



The Montrose Bluejay

Chatter



Parent/Teacher Conferences will be on Thursday, October 28 from 1-7 pm. This is an early out day for students.

MAP/EOC Advanced Students

Six Montrose R-14 students received cash for scoring advanced on the MAP and EOC tests administered in the spring. Students received \$100 for each area in which they scored advanced.

communication arts, and science; **Karenza Jones**--advanced in communication arts; **Joyce Jurgensmeyer**--advanced in math and communication arts; **Aubrey Swaters**--advanced in math and communication arts; **Josh Jurgensmeyer**--advanced in math; **Kendall Hart**--advanced in communication arts and science

Congratulations to these Montrose R-14 students.



Left to right—Karenza Jones, Kendall Hart, Josh Jurgensmeyer, Betty Jurgensmeyer, and Joyce Jurgensmeyer. Not pictured—Aubrey Swaters.

Those students include: **Betty Jurgensmeyer**--advanced in math,

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MHS Cheerleaders Gearing Up For New Season

MHS Cheerleaders have been busy since last year getting ready for another awesome year. Our returning cheerleaders are Victoria Engeman and Paige Westhusing. Incoming freshmen cheerleaders include Mikayla Engeman, Stacey Hankins, and Mercedes Koch.

have recycled 579 pounds of aluminum cans! You can still donate your aluminum cans by dropping them off at 112th E. 3rd St. Your donation would be greatly appreciated. Proceeds go to the purchase of new uniforms, dance classes, and possibly a cheerleading camp next summer.

October 17th at the high school from 8 till noon. We look forward to introducing ourselves and seeing you there!

We would like thank the following businesses for donations, Short Street, Meredith's Recycling, Harper's Station in Osceola, and Hankins Grain in Clinton. We would also like to thank Ella Walker for her continuous work on the cans.

We have been busy recycling aluminum cans. Since Memorial Day we

We are also planning a free will donation biscuit and gravy breakfast on



FFA Activities



Jamie Sargent, Eric Brownsberger, Chase Rose, and Isaac Engeman attended the FFA Conference in Warrensburg, MO.

The Montrose R 14 FFA Chapter attended the Chapter Degree and Leadership Conference in Warrensburg on September 14, 2010. They attended leadership workshops and listen to the motivational speech from a national FFA Central Region Vice President officer Chase Rose. The conference gave the students a chance to learn more leadership skills and develop new friendships with fellow FFA members. **Eric Brownsberger, Isaac Engeman, and Jamie Sargent** attended the conference.

Three students of the Montrose R-14 FFA Chapter attended the Area 7 Barnwarming on Saturday, September 18, in Harrisonville, MO. **Jamie Sargent, Randi Ingram, and Tasha Lesmeister** attended this event. The students danced, participated in games throughout the night and met many new FFA members.



*“Today you are You,
that is truer than true.
There is no one alive
who is Youer
than You.”*

—Dr. Seuss

Lady 'Jays Receives Grant Money For Program Improvements

Program improvements were a top priority for the Lady 'Jays softball program for the 2010 season.

softball program was able to purchase new catching equipment, a soft toss machine, a practice net, and yellow fence capping for the outfield.

New siding replaced the particle board sides on the dugouts giving the field a new look. Thanks to **Jeremy Palmer, Bill Morris, and Rob Eckhoff** for their hard work at making the dugouts look better.

Many thanks to WCCAA for their support of the Montrose Lady 'Jays softball program.

Thanks, too, to **Bill Morris** for painting the bleachers at the softball field.

Through grant money received from the West Central Missouri Community Action Agency, the



Counselor's Corner

I am continuing to meet with the Elementary students. We are continuing to talking about Responsibility and Character. We talked about what each person can do both at school and at home to be a good worker and to do things that need to be done. Responsibility will be the theme for Grades K – 6 for the next couple of weeks. The next area that we will discuss will be honesty and trust. The older elementary students will also be working on anti bullying activities.

Below you will find information about the importance of the ACT Test and Test Prep suggestions. I also have included other information that will be important to the high school population. Students need to begin preparing early so that they will be ready when they graduate from high school.

KEY DATES:

October: The late registration period for the October 23 ACT® test date, with a late fee, is from September 18 to October 1.

November: High school seniors who are making plans to attend college next fall should complete any early admission/decision college applications that are available. The deadline to register for the December ACT test date is November 5.

December: The ACT will be administered on December 11. Complete and college mail applications with January 1 deadlines. Prepare for the FAFSA, because it will be available January 1.

January 2011: The FAFSA becomes available January 1—file as soon as possible. Registration deadline for the February ACT test date is January 7, 2011.

TEST PREP:

The ACT student website can help with test prep, including many free tools. Sample questions are available, along with [Preparing for the ACT](#), a booklet with a complete practice test, scoring key, writing prompt and sample essays. Plus, the ACT student website has test-day tips, a list of what to bring to the test location and approved calculators for use on the Math test.

Want more? Sign up for ACT Online Prep™, the only test prep program developed exclusively by ACT test development professionals. At only \$19.95 for a year's use, it's a great tool.

Osceola High School has contract with Focus on Learning, Columbia, Missouri, to present their ACT preparation workshop on Friday, October 15 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The cost to each participant will be \$20.00 which will include testing materials and lunch. Montrose School will provide the transportation.

For more information and services about ACT go to: www.actstudent.org

POST SECONDARY SCHOOLS:

Post Secondary Schools use the ACT score to determine eligibility for scholarships. The higher the ACT score the more money the student may receive to further his/her education. Most scholarships begin with a minimum of an ACT score of 21. A student's class rank along with the ACT score will be used to determine acceptance into the college of your choice.

COLLEGE DAY:

Butler High School is hosting its annual / College/Technical School/Military Browsing Fair on Tuesday, October 5. The

seniors and seniors will have an opportunity to participate in the University/College/Technical School/Military Browsing Fair along with other area high schools. It is a great opportunity for the student to gather a lot of information and materials in a short period of time.

WORKSHOP:

I provided a workshop for the seniors and their parents on September 15. For the seniors that were not represented that evening, I have met with them and given them the same information. We discussed scholarships, financial aid, college visits, ACT Test, and what the student needs to do to be successful after high school.

SENIORS:

I have begun meeting with the seniors about plans after high school. Students need to have their college applications completed by Christmas so that they do not miss out on any scholarship deadline opportunities. Encourage your student to complete the necessary paperwork on time. Deadlines are important.

Please email me at sgoth@montrosers14.org with your email so I can be in better contact with you.

My phone number is 693-4812.

Sharon Goth, Counselor

"Attitude is a little thing that makes a big difference."



Senior **Grant Gatzemeyer** runs the cross country course at Hermitage.

Schedule of Events

September 28	Health Screenings 9:00 AM
September 29	Cross Country @ Cass Midway 4:00 PM bus leaves 2:10 PM
September 30	Softball Leeton @ Montrose 4:30 PM
October 2	Softball Leeton Tourn 9:00 AM bus leaves 7:45 AM
October 4	Ring delivery
October 5	Softball Fair Play @ Montrose 4:30 PM
October 5	Cross Country @ Barstow 3:45 PM bus leaves 2:00 PM
October 7	Fire prevention week grades K-2 2:00 PM, grades 3-6 2:30 PM
October 7-9	Softball Districts @ Weaubleau TBA
October 9	Cross Country @ Clinton 9:30 AM bus leaves 8:15 AM
October 13	Cross Country @ Sherwood 4:40 bus leaves 3:10 PM
October 13	Picture Day 8:00 AM preschool and staff K-12 9:00 AM
October 16	Cross Country @ Humansville TBA
October 28	Early dismissal parent/teacher conferences 1:00 PM -7:00 PM
October 29	NO SCHOOL

Book Fair Coming Soon

October 26 thru
November 1



Lady Jays Softball placed 2nd place in the Wheatland Tournament.

Library Looking

The Montrose R-14 Library has several reasons for looking toward another good year. More books are available. Through federal Title funds, premiums from the book fairs, local donations, and opening the collection to paperbacks, the K-12 library has added 578 books over last fall's collection. All new titles have Accelerated Reader (AR) tests for students to check their comprehension, and an additional 165 books already owned by the district now have AR tests to give students an even greater selection. A momentum has been established. Although only some of the new reading was available last spring, statistics for the past school year showed a 40% increase in elementary fiction checkouts and a 23% increase in secondary fiction. Nonfiction reading increased over 250% for

elementary and a whopping 500% for secondary. It is hoped that strong family support will continue, as was indicated in the \$1500 worth of books purchased for children during the book fairs last year and in the high number of students who met their AR reading goals. Accordingly, this year's first book fair is already scheduled to coincide with parent-teacher conferences at the end of October. Finally, better accessibility has been addressed in shelving improvement for the kindergarten, first, and second grade fiction collection and a planned addition to the school web page of a list of all R-14 AR quizzes. "I'm looking forward to our high school students' enjoying our new titles as they prepare for the rigors of college," comments librarian Mrs. **Carol McEwan**, "and it's always fun to see how excited our younger students get!"

The Author's Chair

Imagine the sounds of papers crinkling, pencils scratching, and dictionaries cracking. This has been the sounds of the 5th and 6th grade classroom while they have been working on their personal narratives for Writer's Workshop. On Friday, September 10, all the students' hard work was celebrated while they shared their writing in the Author's Chair. The 3rd and 4th grade students came to listen to the 5th and 6th grade narratives and showed how to be a great audience. The celebration ended with cookies, drinks, and wonderful pieces of writing to ponder.



Celebrating Grandparent's Day

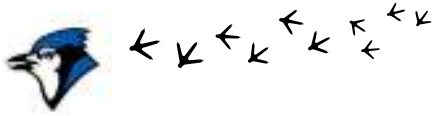


Check out the website—www.montroser14.com—for all the latest news.

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Mission Statement

It is the mission of the Montrose Public School to recognize its students as special, unique individuals, to provide them the opportunity to develop fully their intellectual, physical, cultural, and social capabilities, to realize their worth as individuals, and to become productive members of a democratic society.

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