkinson for a trip booked prior to the adoption of the policy, motion carried. Motion by Larry McGowan, second by Julie Havens to approve a contract for Dance Coach to Miranda Jurrens, motion carried. Motion by Tim Bruns, second by Randall Smith to approve a resignation from Dallas Tourdot as Assistant Track Coach, motion carried. A request from the Music Parents was discussed regarding placing an aluminum can depository on school grounds. The Capitol Conference cooperative agreements for wrestling and cross country were discussed. Motion by Randall Smith, second by Larry McGowan to approve the adoption of Wisconsin Records Retention Schedule for School Districts, motion carried. Motion by Ron Blumer to approve the first reading of Policy 5310 Emergency Nursing Services (revision), waiving the second reading. Motion seconded by Julie Havens, motion carried. Motion by Tim Bruns to approve the first reading of Policy 5310.03 Planning for Emergency Illness and/or Injury (revision), waiving the second reading. Motion seconded by Travis Zimmerman and carried. Motion by Larry McGowan to approve the first reading of Policy 5330 Administering Medication to Students (revision), waiving the second reading. Motion seconded by Travis Zimmerman, motion carried. Motion by Julie Havens to approve the first reading of Policy 5330.01 Procedures for Administering Medication to Students (revision), waiving the second reading. Motion seconded by Larry McGowan, motion carried. Motion by Tim Bruns to approve the first reading of Policy 5333 Use of Asthma Inhalers at School (revision), waiving the second reading. Motion seconded by Julie Havens and carried. Motion by Ron Blumer to approve the first reading of Policy 5334 Accommodating Students with Food Allergies (revision), waiving the second reading. Motion seconded by Tim Bruns, motion carried. Motion by Randall Smith to approve the first reading of Policy 5334.01 Procedures for Managing Life-threatening Allergies (revision), waiving the second reading. Motion seconded by Julie Havens, motion carried. The first reading of Policy 8300 Records Retention Policy was read. District recognition of personal milestones for staff was discussed. A meeting was held recently for the Monticello/Albany, Juda Academic Cooperative in which the school calendars were discussed.

- XI. Future Board Agenda Items:** Policy, facility usage, fire alarm system, sound system, Middle School Track.
- XII. Future Meeting Dates:** October 27 at 7:30 p.m. meeting to formally set the tax levy, regular board meeting November 10 at 7:30 p.m.
- XIII. Contemplated Executive Session, Pursuant to Wis. Stat 19.85 (1)(b)(c)(e) and (f) to Discuss the Status of Collective Bargaining with the MEA; and to Discuss Administrative and Non-Represented Staff Performance Evaluation and Salaries Pursuant to 19.82(1) and Section 118.22, Wis. Statutes:** Motion by Randall Smith, second by Larry McGowan to go into closed session at 9:28 p.m. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.
- XIV. Reconvene into Open Session for Action on the Above Referenced Items, if Appropriate:** Motion by Larry McGowan, second by Julie Havens to reconvene into open session at 10:08 p.m.
- XV. Adjourn:** Motion by Larry McGowan, second by Ron Blumer to adjourn at 10:09 p.m., motion carried.



PTO NEWS by Roxie Kolasch

Thank you to all those who participated in The Green and Gold Event, held on Saturday, November 13, 2010. Everyone seemed to have a great time! Thanks to all the parent volunteers who helped that day. It is appreciated!

Thank you to all who purchased hats/headbands and t-shirts this year. They are great ways to show "Pony Pride"!

PTO members will be doing gift wrapping for staff again this year on December 13th. If you have any questions, please see Linda Marty.

A reminder to "save the date" for the Foolish Family Fun Night on Friday, April 1st, 2010. There will be pizza, cartoons and all kinds of fun and "foolish" activities for the

whole family! More information to come later on.

Remember, you don't have to have an elementary student to be an active part of PTO! We are always looking for new members; if you might be interested, come to one of our meetings and see what we are all about. Our next meeting is November 29th, at 6:30 p.m., in the high school library.

Homecoming News

Homecoming 2010 is set for the week of December 13 through December 18. The theme, "Candy Land," has been chosen, with the homecoming dance set for Saturday, December 18 from 8:00-11:00, featuring the grand march at 8:30. The Homecoming court includes King Trae Seffrood, Queen

Taylor Klitzke, seniors Chris Voegeli and Valentina Perez, juniors Brian Rufener and Kelsey Jacobson, sophomores Jesse Halvorsen and Jordyn Kubly, and freshmen Lucas Marty and Marissa Berg.

The Monticello Student council has been planning a wide variety of activities for the

week, including a "Give The Gift of Life" contest, with the American Red Cross bloodmobile coming to school on Wednesday, December 15. Three pep sessions, three home basketball games, two half-time shows, and a performance by the dance team will all combine to make an action-packed week.

Kids Korner by Rachel Rufer

Kids Korner will be visiting the Wittwer Apartments again this December to hang our homemade ornaments on everyone's door. We really enjoy seeing all of the previous ornaments that have been kept and re-hung every year. The children really enjoy making all of these ornaments.

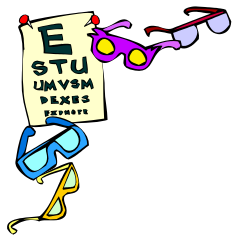
We would like to thank everyone for making this past year so wonderful. It has been a joy spending time with all of you and your children.

We will be open for all of the holiday break except on Christmas Eve. Kids Korner will be closed. Kids Korner

will also be closing at 12:00pm on New Year's Eve day.

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.





Have you SEEN or HEARD?...



Monticello Schools has the very best interest of your child in mind when planning every fine detail of their education. We know that it is important that your child be able to see and hear well in order to maximize his/her learning experience. New this year, screenings will be conducted on any student as requested by his/her parent and/or teacher. Classroom screenings will not be performed at any particular grade level, with the exception of students registering for Kindergarten. In making this change, we hope to:

- Minimize disruption to the students' daily schedule.
- Provide early and timely intervention for hearing/vision concerns.
- Identify students who may have hearing/vision problems, in ALL grade levels.
- Identify hearing/vision problems that develop during the school year.
- Individualize the screening process for each student to increase efficiency and accuracy of the results.
- Encourage all staff to be cognizant of potential vision or hearing problems in their students.
- Encourage families to get routine comprehensive eye and vision exams by an optometrist or ophthalmologist.
- Promote a positive, collaborative relationship with students, parents and staff.

Screenings are not a complete exam and should not take the place of regular check-ups by a healthcare provider. Parents/caregivers are most familiar with their child's health needs and it is important to watch for indicators of potential hearing or vision problems.

Some Signs of Hearing Problems

1. Less interest than peers in everyday conversation.
2. Inattentive unless close to speaker.
3. Is attentive to what is seen rather than heard.
4. Hear better when looking at speaker's face.
5. Often asks speaker to repeat what they have said.
6. May not follow verbal instructions well.
7. Uses a louder or softer voice than usual.
8. Shy or withdrawn.

Some Signs of Vision Problems

1. Closes or covers one eye.
2. Blinking or irritable when doing close-up work.
3. States that it is difficult to see.
4. Squinting.
5. Crosses eyes or rubs them excessively.
6. Watery, encrusted or red-rimmed eyes.
7. Reports dizziness, headaches or nausea after reading.

If you would like your child's hearing and/or vision screened, simply contact the School Nurse. Screenings will be done at the earliest time that is least disruptive to the student's schedule. Results of the screening(s) will be sent home with the student on the day the screening is conducted. Thank you for assisting us in providing an excellent education experience for your child.

Laura Marty, RN, School Nurse

608.938.4194 ext 239



Part Time Kitchen Help Wanted



Work with a great staff in a positive working environment!

We are currently accepting applications for a part-time position within a very fast-paced kitchen. We are looking for someone who is honest, flexible, reliable and who likes working with children. Must be able to work as a cooperative, motivated team member.

Responsibilities include cooking and baking; food prep and ordering; stocking inventory; production records keeping; cleanliness and sanitations; and following menus.

Hours are 7:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. every school day.

Applications are available in the District Office.

Update on Elementary Online Grading

Whew! We got up and running for our new online report cards in time for the first quarter. As predicted, we have discovered a few glitches. Specifically, attendance in elementary is calculating incorrectly, but we hope to have that fixed by the semester report card.

Elementary teachers are beginning to enter class assignments into the online gradebook. This is accessible

through Family Access. If you haven't yet signed up for Family Access, please do. 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, and for middle and high school students-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 on using it, please contact Jean McMannes at 938-4194 ext. 292 or mcmmanje@monticello.k12.wi.us



School District of Monticello Calendar of Events December 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4 MS/HS Band Holiday Concert 11am WR at Black Hawk Invite 9:30am
5	6	7 GBB Argyle 6pm Pep Band	8 School Board Meeting 7:30pm	9 Early Dismissal 12:24pm WR Pec/Argyle at Belleville 7pm	10 GBB at Albany	11 BBB at New Glarus 2pm JV WR at Darlington Invite 9:30am WR Raider Scramble 9:30am
12	13 MS/HS Choral Concert 7pm PTO Meeting 5:30pm GBB at WI Heights 6pm	14 BBB Juda 6pm Pep Band WR at Marshall 7pm	15	16 GBB Juda 6pm Pep Band	17 BBB Black Hawk 6pm Pep Band WR at Black Hawk 7pm	18 Homecoming Dance JV WR at Mineral Point Invite 9am V WR at Richland Center Invite 10am
HOME COMING WEEK						
19	20 Elementary Concert 7pm BBB at Highland 6pm	21	22 Early Dismissal 12:24pm	23 Christmas Break thru January 2 WR Columbus at Belleville 7pm	24 Christmas Eve	25 Merry Christmas!
26	27 WR Mid-States Tournament 10am	28 WR Mid-States Tournament 10am	29 JV BBB at Edgerton 4pm V BBB at Edgerton tba	30 V BBB at Edgerton tba JV BBB at Edgerton tba	31 New Year's Eve	



School District of Monticello Calendar of Events January 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3 GBB Highland 6pm	4 BBB Belmont 6pm	5	6 BBB at Pec 6pm	7 MS FCCLA Fun Night GBB at Barneveld 6pm	8 WR at Sauk Prairie Invite 10am
9	10 GBB Johnson Creek 6pm	11 BBB Argyle 6pm	12 School Board Meeting 7:30pm	13 GBB at Black Hawk 6pm	14 BBB at Albany 6pm	15 JV WR at Middleton 10am
16	17	18 PTO Meeting in library 6:30pm WR at Cambridge 7pm	19	20 BBB at Barneveld 6pm Q2/S1 Ends	21 NO SCHOOL- Teacher Workday GBB Conference Cross-over tba	22
23	24	25	26	27 MS FCCLA Senior Citizen Dinner 5pm GBB Pec 6pm	28 BBB Conference Cross-over tba	29 GBB Benton 6pm WR at Wi Dells Invite 10am
30	31 BBB at Dodgeville 6pm					



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