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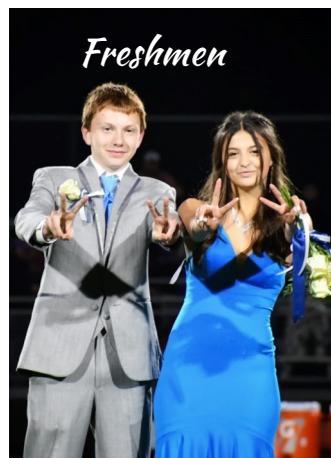
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Homecoming Court

Prince & Princess: Jackson Simon & McKuiper Garner
Freshman Reps: Noah Carlson & Kaitlyn Kade
Sophomore Reps: Kaden Knapp & Leia Webb
Junior Reps: Landyn Lane & Ambrea Humphrey
King & Queen: Brady Carlson & Kiana Nickerson
Senior Candidates 1: Cooper Bolton & Katie Spohn
Senior Candidates 2: Dae'Shaun Humphrey & Kalia Adams
Grand Marshal: Roger Champion
Photos by Anna Jensen



Freshmen



Sophomores



Juniors



Senior Candidates 2

L.A.T. Kickoff

The Montabella Language Arts Team started their quest to defend their title as two-time defending league champions.



This year's team is:

Good Luck Mustangs!



Freshman

Brayden Foster
Ryann Ball
Rae Baez

Sophomores

Kenzie Karcher
Ashlyn Binge
Isabell Darling

Juniors

Tyler Koons
Zoe Nicholson
Peyton Webb

And this years Captains are:

Amber Friedrich
Emma Murray
Bekah Mayer



1. We Are The Mustangs
2. A Little Bit Louder...



The Varsity Sideline Cheerleading team had a busy day on Friday, October 6th! After school they welcomed the cheerleaders of Carson City Crystal for a bonding event with a game, crafts, and a movie. Their afternoon ended with a double team dinner before the football game! Out on the track, Montabella's Youth Cheer and Middle School Cheerleading teams joined the Varsity team for the first half of the football game. Despite the cold and rainy weather, their spirit rang through! The groups worked together to chant loud and rally the crowd. Thank you to all of the guest cheerleaders and coaches who joined our team this month!



STAR-BOOKS

JR/SR PBIS

Students have new ways to spend their PBIS points and celebrate literacy at Montabella Junior and Senior High. Every month, those who love to read can visit the Star-Books Cafe, where they can sip hot chocolate and enjoy reading their book. Our first cafe date was well-attended and is sure to become even more popular as others catch on!



Glow Party

Our elementary students enjoyed a glow party for celebrating minimal behavior incidents for the month of September!



SCIENCE

The eighth grade students learned about the systems of the body. One of activities they did was to create a model of the heart and how it pumps blood to the body. They enjoyed closing valves and then pumping the "blood" to parts of the heart and body!



MUSTANG SPIRIT

Mrs. Garcia's class was all smiles while showing off their Mustang Spirit during homecoming week!

Athletes In Band

By Isabell Darling

Montabella is more than just a school in Central Michigan, it is a place that allows students to reach their highest potential. Montabella is an athlete friendly school and has been since 1995, when band was brought back after a few year hiatus. Students have been able to be in band without it conflicting with their sports schedules and allowing them to strive for excellence. But none of this would be possible without the help of Mr. Gormley, Mr Brown, Mrs. Eldred, Mr. Riley, as well as all the coaches. In the words of Mr. Gormley, "This is something we've always gotten right, the whole time I've been in this program." At Montabella, band counts as Visual Performing Arts (VPA), this can also count towards an elective which makes it possible for advanced students to get enough credits for Michigan Merit. Every year Mrs. Eldred, who creates the course schedules, and Mr. Riley come together and ensure that our schedules revolve around the band. As Mr. Riley says " The students at Montabella are like Renaissance People." Since there are multiple sections of different classes, they can fit kids into advanced classes while still making it possible for them to be able to do band. They make sure that there are no advanced classes during band hour so that kids would be able to do as many advanced classes as possible. Sometimes it can be a lot of pressure to get all our work done for school, go to practice, and then go to band. So a big effort is also put in from the coaches, to Mr. Brown, the schools athletic director, to make the sports schedules non-conflicting. Also, coaches at Montabella are very accommodating and will often let band kids out of practice early if need be for band events. Even with all the help and accommodations it can still be hard for athletes in band. Being in a band can be a very big time commitment and takes a lot of work on the parts of the athlete. Some of the people who have it hardest are those who dual sport and also play in the marching band, like Alayna Foster and Ryann Ball, our current drum major. Alayna plays Volleyball and Sideline Cheer so she goes from practice, to cheer at the game, to performing at halftime. She says the hardest part is, "going from practice, to practice, to band, and then out on the track." As well as Conner Cluley, who is a sophomore, he plays JV and Varsity football. For Homecoming, he was pulled up, after already playing a JV game that week, and during halftime he chose to still march with the band. Even with all these conflicts they still choose to be in a band. When you go to other schools many have to pick between band and sports but at Montabella you don't have to. After most Friday night practice, Kalia Adams still finds time to march with the band for pregame at 6:30 p.m. On that note, I would like to point out the seniors who have been in band their entire high school career. Thank you so much for helping the Montabella Band thrive! I think everyone will agree that we will always be marching Mustangs at heart.



Attend Today. Achieve Tomorrow.



Attending school is important. Did you know that by 6th grade, chronic absence becomes a leading indicator that a student will drop out of High School?

According to the Department of Education, dropping out of High School has been linked to poor outcomes later in life, from poverty and diminished health to involvement in the criminal justice system.



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A Reader Today ~ A Leader Tomorrow

JR/SR STUDENT OF THE MONTH RECIPIENTS



September

Junior Finley (6), Annika Marr (7), Kenneth Graham/Lewis Davidson (8), Braleigh Fulk (9), Logan Wymer (10), Carly Bonasse (11), Dae'Shaun Humphrey (12)

September Mustang of the Month
Jlyn Chapman



Grade: 12
Age: 16

Stats:
This month Jlyn has based in a basket toss, single man, and shoulder sits. She has back spots in elevators, and show and go's.

Football fans may recognize Jlyn for her booming voice projected through the stands on Friday nights, but what they may not realize is that Jlyn has a personality that is just as wonderful! This is my third year coaching Sideline Cheer and I am very impressed by the growth of Jlyn's skills in both athletics, and leadership. Jlyn is very strong in her stunting skills, has sharp motions, and is a great teacher of chants to new cheerleaders. She has been encouraging to her teammates, loves to make the team laugh, and is up for new challenges (especially in stunting). Cheerleading is a passion for Jlyn, and she cares deeply about this sport and her teammates. With an aux cord in hand, Jlyn will lead our team in playlists to get them hyped up before games. She also volunteered recently to help sell concessions at a Middle School football game, and has attended practices for Youth Cheer in preparation for the Youth Night Varsity football game.
Great job Jlyn!

Sideline Cheer
23-24

October Mustang of the Month
Chase Burggren



Grade: 12
Age: 17

Stats:
40-59 passing 770 yards
11 touchdowns

Chase is a 4 year varsity starter who has been a multi-year captain. He is an exemplary leader on the field and in the hallways. He puts his teammates first, and will do everything in his power to lead his team to victory. Great job Chase!

Varsity Football
23-24

Other Nominations

Alyssa Helmer, Nathaniel Green, Sophia Belson, Callie Bandfield, Avery Keeler, Sharon Cline, Trayton Ward, Jonathan Mesta-Rivas, Bailey Kauffman, Davis Peterson, Ky Ely, Xavier Moats, Matthew Gotwalt, Wade Hanshue, Hayden Helmer, Connor Ball, Addy Strohl, Alayna Foster, Andrew Fuller, Abigail Monroe



Mustang Sally joined us for our annual Pink Out Volleyball game!



Reminder

FREE breakfast and lunch for ALL students!



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.

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



“Around the World” was this year’s homecoming theme.

The class banners looked great! The Class of 2026 remain the champions for best banner. Seniors were the overall winners for Spirit Week. It was a great week full of Mustang spirit!



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.

BUS NEWS

Bus Safety

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



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Nov. 11 — PTO Craft Show 9am-2pm
- Nov. 14—Harvest Dinner (Elementary Cafeteria) 1:30 pm
- Nov. 15 — NO SCHOOL– Safety Day
- Nov. 16 — NHS Blood Drive with American Red Cross
- Nov. 22—Teacher PD—No school for students
- Nov. 23-24— NO SCHOOL—Thanksgiving Break
- Dec. 4—Elementary Christmas Concert 6pm
- Dec. 13-15—Santa Shop for elementary students 8am-3pm
- Dec. 18-19—Student dismissal 12:15pm
- Dec. 20-Jan. 2—NO SCHOOL—Holiday Break