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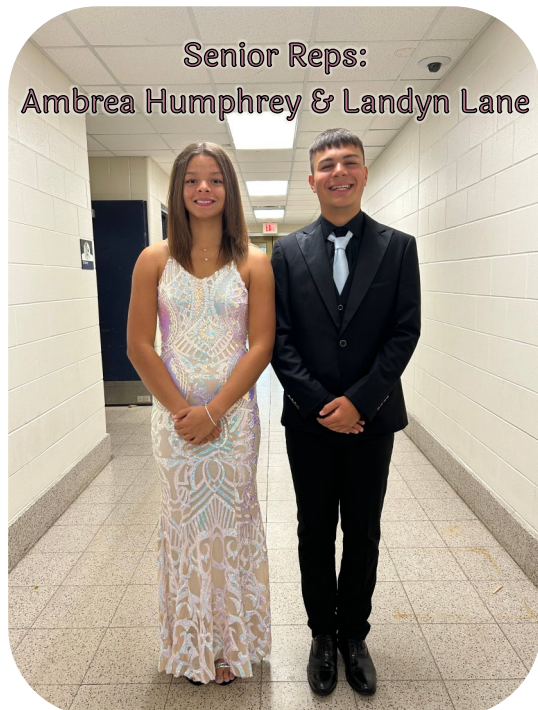
King and Queen: Connor Ball & Brianne Porter



Junior Reps



Sophomore Reps



Freshmen Reps

School Bus Safety



School safety is a top priority for Montabella Community Schools. We have made a number of updates and enhancements to try and keep our students safe. One area that we sometimes overlook is the safety of our students getting to and from school. Montabella transports about 70% of our students with our school sponsored transportation system. October 21 - 25th was National School Bus Safety Week and a great opportunity to review things that we all can do on the road to make our students' trip to school a safe one.

School buses remain the safest way to transport students to and from school. Buses go through daily safety inspections by drivers prior to every route and twice a year the buses go through a comprehensive inspection through the Michigan State Police. This inspection not only looks at mechanical safety aspects of the bus but also many other safety features like seats and windows. Montabella has a strong history of great performance on these safety inspections.

In 2023, throughout the state of Michigan, there were 998 accidents involving school buses. A good percentage of those were during the time that the bus was stopped for loading or unloading of students. Everyone should be aware of the rules regarding the lights on a school bus to ensure the safety of students. The bus lights work similar to a stop light; yellow is caution and driver should slow down, red means STOP.

The efforts on bus safety at the school and by all drivers on the road will continue to make safe rides to school important in our community.

SCHOOL BUS LIGHTS

- YELLOW FLASHING LIGHTS**
THE BUS IS PREPARING TO STOP
- RED FLASHING LIGHTS AND EXTENDED STOP ARMS**
DRIVERS MUST STOP AND WAIT THE RED LIGHTS STOP

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During National School Bus Safety Week, one of our amazing bus drivers, Melissa Eldred, spoke with some of our younger students about the importance of bus safety. She also brought coloring books for them to take home!

~National School Bus Safety Week~

Recognized in October

Practiced ALWAYS

Congratulations to our Varsity Football Conference Champs!

It has been 54 years since the last conference championship title! What a great season for our Mustangs! You put in the work and showed up to every game with that Mustang PRIDE! Job well done gentlemen!

Mrs. Jamie Eldred and Mrs. Heidi Eldred made an extra special greeting to honor our Veterans during the Military Appreciation game!



The boys may have been working hard for a conference title, but it did not stop them from coaching our girls Powerderpuff teams! The freshmen and seniors teamed up against the sophomores and juniors for an eventful, and sometimes comedic, evening. The game ended in a tie, but like Mr. Webb said, everyone went home happy! Thank you to everyone who helped organize and volunteer their time to make this possible! After a long hiatus, we look forward to next year's game!



Artists Celebrating Other Artists

Mrs. Hadder's Art II class enjoyed their field trip to Grand Rapids for Art Prize. They explored many wonderful sculptures!

Board Member Montabella Community Schools 6 Year Term Vote for not more than 3		
Current member	Eylie Foster	<input type="radio"/>
	Jeramee Gilman	<input type="radio"/>
Current member	Sherri Miel	<input type="radio"/>
	Anna Silverthorn	<input type="radio"/>
	Steve Sweet	<input type="radio"/>
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Board Member Montabella Community Schools Partial Term Ending 12/31/2026 Vote for not more than 1	
	Write-In Candidate <input type="radio"/>

The **6 Year Term** has 5 candidates to choose from (there are no write-in candidates registered for this term).

The **Partial Term** does not have any candidates listed, but there are write-in candidates to choose from, which are:

- Sydnee Dickinson
- Andrew Gilman
- Scott Parks (current board member)

Navigating the Ballot

This November 5th, when you go to vote there will be 4 School Board Member seats available. The ballot will have two spots for you to vote for board members.

3 open spots are for the **6 Year Term**
1 open spot is for the **Partial Term Ending 12/31/2026**

Please note—**NO Write-In's** will be accepted under the **6 Year Term** as the candidates did not register for that term. All **Write-In** candidates are running for the **Partial Term**.



Seniors from the Montabella Community

Harvest Dinner

You're Invited

Please join us for our annual Harvest Dinner located in the
Montabella Elementary Cafeteria
Thursday, November 14th at 1:30pm
Please RSVP by November 7th
(989)427-5148



The Beginning and the End!

Our Kindergarteners made keychains for the seniors this year. The seniors and kinders met on the 50 yard line of the football field to share gifts with each other.



If you know of any retired members, or senior citizens, in the Montabella community please share our invite with them. We love to welcome our guests with a nice dinner served by NHS members, elementary students, and Chartwells. Our students love to display their artwork for our friends to enjoy. RSVP by November 7th by calling 989.427.5148. We hope to see you there!





The 2024-25 Language Arts Team began their season on Friday, October 27th. The team submitted two entries and is currently in 4th place out of eight teams. The second of three events is scheduled for October 25th. Good Luck Mustang Language Arts Team!! ~Mr. Lehman

This years team includes:

Captains: Peyton Webb, Zoe Nicholson, and Tyler Koons

Juniors: Kenzie Karcher, Landon Wymer, and Isabell Darling

Sophomores: Marly Lumbert, Rae Baez, and Ryann Ball

Freshmen: Lia Dood, Kirstyn Cummings, and Lewis Davidson

2024-25 L.A.T.



We will read at a desk, under a desk, with a friend, or as a class! Mrs. Irani's friends spent some of spirit week with a buddy reading!

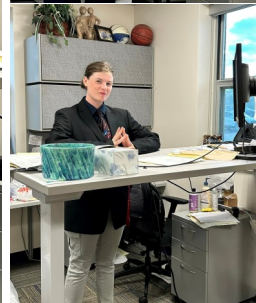


Maverick the Mustang is getting so big! Maverick is our therapy dog that is currently in training. We recently received an update from the trainers that

he is now training in his graduation vest and has been doing a great job training out in the public. They say Maverick is a ROCKSTAR!



There's an IMPOSTER among us! This year's Homecoming theme was Carnival. We had a lot of Mr. Riley's walking around for Twin Day!





Marcel has been working with Ms. Shannon to set up Sensory Room stations, teach his peers the station expectations, and support his peers at each station. Marcel is a remarkable leader!! We are also fortunate to have Braydon in our room as a High School Peer! Braydon is a great role model for our Mustangs! ~Ms. Moore

BUILDING LEADERS

One of the greatest things we can do to help our Mustangs become MIGHTY MUSTANGS! Scan to see.

~Coach Creguer



Hudson Dailey



Rylee Christensen



Emma Reichert



Karsun
Rowland-Schwarz



Dallis Bartlett



Macey Gonzalez



Robert Rolston Jr.

September



Bethany Porter



Waylon Harvell



Creedynce Painter



Brayden Peterson



Grant Baldwin



Natalia Dewey



Easton Finney

Spotlight Students



Mercedes
Morrow-Burgtorf



Serenity Watters

Every Child
Every Chance
Every Day

JR/SR Student of the Month Recipients



September

Brooklin Crandell (6)
Evan Greene (7)
Ella Scherzer (8)
Lewis Davidson (9)
Braleigh Fulk (10)
Haden McCarthy (11)
Carly Bonasse (12)

Other Nominations

Harley Corwin
Lucas Houseman
Nicholas Pifer
Trenten Caruthers
Kathryn Graham
Boston Fockler

Kolten Knapp
Michael Ockert
Brooklyn Kieff
Ariel Peterson
Noah Barber
Ashton Taylor

Alivia Thompson
Kain Karcher
Kaden Schut
Silas Peterson
Brayden Foster
Ryann Ball

Wade Hanshue
Emily Allen
James Hancock
Alyssa Bishop
Ethan Anderson



Montabella Girls Golf has completed its historical first complete season since 1999. The team of 8 finished with Regionals on Tuesday October 8 at Old Channel Trail Golf Course in Montague. Over the course of the season, the girls competed in 6 18-hole matches and 3 9-hole matches in the MMGC Conference, which included Tawas, Oscoda, Houghton Lake, Sacred Heart, and Breckinridge.

The girls all celebrated many victories, including first bogeys, pars, PR Scores, and even first time on the course for some! Team Captain and junior, Kenzie Karcher, celebrated a PR at the conference championship



match with a 113, securing her a spot on **Second Team All Conference**.

We look forward to making more memories and PR's next season with this incredible group of ladies. Coach Hadder would like to thank the many supporters that helped get this program out of the starting blocks this year, including Boys Golf Coach Gale Nesbitt, the family of our incredible home course The Links of Edmore, and the supportive families who showed up in every way. ~Mrs. Hadder

Way to go girls!

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)

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Scott Parks..... *President*
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 Ivan Renne..... *Secretary*
 Erica Vincent..... *Treasurer*
 Tim Eldred..... *Trustee*
 Sherri Miel..... *Trustee*
 Mike Rasmussen..... *Trustee*



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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&10 Cadillac
 WJRT TV12 Flint
 WZZM TV13 Grand Rapids

Radio Station

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 12 — Elementary STEM Night 5:00-7:00 PM

November 14 — Harvest Dinner 1:30 PM

All senior citizens and retired members from the community are welcome to attend. Please RSVP by November 7 by calling 989.427.5148

November 15 — Safety Day—NO SCHOOL

November 27 — Teacher PD—NO SCHOOL for students

November 28—29 — Thanksgiving Break—NO SCHOOL

December 2, March 11, & May 12—6th Grade Band Concert

December 9—Elementary Christmas Concert

December 9 & May 8—HS Band Concert

December 12 & May 7—MS Band Concert

December 19—20 — Early dismissal for students 12:15 PM

December 23—January 3—Holiday Break—NO SCHOOL

January 15—Teacher PD—NO SCHOOL for students

Arrrrrrr

The food service was invaded by pirates to seek for treasures at our Jr/Sr Cafeteria, but instead they found their favorite meal being served by the captain and mateys. ~Ms. Hicks



Thank YOU

Thank you to, Order of the Eastern Stars, Chapter 111, for the generous donation of Kleenex and antibacterial wipes!

