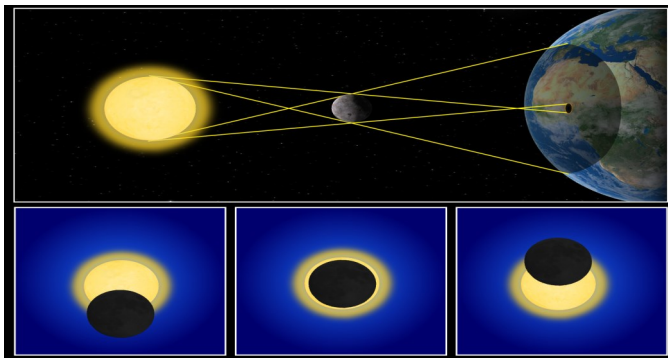




## Solar Eclipse in Pennsylvania

On Monday, April 8, 2024, Pennsylvania will be in the direct line of a total solar eclipse. The last time this occurred was in 1806. The Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) has issued guidance to all Pennsylvania schools about what can occur during this rare occurrence.

Schools north of us in Erie, Warren, Mercer and Crawford counties are in the direct line where the sky will darken as if it's dawn or dusk. Butler County, as well as most of the rest of the state falls somewhere between 88-99% magnitude.



### What does this mean for Warrior Nation?

1. Moniteau School District will operate on a normal in-person schedule.
2. There will be no cancelation or early dismissal due to the eclipse unless directed by PDE.
3. Parents/Guardians who wish to keep their child home in order to observe this event as a family will receive an excused absence from the district. This absence will count toward one of the ten (10) parent excused absences per year.
4. Students in the elementary school will not have outdoor recess during the time the eclipse is occurring.
5. Caution will be taken at dismissal times to ensure students are safe when departing the school buildings.

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### Upcoming:

- 4/1—No School: Spring Break
- 4/2—No School: Spring Break
- 4/8—Finance Committee Mtg., 5:00pm
- 4/8—Board Work Session, 7:00pm
- 4/12—Senior Showcase, 7pm
- 4/15—Extracurricular Committee Mtg., 3:30pm
- 4/22—Operations Committee Mtg., 4:00pm
- 4/22—Board Voting Mtg., 7:00pm
- 4/24—Family Education Series: Health is Wealth, 5:30pm



## April's Home Athletic Events:

4/2—JH Volleyball v. Cranberry, 6pm  
 4/3—JH Baseball v. Franklin, 4pm  
 4/5—Softball v. West Shamokin, 4pm  
 4/6—JH Baseball v. Karns City and East Butler, 12pm  
 4/8—Softball v. Union, 4pm  
 4/11—Track & Field v. Karns City, 3:45pm  
 4/11—JH Baseball v. Karns City, 4:30pm  
 4/13—JV Softball v. Cranberry, 10am  
 4/13—JV Softball v. Karns City, 2pm  
 4/16—Baseball v. Redbank, 3pm  
 4/16—Softball v. Redbank, 4pm  
 4/16—JH Volleyball v. AC Valley, 6pm  
 4/17—Track & Field v. Redbank, 3:45pm  
 4/19—JV Baseball v. Forest, 5:30pm  
 4/20—JV Softball v. Karns City, 10am  
 4/20—JH Softball v. Karns City, 4pm  
 4/20—JH Baseball v. Wilmington, 12pm  
 4/20—JV Softball v. Union, 2pm  
 4/22—Baseball v. North Clarion, 3pm  
 4/22—Softball v. Karns City, 4pm  
 4/25—Baseball v. Cranberry, 3pm  
 4/25—Softball v. Cranberry, 4pm  
 4/25—JH Baseball v. Union, 4pm  
 4/26—JH Baseball v. Lakeview, 4pm  
 4/26—Baseball v. Union, 5:30pm  
 4/30—Track & Field v. Union, 3:45pm

MONITEAU  
 CREEPERS & CRAWLERS  
 COMMUNITY DAY  
*In Memory of Caleb Kiely*  
 April 6th, 2024  
 4-7 PM  
 Moniteau High School  
 1810 W. Sunbury Rd., West Sunbury, PA 16061

Come out to support our club! We will have games, animals, raffle baskets, prizes, vendors, concessions, and much more!

Admission is \$3, children 2 and under are free

"Helping Animals, Educating Humans"  
 For more info contact: amcfadden@moniteau.org  
 724-637-2091 Ext. 1200

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*"Our mission is to prepare Moniteau students to achieve their fullest potential as they face the challenges of life."*

## SPORTS RECAP

Mason Birckbichler finished second in the 500 Freestyle and 100 Backstroke at the District 9 Swim Meet at Clearfield High School. His time in the 500 Freestyle qualified him for the PIAA State Swimming and Diving Championships at Bucknell University on March 16. Mason finished 28th in the State in the 500 Freestyle.

The Varsity Baseball and Softball teams began their seasons in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina competing at the Ripken Experience during the week of March 24-29. Upon their return to Pennsylvania, both teams will begin their schedule at Keystone on April 4.

The Boys and Girls Track and Field teams will begin their season with a meet at North Clarion on April 3, 2024.



# Changes are coming to Moniteau...

Several changes have or will be occurring at Moniteau. There are some new faces joining Warrior Nation and few that will be leaving us. Here is what you need to know:

- ⇒ Mrs. Paula Bredl, Director of Special Education will be retiring and will be leaving Moniteau at the end of April. We thank her for her years of service and wish her well as she enjoys her well-deserved retirement.
- ⇒ The position of Director of Special Education has been changed to the Coordinator of Student Support Services and will encompass all of Special Education as well as all Mental Health services. Mr. Dustin Thompson (currently the Co-Principal of Student Affairs at the high school) will assume the duties of this role beginning on April 29th.
- ⇒ Mr. Rick Cavett will be joining the high school staff to take over the duties of Interim Assistant High School Principal from April 29th through the remainder of the school year. Mr. Cavett previously held the role of Interim Principal at Dassa McKinney Elementary School prior to Mr. Boariu joining the district. Mr. Cavett retired from the Knoch School District as the Assistant Superintendent and is currently assisting school districts as an Interim Administrator when needed, as well as supervising student teachers at Slippery Rock University.
- ⇒ Mr. Austin Blauser (MHS Class of 2015) assumed the role of Business Manager on March 19th and has hit the ground running. Over the next few months, Mr. Blauser will be working on budget development for the 2024-2025 school year. We're happy to have him with us and look forward to having a constant and consistent presence leading the business department.
- ⇒ Ms. Heidi Wirtner (Dassa McKinney Art Teacher) has elected to retire at the end of the 2023-2024 school year. Ms. Wirtner has served the district for the past 25 years and supported and encouraged creativity in Moniteau students in her position. We will miss her and we wish her well in all of her future artistic endeavors.
- ⇒ Mr. Dylan Beachem (MHS Class of 2016) will join the district on April 9th as the new Director of Athletics and Activities. Spring sports season is extremely busy and Mr. Beachem is excited to get started supporting the Warrior Nation students. We're lucky to have him and look forward to a new face in the district.

## REGISTRATION

When you're ready to enroll your child, for any grade level, please come to our central registration location:

Moniteau School District  
C. Foster McGarvey  
Administration Center  
1810 West Sunbury Rd.  
West Sunbury, PA 16061

Be sure to bring the following documents:

- Child's original birth certificate
- Immunization records
- Two (2) proofs of residency
- Picture ID

Registration appointments can be made during the school year from 8am-1pm by calling Mrs. Becky Kristufek, (724) 637-2117 x2004 or emailing [bkristufek@moniteau.org](mailto:bkristufek@moniteau.org).

## Kindergarten Registration

Children must be 5 years old on or before September 1st of the current school year in order to register for kindergarten.

In addition to the registration documents (listed above) the Department of Health mandates that each new student complete a physical and dental exam before attending school. We will accept exams completed up to six months prior to registration.



## TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION:

With the school year well underway, we ask that all families please convey any changes in transportation needs and child care arrangements as soon as possible.

If you have moved please be sure to communicate your new address to our District Registrar, Mrs. Becky Kristufek. She can be reached at: [bkristufek@moniteau.org](mailto:bkristufek@moniteau.org) or (724) 637-2117 x 2004

For more specific transportation information please reference School Board Policies:

- ♦ 810: Transportation
- ♦ 810.2: Bus Passes

These policies can be found on the Board of Directors page on the district website.

Please note that the Moniteau School District will NOT be issuing bus passes for the following elementary buses: C283 (Bus X) and C310 (Bus C) as well as the following high school bus: C302. These buses are at capacity and we will NOT honor bus pass requests.

For all transportation related information and questions please contact:

**Mrs. Nicole Fox**  
**Interim Director of**  
**Transportation**  
**[nfox@moniteau.org](mailto:nfox@moniteau.org)**  
**(724) 637-2321 x3123**



## Harvest of the Month: Leafy Greens

Did you know?

- ♦ On average, Americans eat more than 25 pounds of lettuce per person per year.
- ♦ Swiss chard was first grown in Italy, but was named by a Swiss scientist.
- ♦ Kale ranges in color from white-green and yellow-green to blue-green and violet. Some varieties are developed for ornamental purposes.
- ♦ Many leafy greens are grown hydroponically, extending their availability beyond the traditional harvest.
- ♦ Hydroponics involves growing plants in water, without soil, in controlled environments.



## Part Three: Financial Literary Series

Join us on Wednesday, April 24, 2024 from 5:30-7:30pm in the HS Family and Consumer Science classroom (Room 122), as Dr. Joseph Robare, Associate Professor and Master's of Public Health Program Director at SRU, presents on how to eat healthy and nutritious meals while keeping a budget in mind. Participants will be making and eating a meal together.

Please RSVP no later than **3:00pm on April 12, 2024** using the QR code on the flyer that was sent home earlier this semester or by using the link on the district's home page.



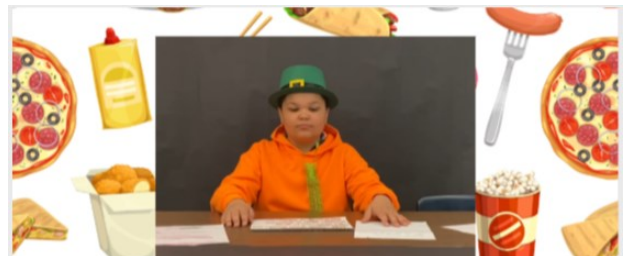
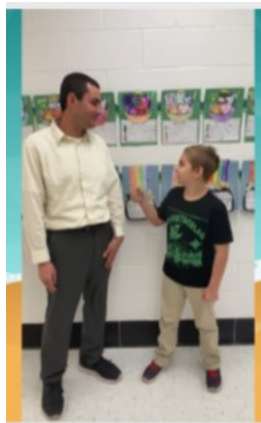


Students in the Morning Enrichment program at Dassa are working on weekly video announcements. These students are working hard to create content by researching information, finding interesting facts, and interviewing teachers and each other. They are learning to take the videos, upload and edit them, and then add audio and animation.

After completion, the newscasts are shown to all of the students at Dassa McKinney Elementary School on Friday mornings. The QR code below will take you to our latest episode. Enjoy!



*Morning Announcements 3-22-24*



# CONTACT INFORMATION

## Administration Center

### **Dassa McKinney Elementary School**

#### Student Hours:

8:45am—3:35pm

#### Staff Hours:

8:20am—3:50pm

### **Moniteau Jr./Sr. High School**

#### Student Hours:

7:15am—2:25pm

#### Staff Hours:

7:05am—2:35pm

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