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Freshmen Reps

Natalie Ludwig & Jared Shappee



Sophomore Reps

Jaylie Newcombe & Eli Rathka

Junior Reps

Kylie Pifer & Cooper Ballan



Dakota Dykhuis & Lexi Jordan
2022 King and Queen



King & Queen Candidates

Ryan Bingo & Lexi Jordan
Sydney Adgate & Dakota Dykhuis
Payton Sheldon & Lily Lebert



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Nov. 15 — No School—Safety Day
- Nov. 17—Harvest Dinner 1pm
- Nov. 23—Teacher PD—No school for students
- Nov. 24-25 — No School—Thanksgiving Break
- Dec. 12 — Christmas Concert: grades 1-5—6pm
- Dec. 19 — Student Dismissal 12:15pm
- Dec. 20 — Student Dismissal 12:15pm
- Dec. 21-Jan. 3 — No School—Holiday Break
- Jan. 18—Teacher PD—No school for students



Varsity Mustangs celebrated a Homecoming WIN against St. Patrick (64-36) and for the first time in Montabella history, our Mustangs beat Sacred Heart (64-58)!

Congratulations Mustangs!



Lane Foster & Auri Eldred
Prince & Princess

National Principal Appreciation Month



The month of October is designated as National Principal Appreciation Month and a good reminder for us to stop and recognize the efforts of the principals at Montabella Community Schools. The job description for a principal encompasses many different aspects of the school operations. The two top objectives for our principals is to lead teachers and to provide a safe learning environment. The principal is the instructional leader in the building and guides teachers to provide engaging and relevant practices for students. The principal helps to establish a safe and nurturing learning environment for everyone by establishing expectations and holding students accountable for their actions. These two goals require different approaches and at times is a difficult balancing act. We are fortunate to have principals that have the ability to balance both of those nicely.

The unwritten part of the principal job description is about building relationships. Relationships with students, staff, and community members. Building and maintaining these relationship is a strength for both of our principals at Montabella. They are present in the community, they put countless hours into bettering their schools in a variety of ways, and they know their students. They both are dedicated to Montabella and you can tell that by the number of years that they have dedicated to the district and the community. The district is thankful for all of the time and energy that these two put in each and every day but during National Principal Appreciation Month, we send a public thank you to each of them.

Thank you **Shane Riley** and **Mike Moore**
for being such dedicated Mustangs.





Peer to Peer is a school-wide program designed to increase academic, independence, and social engagement opportunities for students with autism and other disabilities. This is achieved by inviting multiple peers without disabilities to learn about their schoolmates with developmental or intellectual disabilities. Peer education gives students knowledge and skills that demystify disabilities and increase understanding and acceptance. Students learn to advocate with, and for students with disabilities.

Set up in pairs or a small group during a variety of school and extracurricular activities, peers model typical academic and social behavior while students with disabilities can practice and use skills in natural settings by learning from peers in a positive and dignified manner. Authentic relationships form as students actively participate in activities together. In other words, Peer to Peer is a formal pathway for ensuring students with and without disabilities can meet, learn about, and develop friendships while receiving guidance and support from educators (Ziegler et al., 2020). Although each Peer to Peer program is different, the results are the same: improved outcomes for students with ASD as well as a more positive, accepting school culture for all.

Ziegler, M., Matthews, A., Mayberry, M., Owen-DeSchryver, J., & Carter, E. W. (2020). From Barriers to Belonging: Promoting Inclusion and Relationships Through the Peer to Peer Program. *Teaching Exceptional Children*, 20(10), 1-9

Amanda Foster

The Mustang Language Arts Team is off and running to defend their 2022 League Championship title.



This year's captains are seniors, Sadie Quackenbush, Ella Kotenko, and JT Smith. The rest of the team consists of juniors Bekkah Mayer, Emma Murray, and Amber Friedrich. The sophomores are Peyton Webb, Keion Adams, and Zoe Nicholson. This year's new incoming freshmen are Kenzie Karcher, Isabell Darling, and Ashlyn Binge.

The first event was held on Monday, October 17th and the Mustangs continued their strong performance and currently are in second place out of eight schools and only a half percent out of first.

The final events are on 11/11 and 12/9 respectively.

Way to Go Mustangs and Good Luck!



On September 23, Ms. Moyer and Mrs. Hadder's students, as well as NHS members explored downtown Grand Rapids, discovering numerous artworks entered in this year's ArtPrize. From paintings, to painted cars, students saw a wide variety of work and had the opportunity to speak with artists about their work, message, and inspiration. They enjoyed pizza at the famous Calder Plaza, and visited many outstanding buildings associated with the downtown scene.



Be on the lookout for a new PBIS wall in the elementary school! The School Leadership Team has been working on a fun new wall to engage students in some positive behavior. This wall is set up to remind our students of our school wide behavior expectations, Be Respectful, Be Responsible, and Be Safe. As the year continues, we will be changing portions of this wall to engage the students more and adding other positive behavior aspects.

Part of our wall will be an interactive piece that students will add to every month. The interactive wall will have a theme for a month or two and students will be invited to help expand on the theme. The month of October's theme is "Falling Into Friendship". Students were given time after they finished their lunches to write on leaves, what it means to be a good friend. These leaves have been added to a tree on our wall to share all of their thoughts on being a good friend.

If you happen to be in the elementary school, be on the lookout for our PBIS wall across from the cafeteria. We are excited to see this wall change and grow throughout the year and for our students to continue to become Model Mustangs!

PBIS NEWS

Thank You Montabella Elementary PTO



Words will never explain how grateful we are to have updated books available for our students to enjoy in the media center! Montabella Elementary PTO's generous donations continue to allow us to fill our shelves with literary adventures! We have an amazing media center that we are proud of thanks to our PTO!



Science Alive—OH MY! We slithered through the day with great big smiles as we listened to the cutest sloth, Sweet Baby Ginger, chomp on crunchy carrots, hugged a snake taller than most of us Mustangs, greeted Sheldon the happy tortoise, and wiggled our noses with chinchillas as we tried to determine which one of our new friends was our favorite! Another great event made possible by our PTO and community support!



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www.montabellamustangs.com (Athletics)



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 Montabella Elementary



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Rylie Ward



Claire Baker



Easton Dawson



Holli Snyder



Yovani Garcia-Pantoja



Tres Burke



Rachelle Shappee



Hudson Nadeau



Sadie Simon



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Justin Hanses



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GOOD ATTITUDE—MAXIMUM EFFORT—NO LIMITS

JR/SR STUDENT OF THE MONTH RECIPIENTS



September

Patyn Recker (6), Fisher Deal (7), Kody Dalrymple (8), Landon Wymer (9), Alayna Foster (10), Amber Friedrich (11), Logan Peterson (12)



October

Elsa Koop (6), Shelby Keeler (7), Gabe Kauffman (8), Hayden Helmer (9), Brianna Porter (10), Madison Jordan (11), Kase Jerome (12)

Other nominations

Bowdie Blanzly, Cody Keller, Makayla Helmer, Michael Ockert, Ella Scherzer, Matthew Gonzalez, Alivia Thompson, Rosario CaraPia, Lillian Tilden, Kolton Mayer, Ariel Peterson, Julie Mesta-Rivas, Sierra Pranger, Olivia Lau, Gavin Aldrich, Kenneth Graham, Raelynn Baez, Blake Snyder, Addyson Bouwkamp, Silas Petersen, LeeAnn Duncan, Zaidan Myers, Donovan Lampo, Tony Chaffee, Carly Bonasse, Jayden Row, Jaylie Newcombe, Dae'Shaun Humphrey, Josselyn Porter, Sadie Quackenbush, Jonathon Hubble, Sydney Adgate, and Alexis Jordan

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National School Lunch Week

October 14-18th

Montabella Food service had a wonderful week celebrating, National School Lunch Week, with all of our Mustangs! We had many students willing to participate in fun activities along with trying new foods.



Meetings held Third Monday of the Month
JR/SR High School Cafeteria
1390 North County Line Rd. Blanchard, MI 49310
989-427-5148 (p) 989-427-3828 (f)

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Send in your Coca-Cola caps and Box Tops to help us earn cash for our school.



As always, we thank the Sons of the American Legion Post 240, from Blanchard, for making sure we have flags to fly at the Central Office, Jr/Sr High and our Elementary.

School Closing Information

In the event that school is closed or delayed due to inclement weather, the information will be broadcast to the following television and radio stations.

TV Stations

WOOD TV8 Grand Rapids
WWWTV 9&10Cadillac
WJRT TV12Flint
WZZM TV13Grand Rapids

Radio Station

WCFX 95.3FM Mt. Pleasant
WGLM 106.3FM Greenville
WCUZ 1230AM/105.7FM Grand Rapids
WCZY 104.3FM Mt. Pleasant

Seniors from the Montabella Community

Harvest Dinner

You're Invited

Please join us

Thursday, November 17th at 1pm

Please call (989)427-5148

to RSVP by November 14th.



BUS NEWS

We are hiring, training provided. Please call 989-427-5024 ext. 631 to learn more.

Please give the bus garage a call if your child will not be riding the bus.

Congratulations to our Varsity Volleyball team for winning the Silver Bracket at the Farwell tournament!



Dakota Dykhuis won the MHSAA regional meet at Chippewa Hills. He finished first with a time of 16:30. He is the first athlete in Montabella history to win a regional crown in Cross Country. Good luck at States Dakota!



Our bus drivers recently presented a few different videos to students regarding bus safety. Melissa Eldred spoke with the elementary students about the importance of following bus rules and how to make sure students can stay safe when near or on a school bus. Kristi Wray, Teresa Willsie, Melissa Eldred, and Amanda Swarts also created a video for our JR/SR high students with examples of good and bad choices.

Student drivers watched a video that specifically discussed the proper procedure for stopping when the bus lights turn on. When the **Yellow** caution lights are on, within 200 feet, the **Reds** will come on, which means  **Yellow flashing lights are not the time to speed up and try to pass the bus.**

With the new school year in full swing, now is a great time to review bus safety, not only at school but also at home. Bus rules are in place to ensure that all students make it to school and home safely. Please take a moment to talk to your children about bus safety and remind them that many of the rules that are in place are also state laws. Your support is greatly appreciated! ~Montabella Bus Garage