



Monthly Bulletin *Dr. Patrick Michel, Superintendent of Schools*

Dr. Pat wants YOU...for his parent advisory group! Let your voice be heard

I hope you all had a relaxing and productive summer. This school year we are looking to move the district forward in several ways and we need your input to be sure we are serving the needs of our children. There are several large initiatives we will be dealing with this year. Each will have a direct impact on your child and their success in school so your participation in the planning and discussion is essential.

Our first meeting will be held September 17 at 7 p.m. in the RJK Middle School cafeteria.

Several of the major topics of discussion will be as follows:

- Review of the configuration of the Cooke and Rutherford Elementary Schools,
- Review of grading at the Middle School and High School, and
- Designing the Junior Year at the High School.

All three are substantial and will take time to think through. We need to begin the dialogue, discuss what is best for our children and use data to support our position. It is our hope that we can take the emotion out of these critical decisions and work together to create the educational experience we all want for our children. Please be sure to make some time and be at this very critical meeting.

Please review your school calendar and make note of our monthly meeting date. It is titled "Monticello School's Parent Advisory Group".

Thanks, and we look forward to meeting with you.

New EPIC program, "Steps to Success" unveiled to help parents

The new "Steps to Success" program has been created to help parents of incoming kindergarten students have a greater stake and say in their child's future. Utilizing the vision of School Superintendent Dr. Patrick Michel, the program was created by the national EPIC (Every Person Influences Children) Center and will be implemented on the local level by Monticello Schools EPIC Parents Center personnel. The program will be given as an interactive seminar in both English and Spanish. The FREE program will be offered at the Chase, Duggan and Cooke Elementary Schools as follows:

Chase Elementary School - Monday, September 24 & October 1, 5-9 p.m.

Cooke Elementary School (Spanish language session) - Saturday, September 22, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Cooke Elementary School - Saturday, September 29, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Duggan Elementary School - Thursday, September 20 & Friday, September 21, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

For more information or to register for the program, call the EPIC Parent Center at 796-3058, ext. 20216.

School News Notifier

- keeping parents informed -

Monticello School District now has a new service called the "School News Notifier" (SNN), an electronic system designed to help keep parents and the community more in touch with what is happening in the Monticello Schools. SNN is an opt-in e-mail alert system where parents can sign up to receive e-mail alerts from different schools or the superintendent. Users can choose to receive any or all of the alerts offered, and they can unsubscribe at any time. Presently, the district plan is to send out e-mail for emergency closings and early dismissals, district information, and news alerts from each of the district schools.

To sign up for the new system, simply click on the SNN logo located on the Monticello web site at www.monticelloschools.net, and create a profile. You will be asked to fill in your name, your e-mail address and to select a password. After you create your profile, you will be asked to select which alerts you would like to receive. Once you choose your alerts and click to subscribe, you will be all set!

The Boys & Girls Club of Sullivan County is holding open enrollment for middle school students from the Monticello School District.

The free after-school program, to be held at the St. John Street Education Center, will run 2-6 p.m. Monday - Friday. After-school program activities include: homework help, health and life skills, arts and music, character and leadership development, and sports and recreation.

For more information or to register your child, call Teri at 361-2222 or visit www.bgcorange.org.

Boys & Girls Club of Sullivan County

Day for Kids

Saturday, September 15, 11 a.m.

DeHoyas Park

Hay Street, Monticello

FOOD, GAMES, SPORTS,
ACTIVITIES & ENTERTAINMENT

Free fun for the whole family!

For more info call Kathy @ 794-3377

FYI: High school students must take the following classes in order to qualify for a parking pass:

"Alive at 25": Sept. 29, 2-7 p.m.

Defensive Driving: Sept. 30, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

These courses are available FREE to the first 20 respondents (Monticello students only). For more information, call 794-8840, ext. 10920 or 10928.

Fall Open House Dates

Duggan Elementary School:
Tuesday, September 18

Rutherford Elementary School:
Wednesday, September 19

Cooke Elementary School:
Tuesday, September 25

Chase Elementary School:
Wednesday, September 26

RJK Middle School:
Thursday, September 27