

Happy Retirement, Ms. Wirtner!

What do Gettysburg, fly fishing, and a love of teaching have in common? Heidi Wirtner. Ms. Wirtner has been a staple in the Moniteau School District for more than two decades. At the end of this school year, we are bidding Ms. Wirtner a retirement farewell and would like to reflect on her time at Moniteau.

Ms. Wirtner began her career at Moniteau traveling between Washington Elementary and Dassa McKinney Elementary with an “Art Cart” and she will be ending at Dassa McKinney in her own well equipped room! Between these bookends is a career that has touched thousands of students, both at the elementary and high school levels.

During her tenure here at Moniteau, she has been an active member of the learning community. Ms. Wirtner and two students painted the mural on the Boyers Memorial. She participated in the sixth grade Gettysburg field trips as a reenactor and presenter; she taught rubbing lessons at the Pennsylvania Monument and she presented information on horses during the Battle of Gettysburg. Ms. Wirtner was also the set designer and painter for the backgrounds and scenery for the MHS musicals for twelve years. She is an active member of the Dassa McKinney School Wide Positive Behavior program as a core team member and has presented at the annual conference in Hershey, PA.

In addition, Ms. Wirtner is a fan of playing and coaching sports. She has played in three donkey basketball games, coached JV and Varsity volleyball, and developed the extremely popular Mat Ball game! If you’ve ever seen her on the basketball court during student celebration days, you know she’s a talented and competitive basketball player. She’s always willing to lend a hand when there are activities in the school, such as pep rally days and student celebration days.

During her career, there have been six superintendents, six principals, five assistant principals, but only one, very special, Ms. Heidi Wirtner. We wish her well in her retirement as she expands her art business, enjoys fly fishing, and goes anywhere she wants. We hope that she continues to spread joy with annual Halloween costumes. She will truly be missed.



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Upcoming:

- 5/1-5/3—PSSA Science & Math Testing (Grades 3-8)
- 5/1—HS Choral Concert, 7pm
- 5/6—Educational Planning Committee Mtg., 3:15pm
- 5/8—Dassa McKinney Band & Choral Concert, 7pm
- 5/13-5/17—Spring Keystone Testing
- 5/13—Finance Committee Mtg., 5pm
- 5/13—Board Work Session, 7pm
- 5/14—Family Education Series: 529 Plan, 6pm
- 5/20—Policy Committee Mtg., 5pm
- 5/20—Board Voting Mtg., 7pm
- 5/22—HS Band Concert, 7pm
- 5/23—Vo-tech Awards Program @ Vo-tech, 6:30pm
- 5/27—Memorial Day: NO SCHOOL: Offices Closed
- 5/29—HS Awards Day Program, 8:30am
- 5/30—Baccalaureate, 6:30pm
- 5/31—Last Day of School: Graduation, 7pm

May's Home Athletic Events:

5/1— Baseball v. Forest @
Pullman Park, 5:30pm

5/6—Track and Field v.
Keystone, 3:45pm

5/6— Softball v. Cathedral
Prep, 4pm

5/6—Baseball v. C-L @
Pullman Park, 5:30pm

5/7—JH Softball v. Union,
4pm

5/7—JV Baseball v. Karns
City @ West Sunbury Field,
4:15pm

5/8—Softball v. Ellwood
City, 4pm

5/10—Baseball v. Karns City
@ Pullman Park, 3pm

5/10—Softball v. Sharpsville,
4pm

5/15—Baseball v. Dubois
Central Catholic @ Pullman
Park, 3pm

5/15—JH Track Invitational,
3:30pm

5/17—JH Softball v.
Franklin, 4pm

5/17—Baseball v. Jamestown
@ Pullman Park, 7pm

The image contains two promotional posters. The left poster is for 'MONITEAU DANCE TEAM TRYOUTS 2024'. It lists tryout practices on May 1st (2:30-4pm) and May 3rd (2:30-4:30pm), and a tryout day on May 4th (warm up at 12pm, start time at 1pm) at the HS Auditorium. It also mentions that tryouts are open to all students from 8th to 11th grade and provides contact information for Coach Jackie Thiry. The right poster is for 'MONITEAU FALL FOOTBALL 2024 CHEER TRYOUTS'. It states that practices will be held on May 14th and 17th from 5:30-7:30pm, and tryouts will be on Saturday, May 18th from 10am-1pm at the HS Aux Gymnasium. It includes a QR code and contact information for Varsity Coach Nancy Anderson and Jr High Coach Michelle Campbell.

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

WARRIOR SPRING SPORTS RECAP

Varsity Softball is off to a 3-3 start since returning from their Myrtle Beach trip, they are 3-1 in conference play. In a game against West Forest this past week Emily Staab was 4-4 with 4 doubles. Addy Williams chipped in with a homerun and a walk off single to win the game in the bottom of the 7th . In five at bats Mariska Shunk was on base three times. Senior Ashley Huffman will be having a signing day as she has committed to continue her academic and softball career at La Roche University.

Varsity Baseball is 4-4 to start their season. A home conference game against Cranberry at Pullman Park on 4/25 will take the boys to the halfway point in their season.

Girls Track has had multiple athletes qualify for districts including: Allie Pry (100m hurdles, 4X1 relay team), Alexis Kirschner (300m hurdles, 4X1 relay team), Riley Ealy (high jump), Emily Matz (300m hurdles), Annalyce Baptiste (4X1 relay team), Juliette Brown (4X1 relay team), and Sayge Brunst (4X1 relay team). Bella Hernandez placed 6th at the City of Hermitage Invitational in the Javelin.

Boys Track has had multiple athletes qualify for districts including Logan Campbell (discuss, 4x1 relay team), Ashton Grossman (pole vault, 4x1 relay team), David Martino (long jump, 100m dash, 4x1 relay team), Trent Beachem (300m hurdles), Isaiah Thompson (4x1 relay team), and Blaine Jamison (4x1 relay team).

The Junior High Volleyball teams finished their season with a combined record of 11 wins and 8 losses. The girls also finished 4th in the Redbank Tournament.

The Junior High Softball Team is 2-1 not including tournament play. In those three games Charlotte Thompson is batting .500 and Brylee Grossman has a total of 4.2 innings pitched with eight strikeouts and no runs allowed.

Junior High Baseball is undefeated (4-0) to start their season! In those four games, Kayne Scott has 4.2 innings pitched with 2 hits, 5 walks and 11 strikeouts, Weston Cook has 4 innings pitched with 2 hits, 1 walk, and 9 strikeouts, and Carson Beck has 3 innings pitched with 0 hits, 3 walks and 7 strikeouts. There are also three boys batting above .500 (Carson Beck .714, Blaze Hodgkiss .571, and Aidan Shakley .556).

Congratulations and continued success to all of our student athletes!

#warriorpride



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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.

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 end of the year nearing, we would like to ask that all families please convey any changes in transportation needs and child care arrangements going into the upcoming school year as soon as possible.

Please remember that the default stop for ALL students at the start of the year is their home address, as listed in Skyward.

Information regarding transportation updates will be conveyed to all students, parents and guardians at the end of the school year and throughout the summer months.

For more specific information please reference School Board Policies:

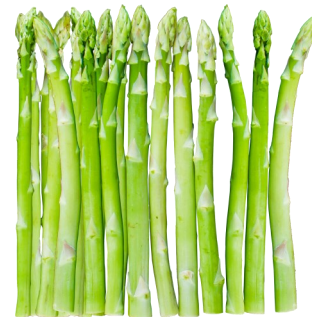
- ◆ 810: Transportation
- ◆ 810.2: Bus Passes

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.



Harvest of the Month: Asparagus



Did you know?

- ◆ Asparagus may be green, white or purple. White asparagus is grown in the absence of sunlight.
- ◆ Asparagus requires about three years from planting to produce spears, but it lasts for about 15-20 years.
- ◆ When the body digests asparagus it releases a sulfur containing chemical into the kidneys, which results in a distinct sulfurous smell to the urine. Some people are not able to detect this smell.
- ◆ Purple asparagus turns green when cooked.
- ◆ Asparagus can grow 10 inches in 24 hours.
- ◆ Asparagus cultivation began more than 2500 years ago by the ancient Greeks and Romans.



Part Four: Financial Literacy Series

Join us on Tuesday, May 14, 2024 from 6-7pm in the Dassa McKinney Elementary School cafeteria, as Mr. George Pry, from Horace Mann Insurance, discusses what a 529 Plan is and why you may want to consider starting one for your child's post-secondary education.

Please RSVP no later than 3:00pm on Friday, May 3, 2024 by 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.



KIDS HEART CHALLENGE

Dassa McKinney Elementary School continued the tradition of raising money and awareness for the American Heart Association's Kids Heart Challenge. During the time of fundraising, students learn about the heart, how to have a healthy heart, and Hands Only CPR.

Students in grades 3-6 who signed up online and donated at least \$10, had the opportunity to play in the annual basketball tournament. This year it looked a little different. The tournament was held on a Saturday in March at Moniteau High School. Students came and played their hearts out for a chance to play against teachers at the end of the year student celebration.

Students who raised \$150 or more will participate in a glow party to be held at Dassa in May. Other students who raised money earned various prizes from the American Heart Association.

Ms. Scialabba returned this year to lead the charge and Mrs. McBryar assisted her. Students, staff, and the community are passionate about this project. Through their dedication, Dassa McKinney Elementary School was able to fundraise \$9,661.79. This total surpassed the school goal of \$9,500. Students raised enough money to earn gift cards to buy gym and playground equipment!

This tradition has been going on for decades and we hope to continue raising money and awareness about those with special hearts! Thank you to everyone who participated and supported this project.



CHROMEBOOK COLLECTION

High School Seniors

- ◆ Chromebooks and chargers will be collected at the end of the day on **Tuesday, May 28th**.
- ◆ Chromebook carrying cases do not need to be returned. Students may keep them at no cost!

High School 7th - 11th Grade

- ◆ Chromebooks and chargers will be collected at the end of the day on **Wednesday, May 29th**.
- ◆ Students are asked to keep their carrying cases over the summer so they may be used next school year.
- ◆ Chromebooks and chargers will be returned to students next school year.

Dassa McKinney Kindergarten - 6th Grade

- ◆ Chromebooks, chargers, and carrying cases will stay at school starting **Thursday, May 16th**.
- ◆ Chromebooks, chargers, and carrying cases will be returned to students next school year.

FALL SPORTS PHYSICALS

On Tuesday, May 21, 2024 from 9-11am, the high school nurse's office will be holding fall sports physicals. These physicals are open to any student athlete who anticipates they may be participating in a fall sport, which includes: football (V, JV and JH), cross country (V and JH), golf, volleyball (V and JV), dance and drill, football cheer, and junior high girls basketball. Physical packets are available in the nurse's office or the high school office.

For questions or additional information, please contact Mrs. Kristi McEwen at: kmcewen@moniteau.org.



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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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