

## **Dear Monticello School Community,**

The 2017-18 school year is moving full steam ahead toward the finish line, and while we don't want to make anyone start looking past summer, we do want to help you be prepared for the next school year!

Like in recent years, Monticello School District will be staggering Welcome Back Days, Open Houses and First Days of School at district buildings this August and September. These days each hold a unique and special meaning, and will allow the students and staff to get the new school year started in the best possible way - by building bonds and developing a rapport that will help lead to student success throughout the year.

The First Day of School varies slightly at each school and for each grade, but generally is a day for students to come go through their normal class schedule, learn about their teachers and what they can expect to learn in the year ahead, and begin to establish the school year routine.

Welcome Back Days, held prior to the First Day of School at all district elementary schools, offer the chance for families to join their kids in exploring their school and increasing everyone's level of comfort heading back to school. Families are able to schedule personalized time with their child's classroom teacher, and also have the chance to take care of details such as lunch payment, and asking transportation questions.

Back to School Day, held at Monticello Middle School, offers a chance for the school and parents to accomplish a number of different logistics and details prior to the start of the school year. Students can get their school picture taken, sign up for fall sports and activities, learn more about the 1:1 Chromebook plan, visit with a Hoglund's Bus representative, set up lunch money payments, sign up for conferences, and more.

Open Houses at Monticello Middle School and Monticello High School allow families and students the opportunity to tour the school, meet teachers, and develop a comfort level with the school and staff, similar to at other district buildings.

The schedule for the 2018-19 Welcome Back Days, Open Houses and First Days of School is as follows:

- Tuesday, August 14
  - **Back to School Day** at Monticello Middle School from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m.
  
- Thursday, August 23

- **Eastview Education Center Transportation Day** Families will be able to sign up for time slots at 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 5 p.m., 6 p.m., and 7 p.m. to learn about bus routes, guidelines, and expectations
- Wednesday, August 29
  - **Open Houses** from 5 to 7 p.m. at Monticello Middle School and 4:30 until 7:30 p.m. at Monticello High School
- Tuesday, September 4
  - **Welcome Back Days** for Grades 1-5 at Pinewood Elementary and Little Mountain Elementary from Noon until 7 p.m.
  - **First Day of School** for Grades 6-8 at Monticello Middle School, as well as a Freshman-Only First Day of School at Monticello High School
- Wednesday, September 5
  - **Welcome Back Days** for Grades 1-5 at Pinewood Elementary and Little Mountain Elementary from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m.
  - **First Day of School** for Grades 10-12 at Monticello High School
- Thursday, September 6
  - **Welcome Back Days** for Preschool and Kindergarten at Eastview Education Center from Noon until 7 p.m.
  - **First Day of School** for Grades 1-5 at Pinewood Elementary and Little Mountain Elementary
- Friday, September 7
  - **Welcome Back Days** for Preschool and Kindergarten at Eastview Education Center from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m.
- Monday, September 10
  - **First Day of School** at Eastview Education Center

Full details about each building's welcome back events, as well as information on how to sign up, will be sent out this summer from each individual building. If, at that time, you have questions about your child's building events, please contact a building administrator.

Enjoy the remainder of this school year, and the summer especially, but also know that we are already excited to welcome you all back for the 2018-19 school year!

**Sincerely,**

**Monticello School District**