



MAGIC HAPPENINGS

MONTICELLO PUBLIC SCHOOLS MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2023



SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE

Dear Monticello Community,

As I travel around buildings and get to activities, one thing reigns supreme to me. Nothing beats the smiles on the faces of students! As a district, we are going to be on the move this year. Being on the move, will be symbolic for the great things happening every single day. We will make sure our teachers use best practices, we will have high expectations for our students, we will incorporate movement into our day, we will connect to our community, and will work closely with our families. We look forward to a true partnership as we invite you to be a huge participant and supporter of the work that we do with your children (our students).

In this first newsletter, I want to focus all families attention to one of the most important matters in school that we can focus on. Regular attendance of every student is a prime indicator of how successful they will be in their life after high school. I will set it my personal goal to help each of our buildings establish clear communication, expectations, incentives, and reporting attendance across our district. Each month, you will learn more about the importance of attendance and how it relates to successful careers, families, and life.

Let's get on the Move Together and make a difference in our future!

Phil Olson



LUNCH MENU

Lunch menus are available for 2023-24 school year!



2023-24 SCHOOL CALENDAR

The school calendar lists key dates throughout the district. Print for the fridge!



ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE

Stay up-to-date on your favorite Magic teams in every season.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Numerous positions are available for the 2023-24 school year. Apply today!



SCHOOL CLOSURES DUE TO WEATHER

Find information on procedures for school closures/delays due to weather.

First Days of School

It is a beautiful scene watching the buses roll into the school parking lots and watching students step off the buses to start the 2023-24 school year. The energy that fills the classrooms and hallways from being with students is a feeling we are privileged to enjoy every new school year. The first days of school can provide many emotions for all of us. We have many supportive, encouraging, and caring educators throughout our district. We are all here to provide the best educational experience for our students and families. We look forward to a positive and successful 2023-24 school year.

Monti All Night Grad Party

We are volunteer working parents with children attending the Monticello School District. We are volunteering to fundraise to support the cost of the Monticello All Night Grad Party. We need volunteers!



ROAD CLOSURE

The intersection of School Blvd and Edmonson will be closed starting Monday 9/18 for utility work. The work is anticipated to take 1-2 weeks within the intersection. Edmonson Avenue between School and Farmstead will need to remain closed an additional 1-2 weeks, after the intersection work is complete.



Let's Chalk!

Last weekend, a number of Monticello student artists joined in with national/international artists for Monticello's Let's Chalk Festival. It was a good opportunity for locals to work alongside professional chalk artists to try out new techniques and approaches. There was quite a public response with loads of people showing up to watch the creations come to life over the course of the two day festival by the City of Monticello and MontiArts. We are proud of the MMS and MHS artists who laid their chalk on the lines!

ACTIVITIES ROUNDUP

- Musical- Monticello High School will be producing the musical Beauty and the Beast this fall. First rehearsals begin on Monday, September 11. Approximately 80+ Monticello High School students will participate in some aspect of this production. Performances will be on November 17 and 18 at 7:00 pm and November 19 at 3:00 pm.
- Volleyball- kicking off the 2023 season with a tough schedule vs. several ranked and/or Class AAAA opponents (Buffalo - AAAA; Rogers - #5 in AAAA & Delano - #11 in AAA). With a 0-3 record, the team filled with many newcomers getting used to the Varsity court continues to work hard and is looking forward to playing at a high level as we reach conference play.
- Girls Tennis- is 4-6, we have had a lot of matches right away as the season has started. Won first conference match. Beat St. Michael, Coon Rapids, Anoka and Chisago Lakes.
- Sophie Rosh and Adah Mattson are our captains this season! Looking forward to our three match weeks starting this week.
- Girls Cross Country- We had our first meet at Princeton and finished 4th. Our junior varsity placed 2nd. Isabel Mahoney won the race and broke her own school 5K record in a time of 18:11.
- Boys Cross Country- Good start to season with win at Big Lake in our only meet so far. Boys have been working hard and look good. Currently ranked 12th in state but would expect that to improve as we get more meets under our belt.
- Girls Swimming and Diving- started off where we left off last season. Already performing above last year at this time with best times and diving scores. We are 2-0 in dual meets. 2 pool records (Monticello pool) have been broken by Adalynn Biegler 200 IM (from 2013) and 500 free (from 2010).
- Football- is 1-0 after an exciting victory against Bemidji. We are looking forward to the first home game Friday, September 8 against Alexandria.
- Boys Soccer- a 1-3-1 start to our season. Played 4 teams that ended their season last year ranked in the top 10 in state. This challenging start to our year will certainly pay off in the long run, as we set our sights on a conference championship and a high seed in our Section tournament.
- Girls Soccer- Varsity is off to a great start, going 3-0-1 with 3 shutouts in our first 4 games, and our new-to-varsity players have quickly adjusted to the higher speed and intensity of play. Our JV and JV2 team are also off to solid starts, and the talent coming up is giving confidence of more strong years ahead. Our hopes for this year are to repeat as conference champions and make another run towards the state tournament!

KEY DATES

SEPTEMBER

18 - Monticello School Board

Meeting at 6 p.m.

23 - On the Move Event #1 - Fall Sport Sampler at the MHS Stadium and MMS Pool

25 - Start of Monticello

Homecoming Week!

29- Monticello Homecoming Football Game with Wall of Fame recognition at halftime



Be the Light with Integrity...

Our Monticello School District, in partnership with Just Drive, is continuing the Be The Light campaign! Ideally, nominees will be students that were doing the right thing when they didn't know anyone was watching - representative of integrity, one of the four key attributes in the Vision of a Monticello Learner. Just Drive is proud to partner with Monticello School District on a project to honor doing the right thing - it is the belief of Just Drive that if students practice doing the right thing in school when no one is watching, they will be better prepared to do the right, selfless thing behind the wheel - putting down their phone and focusing on distraction-free driving.

Each month, one student from each building will be selected from a group of nominees as a Be the Light honoree. These selected students will be recognized on a variety of platforms (including our school newsletter) and given a t-shirt, brought to us by the Just Drive Foundation, to commemorate the honor. Nominations are accepted on a rolling basis, and will be carried over from month to month.

To get kicked off, we are honoring two students who quickly were spotted by staff showing amazing integrity. Vivian from Pinewood was seen cleaning up the playground at Pinewood Elementary without being asked. At the Eastview Education Center, Ellie has consistently helped her kindergarten friends during the first days of school. From here on out, we will be celebrating one student per month from each school. These two students get us started for our first two weeks of school. Congratulations Vivian and Ellie!

Monticello Welcomes New Staff

Corryn Aanerud
Tabatha Adamski
Katrina Bauers
Lisa Berg
Mary Berscheit
Gina Blood
Marissa Bolduc
Chanel Breiwick
Patricia Carlson
Victoria Crouse
Robert Danneker
Courtney Dawson
Meredith Ennen
Jessica Neve

Lynette Evens
Jaclynn Fleisher
Cadie French
Brittany Freund
Hannah Friedhoff
Kevin Fruit
Lydia Gerber
Spencer Gillian
Leanne Goerz
Kristin Greene
Shelbi Grimley
Luther Gunderson
Stephanie Hamilton
Valerie Olmsted

Paige Hansen
Ann Hanson
Emily Hary
Denise Hawkinson
Caitlin Hegle
Nicole Hills
Jocelyn Hoffarth
Jill Hoffarth
Brian Hoffman
Cindy Hoffman
Elizabeth Holland
Shelly Hughes
Megan James
Alexis Osterberg

Kelly Johnson
Jill Kedrowski
Ashley Kock
Shannon Kolhei
Andrea Leiferman
Ariana Meidinger
Alyssa Mellgren
Emily Meyer
Emily Michell
Devony Moore
Brielle Muhonen
Courtney Naumann
Sara Nelson
Adrienne Pacheco

Shanna Nordling
Jenna O'Brien
Ashley Pellaton
Gage Peters
Kaitlynn Portillo
Victoria Portner
Elizabeth Raiche
Stephanie Reed
Chloee Reiser
Nicholas Reitenour
Stephanie Reitenour
Elisa Roiko
Lynn Sakry
Angela Salaz

Evelyn Sanchez
Emily Schimerowski
Maureen Schimnich
Angela Schultz
Monica Shanahan
Loren Sohler
Kimberly Tapper
Madison Terlinden
Cheryl Theisz
William Theyson
Ella Thompson
Jessica Trombley
Amber Turner
Ashley Valentin

Jenna Watson
Melinda Weber
Chelsea Wicklund
Kari Wilmot
Brittney Witt
Terry Woodworth
Courtney Wrona
Dana Zimmerman

MONTI ON THE MOVE WITH SUPERINTENDENT OLSON FAMILY ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Join the opportunity to participate in our first Monti On The Move event on Saturday, September 23, 2023 from 9:00-10:30am. This event will be a sports sampler led by our own fall coaches. We welcome Kindergarten through grade 6 students to participate. We would love to see adults joining the fun and running drills alongside the students. Please join the fun by [completing this form](#).

