

BACK IN THE SADDLE AGAIN 2021-22



UPCOMING EVENTS

November 15—No school, Safety Day

November 24—Teacher PD, no school for students

November 25-26—No school, Thanksgiving Break



December 16-17—Early dismissal, students released at 12:15 PM

December 20-31—No school, holiday break



From fireworks to ziplines, and Chromebooks to gymnasiums, our Mustangs are showing up to learn, to grow, and to make memories! When you pull into Montabella Community Schools, you see one campus that unites surrounding communities, and rallies behind our students to ensure that they are receiving an education that is built on a strong foundation to take out into the world! Mustangs, you are AMAZING, and we are so glad you are here!



Next Step, Recovery



The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic is widespread and continues to spread. Education is certainly one of those areas where we are seeing and feeling the impacts of increased student absences, teacher absences and inconsistent forms of instruction. The data shows that students across the country are performing lower on state and national assessments compared to previous years prior to the pandemic. Montabella is no different and our local data shows similar results. A number of students appear to be about a year behind academically.

What do we do about it? There is no magic answer that can make up a year of academic growth overnight but there are some strategies and practices that we can be put in place to help reduce that gap. Montabella has already started some practices and we will continue to evaluate and increase or add strategies over the next few years to continue to reduce the gap. Here are some of those strategies that are in place currently or in development: summer school opportunities, additional intervention teacher at the elementary level, credit recovery opportunities, tutoring, and additional english classes focused on interventions.

In addition to the academic struggles we are also seeing some increased social emotional needs. The district has partnered with the Montcalm Care Network and Spectrum Health to provide increased opportunities for counseling. Students are feeling the stress of the pandemic and the aftermath it has created. It might be struggling academic performance or just lost social or school opportunities that are weighing heavy on their minds. These services can be accessed by reaching out to the school principal.

We are facing a tough challenge right now and we all understand that we can't fix the issue overnight or even in a year. Our focus is to try and see if we can get over a year of growth from our students this school year. Taking this challenge step by step we are convinced we will see some progress in reducing that academic gap.

ALL THINGS VOLCANOES & LAVA — 'JUST GO WITH THE FLOW'

4th grade has been learning about volcanoes! Students have explored the volcanic patterns around the globe, the different types of volcanoes, and experimented with "lava".





Freshman Representatives
Keion Adams & Isabelle Storey



Prince & Princess
Easton Dawson & Harper Vincent



Grand Marshals
Tom & Gloria Smith

Senior King & Queen Candidates



Tristin Almanza & Julie Spehn



Sophomore Representatives
Brady Carlson & Kalia Adams



Ethan Buccieri & Makayla Alzamora



Caleb Thaisen & Kaylei Willenstein



Junior Representatives
JT Smith & Sydney Adgate

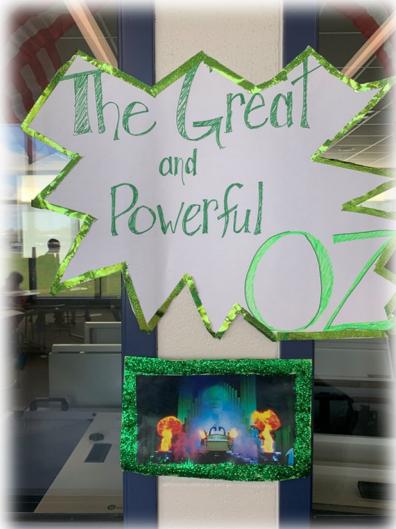
Homecoming 2021



2021 Homecoming
King & Queen
Ethan Buccieri & Kaylei Willenstein



2020 Reigning King & Queen
Gavin Kent & Hannah Willis



One Book One School



The month of October was designated, One Book One School, where elementary students follow a calendar of events throughout the month and end it with a special treat and movie! Some fun events included pajama day, dress in green like the Emerald City, and dress like your favorite character from Oz!



The Wizard of Oz





ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

From Mustang to 1stSgt Marine

Congratulations to Montabella's very own, First Sergeant Beth E. Abbott, who was recently honored at the Lions vs Eagles game as our HOMETOWN HERO! She feels as though she is just like everyone else, "just in different clothing," which is a statement of her incredibly selfless character. She is the epitome of leadership and sacrifice, and through all of her success, she holds with her a love for home, including Montabella Community Schools.

*A career that began as a Recruit in 2003 has transpired through the years as a Motor Transport Operator, Drill Instructor/Battalion Drill Master, Motor Transport Chief, Brigade Drill Master/6th Company Senior Enlisted Leader, and has led to her current rank as, Company First Sergeant of 2nd Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, Weapons Company.

1stSgt Abbott has represented and fought for our country during her multiple deployments which included: OIF II, Philippines, Al Asad, Iraq, and Sangin, Afghanistan.

The medals that adorn her chest make it abundantly clear of her sacrifices as a United States Marine! During 1stSgt Abbott's service, she has been awarded the following awards and decorations:

Purple Heart Medal

Navy & Marine Corps Commendation Medal (3 stars)

Navy & Marine Corps Achievement Medal (2 stars)

Combat Action Ribbon (2 stars)

Again, we congratulate 1stSgt Beth Abbott, as she has exemplified her Mustang Pride through her faith, her family, and as a United States Marine! We are so proud of you and your accomplishments! You deserve this recognition, and so much more, for your continued sacrifice and service to our country.

*This list does not include all of her assignments, it is a mere snapshot to show her hard work and dedication to the United States of America. Montabella is honored to call you a Mustang!

We are hiring!

We are adding to the Mustang family! If you have a desire to make a positive impact on students and a willingness to adapt to today's dynamic environment, then we have a spot for you! We strive to be a team who values the core components of collaboration, acceptance, and growth. Contact the school at (989)427-5148, or check out our Employment Opportunities at www.montabella.com under the 'District' tab .



U of M vs MSU Day



Grant Baldwin



Evan Davis



Candice Decker



Oakley Bandfield



Paiton Thrush



Thomas Ryers



Kinleigh Bailey



Defusha McCan



Callie Bandfield



Evan Greene



Caroline Darling



Gavin Sexton



Brooklyn Kieff



Benson Locke



Elijah Conroe



Piper Phenix



Dexter Bartlett



Sadie Simon



Serenity Watters



Wyatt Scherzer



Jazmyne Warchuck



Mrs. Blumer



Mrs. Garvey



Mrs. Spencer



Isabella Irwin



Abbie Wrisley



Mackenzie Wilson



Forrest Guild



Lucas Snyder



Brooklin Crandell



James Finley



Reese Pitts



Noah Barber



Braydon Halliwill

JR/SR STUDENT OF THE MONTH RECIPIENTS



September: Not Pictured (6), Braleigh Fulk (7), Bryce DeLong (8), Sandra Anderson (9), Rebekah Mayer (10), Kaitlynn Miller (11), Hailee McElhaney (12)



October: Makaylynn Wood (6), Gabriel Kauffman (7), Aiden Sprague (8), Carly Bonasse (9), Isaiah Bedford (10), Dakota Dykhuis (11),

Riley Dailey (12)

Nominations



Gabriella Arguijo
Joshua Arganbright
Temperance Wilson
Bryson Williamson
Raelynn Baez
Allison Cook
Jordan Row

Colin Vanas
Chase Keller
Jadon Trost
Jlyn Chapman
Sara Ashbaugh
Tristin Almanza
Andrew Munro

Skyler Miller
Presley Storey-Dolan
Marley Demmick
Addyson Bouwkamp
Lillien Fuller
Connor Ball
Kiana Nickerson

Brooklyn Welch
Hayley Reffitt
Alyssa Raia
Logan Peterson
Eva Nemetz
Emma Peterson

Admit One

The JV and Varsity Volleyball teams took a field trip to MSU for high school volleyball night for team bonding and learning. We had 18 girls along with some chaperones to help us get down there. The girls were able to watch MSU take on OSU and bring home some good take aways from the game to apply to the court. OSU ultimately took home the win after going into extra points in the first two sets and then 18-25 in the third.



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

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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&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

DON'T LOSE YOUR BUS RIDING PRIVILIGES

Follow these rules:

1. Observe same conduct as in the classroom
2. Be courteous, use no profane language
3. Do not eat or drink on the bus
4. Keep the bus clean.
5. Cooperate with the bus driver.
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7. Do not be destructive.
8. Stay in your seat.
9. Keep head, hands and feet inside the bus.
10. The bus driver is authorized to assign seats.



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Be Responsible

Be Respectful

Be Safe