



Rooster Review

Pleasant Hill R-III District Newsletter February 2023

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Introduction:

Welcome to Pleasant Hill R-III School District's new official newsletter! Each month this will showcase some of the great things happening in our buildings and community.

As we work to improve our community engagement, we would like to encourage staff, parents and students to reach out to us and help provide photos or stories that we can share with the district! To submit pictures and memories, please reach out via email to Jessica Miller (jmiller@phr3.org) or Cathy Jobe (cjobe@phr3.org) at Central Office. We are constantly striving to uphold our district mission statement, "Every Student, Every Day!", and want YOU to be a part of it!

Also, keep an eye on our district website as some exciting changes are coming. We can't wait to share them with you.

It's a good day to be a Rooster!



PS Students show their Chiefs spirit wear before the Superbowl
(See page 12 for more)



The PHHS Scholar Bowl Team finished their regular season 11-1 and enters conference competitions as the #2 seed!

Primary Pride



Mrs. Noland's 1st Grade class celebrates 100 Days of school



Our Super Citizen award recipients!



Upcoming Events

Super Citizen Assembly: March 1

PreK Screenings: March 3, March 10

1st Grade Music Program: March 9

2nd Grade Team B Grandparents' Day: March 9

2nd Grade Team A Grandparents' Day: March 10

Spring Break: March 13-17

Kindergarten Screenings: March 20-30

Spring Picture Day: March 23

PAT Easter Egg Hunt: March 31

Donuts with Grown-Ups & Optimist Club Ice Cream Sundaes



Elementary Enrichment

Sign Your Daughter Up for Girls on the Run!

Girls on the Run is a girl-empowerment organization that inspires participants to be joyful, healthy, and confident using evidence-based lessons that combine relationship building, community strengthening, and goal setting with physical movement!

This program is available for third through eighth grade girls. For questions, scan the QR Code to the right, or contact its sponsors: Morgan Boley (mboleay@phr3.org) or Michelle Carey (mcarey@phr3.org). Practices start on March 7th, and are Tuesdays and Thursdays, directly after school until 5 PM.



Upcoming Events

- Book Fair: March 2
- Spring Pictures: March 7
- Family Art Night: March 8
- Joyce Anderson Fundraising @ Hville Culver's: March 9
- March Madness: March 10
- Spring Break: March 13-17
- 4B Field Trip: March 21
- 4A Field Trip: March 22



"Health.Moves.Minds" promotes social emotional learning in Mrs. Anderson's PE class

Family Art Night



ES art teacher Mrs. Albin helped over 85 students and family members create a heart themed art piece at February Family Art Night

Educator of the Year



Please join us in congratulating Charlotte Raines for receiving Educator of the Year from the Pleasant Hill Chamber of Commerce!



Intermediate Ingenuity



The 5th Grade class took a field trip to the World War I museum in downtown KC. They took some great pictures on top of the Liberty Memorial Tower.



Hat Day

Upcoming Events

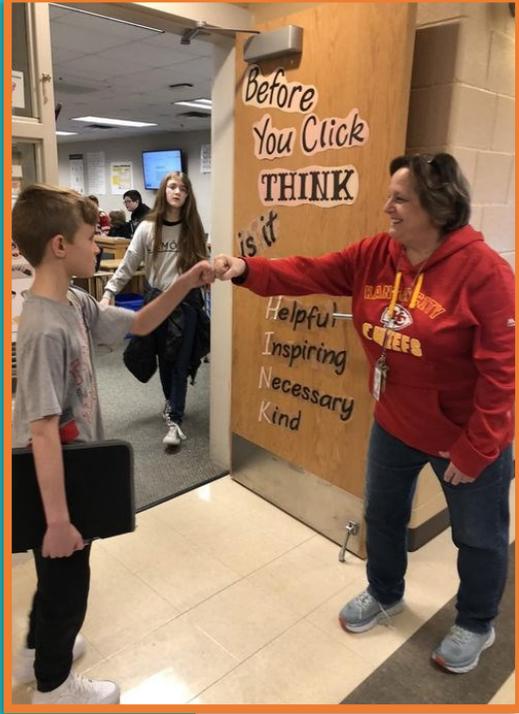
- STUCO Meeting: March 6
- 6th Grade Field Trips: March 22-24
- 6th Grade Band Concert: March 6
- Student Spring Showcase: March 28
- 5th Grade Instrument Rental: March 7
- Book Fair: March 28
- MO Read-In Day: March 10
- Spring Break: March 13-17



Chiefs' Spirit is strong at the IS!



IS Super Citizens were awarded for improvements in academic skill by the Optimist Club!



Ms. Greve greets each student that enters her room with a greeting of their choice.



Middle School Magic



Spelling Bee Champs

Winner Sophie Manning and runner-up Antonia Antov triumphed in the annual PHR3 Spelling Bee



Upcoming Events

Track Practice Begins: March 1
Reading FastBridge: March 1
Band Fundraiser Concerts: March 7
Spring Break: March 13-17

Trackmaker Assembly: March 24

Science Experiments

Mrs. Armstrong's eighth-grade science classes learned all about and designed Rube-Goldberg machines



Once Upon a Mattress

The MS Drama Department put on the musical *Once Upon a Mattress* for their spring production. The show starred Miley Zimmerschied as the Princess, Reese McClenahan as the Queen, and Geoffrey Murray as the Prince. The cast included more than 25 students and was directed by Ms. O'Brien.



High School Highlights



**Court Warming King and Queen:
Garrett Lyons and Callie Bloom**

Court Warming

Students at the HS celebrated Winter Warming on February 3rd. The boys basketball teams played KIPP Endeavor Academy, resulting in a JV win and a competitive loss for Varsity. Students were then invited to a blacklight dance following the games.



**Candidates Mya Dellaguardia
and Sam Slaughter**



**Candidates Makyna Faust
and Kole Starlin**



The Winter Court

Wrestling Victories



Skylar Cyr-Coe and Alana Thelin are the first two female wrestlers in school history to earn a spot in the state championship tournament! Both finished 2nd in their respective weight classes at the district level. They will move on to state in the upcoming weeks.

Bio-Med

PHHS faculty, staff, and bio-med seniors volunteered as patients for the first and third year bio-med students to get some hands-on practice for patient care



Scholar Bowl

Middle school science bowl students met with high school scholar bowl students in the high school library for a scrimmage

More High School Highlights

HS Students competed in the Missouri Welding Institute scholarship welding contest



HS HOSA members braved 28 degree water to raise over \$700 for the Special Olympics



Tyne Wilson, Heyden Denner, and Jordan Lysinger (above) competed in SAE proficiency awards, with Wilson earning second in Ag Communications and 3rd in Swine Production, and Denner earning 2nd in Ag Processing!



Hailey Gentry (left) won 1st place in Ag Mechanics Design and Fabrication, and was awarded area winner for Star in Agribusiness!

Upcoming Events

- Speech & Debate/ Scholar Bowl Tournament: March 3-4
- Platte CO Choir Competition: March 4
- Band Fundraiser Concert: March 6
- Speech & Debate Districts: March 9-11
- DECA State Competition: March 12-14
- Spring Break: March 13-17
- Band Trip to Orlando: March 15-19
- MHSAA Districts: March 16-17
- FFA Regional Awards: March 21
- Project Grad Meeting: March 21
- Choir Solo/Ensemble Contest @ Grain Valley: March 25
- Choir Full Group Contest @ Grain Valley: March 28



7 HS Students placed in district DECA competition

(Pictured above right): Caden Johnson-3rd: Business Finance Series; Jack Ervin-3rd: Integrated Marketing Campaign-Service; Ryan Ervin-3rd: Integrated Marketing Campaign-Service; Anna Morrison-1st: Integrated Marketing Campaign-Event; 1st: Food Marketing

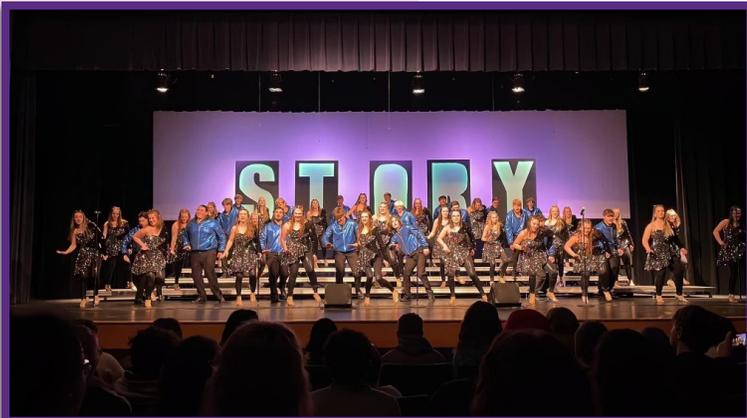
More High School Highlights



Hilltop Singers finished 6th and Hillside Singers finished 2nd in the Harrisonville Show Choir competition!



Left: Anna Morrison, Gary Manda, Addison Meeks and Carter Szajnuik (not pictured) participated with the MMEA All-State Choir at the Lake of the Ozarks



Speech & Debate took 2nd in One-Acts, 2nd in Individual Events, and 3rd overall at the MRVC tournament!



HS theater students took an opportunity to travel to Truman State University to take part in a reader's theatre clinic and workshop



10th grader Ella Kurtz represented PHHS as a member of the All State Band

PTO, Boosters, & Bright Futures

Highlighting the wonderful volunteer, donation, and charitable opportunities provided for our schools

Athletic Booster Club

What is Booster Club? The Booster Club is a not-for-profit organization. The purpose of the Booster Club is to assist Pleasant Hill School District Administrators, the High School Activities Director and High School Coaches by supplementing the funds budgeted by the District for equipment, supplies, facilities and other related items as needed.

Who can join? Memberships are open to any adult or alumni. We encourage parents of student athletes or future athletes to join and support the Booster Club. Meetings are held at 7:00 pm on the second Wednesday of each month at the High School.

The next Booster Club meeting will be held March 8th, 2023.

Bright Futures

What is Bright Futures? We are a non-profit group that strives to help students and families in times of need. We help provide a variety of things to families like food, clothing, household goods, and toys at Christmas thanks to the generous donations we are awarded from the community throughout the school year. Bright Futures works to meet individual student's basic needs using Facebook as a rapid response system. The goal is to meet any student's need within 24 hours. To become a fan, go to <https://www.facebook.com/brightfuturespleasanthill/>.

We work with the district's counselors, administration, and social worker to identify students and families in need, and provide necessities.

How can I donate? We take donations all year long! Any monetary, unexpired food, or unopened clothing and bedding items will be accepted. These items can be dropped off at our central office, located at 318 Cedar St.

How can I become further involved? Bright Futures plans to resume regular meetings in the near future. To find out more, please contact Jessica Miller at jmiller@phr3.org.

Parent Teacher Organization

What is the PTO? PTO is an organization that helps with fundraising for the district and their staff for the Primary, Elementary and Intermediate schools.

Who can join? PTO is made up of parent volunteers that help assist with fundraising, goodie days and giving back to our schools and educators. PTO meets once a month at various locations. Our next meeting is April 20th at 6 pm at the High School. Elections for officers will take place at this time. PTO would love for you to join us!

FFA Booster Club

What is the FFA Booster? We are an organization created to support and assist the Pleasant Hill FFA Chapter. We are a chartered member of the National FFA Organization, and we follow the same mission as the National FFA Organization: "Make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education."

Our organization has recently assisted the chapter with student trips, additional equipment for classrooms, awards for the BBQ Team, and other needs. We plan to award scholarship(s) to chosen senior(s) later this year, as well as host a State Dinner and manage a concession stand for our Area FFA Leadership Contest held at PHHS in April.

Who can join? Everyone is welcome! Meetings are held on the last Tuesday of each month in Mr. Burgin's room (right next to the Ag Shop) at 6:30 pm. All support is greatly appreciated!



Community Engagement

Board of Education Update

The Board of Education will be holding its election on April 4, 2023.

The district will have three three-year seats on the ballot. The candidates are as follows:

- David Adamczyk
- Athena Brattin
- Ryan Charles
- Lori Lancaster Redwine
- Lisa Vescovi



The next board meeting will be March 21st at 7:00 PM

Celebrating Counselor's Week

Pleasant Hill Schools celebrated our buildings' counselors this month, highlighting all they do for their staff and students throughout the year! They are appreciated for all the guidance and assistance they provide every day.



Krystin Ryan (PS)



Terri Zimmerschied (ES)



Rachel Cole (IS)



Meg Rhodes (MS)

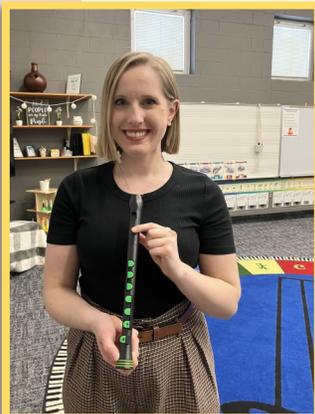


Kaitlyn Green (HS)



Mandie Owen (HS)

Special Services Spotlight



The Special Services Department provided some fun new recorders to Ms. Horn's ES Music class. The recorders are built to support students with fine motor deficits. The keys are larger and colorful for ease of use as well as an adjustable thumb rear for fine motor support.

Transportation Updates

Pleasant Hill would like to introduce the new General Manager of Durham School Services, Ms. Channing Meeks.



Ms. Meeks assures the community that student safety is her top priority, and says please don't hesitate to reach out. Her email address

is cmEEKS@durhamschoolservices.com.

The transportation department has relocated, and can now be found at 315 Locust Street (located behind Central Office).

Their phone number is (816)540-4610.

Durham School Services is also hiring bus drivers!

Applications can be submitted at

www.durhamschoolservices.com/career/.



Continued Community Engagement

We're Hiring!

There are currently some exciting employment opportunities at PHR3!
Go to phr3.org for up-to-date and complete listings, and apply today!

Assistant Principal/Activities Director
Director of Business/Finance
Speech Language Pathologist
HS Choir Director
ES Library Media Specialist
PS Library Media Specialist
Teachers
Building Substitutes
Paraprofessionals
Custodians
Middle School Boys Basketball Coach
Middle School Football Coach
Student Success Center Aide
Childcare Assistant

PSA: If you would like to opt your student out of being featured in this and other publications, please email Jessica Miller at jmiller@phr3.org and request an opt-out form.
This publication will go out every month to all staff and families in the community.



Parents as Teachers

Parents as Teachers (PAT) builds strong communities with thriving families. By pairing parents and guardians with certified educators, we help foster the learning and development of children starting at birth with fun and educational activities that help children achieve appropriate and individualized developmental milestones while also offering support and advice for both new and experienced parents and guardians alike.

PAT offers personal visits for your family, group meetings with activities for parents and children, yearly developmental screenings, and a referral network for special services, as needed.

It is designed to help you (your child's first and most influential teacher) be able to help your child learn, grow and develop to realize his/her full potential. Contact Courtney Borgman at cborgman@phr3.org for more information.

PAT offers lots of fun activities during their visits. Their February project, melted snowmen, combined discussion of feeling and texture with the body parts of snowmen. It was a fun way to get parents to introduce messier or more tactile activities into their child's life, especially for those ones that don't like to get messy.

Superbowl Spirit



Roosters and Chicks across the district celebrated the Chiefs going to the Superbowl on February 12th!

