



# Rooster Review

## Pleasant Hill R-III District Newsletter November 2023

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### *Introduction:*

Welcome back to Pleasant Hill’s monthly newsletter!

Students enjoyed some time off this month with Thanksgiving break, and are gearing up for their last few weeks before Christmas! Fall sports wrapped up and winter sports started; we can’t wait to see where their teams go!

We encourage any and all staff, parents and students to send pictures and stories to Jessica Miller ([jmiller@phr3.org](mailto:jmiller@phr3.org)) or Cathy Jobe ([cjobe@phr3.org](mailto:cjobe@phr3.org)) to be featured in the newsletter, on Facebook, or our new and improved district website!

As always, thank you for your support! It’s a great year to be a Rooster and Chick!



The PHHS Esports team is full of big personalities!



Kindergarteners like to show off their healthy lunch options!



# Primary Pride

These second graders (right) were recognized for being at school on time every day and having perfect attendance! They got to lead morning announcements!  
The Optimist Club (below) presented their Super Citizen awards at their monthly assembly!



Second graders took a fun field trip to Kauffman Stadium!



## Upcoming Events

- Muffins & Mittens: December 5
- 2nd Grade Music Program: December 7
- Book Fair: December 11-15
- Grandparents Morning @ Book Fair: December 12
- Family Night @ Book Fair: December 13
- Christmas Break: December 21-January 2



Hispanic Heritage Month Celebrations were September 15th-October 15th at the PS! Students learned about the famous Mexican artist Frida Kahlo.



School Resource Officer Deputy Wade (left), met with first graders twice this month for DARE lessons. They talked about many topics regarding safety, including calling 9-1-1. This is the first year for DARE lessons at the Primary.



Mrs. Proudfit (left) stopped in to return books at the library as Ms. Behren's class was beginning the story "The True Story of the Three Little Pigs!" by Byron Scieszka. The class then had the pleasure of her reading the story to in her New Jersey voice!



PS students (left) love their tradition of having Thanksgiving lunch together in the hallways! First graders (above) enjoyed rotating from classroom to classroom while engaging in Thanksgiving-related activities!



Ms. Feurborn and Mrs. Duncan's classes had a blast during their Thanksgiving activities!

# Elementary Enrichment



The ES was thankful for a yummy holiday lunch from the cafeteria!



Fourth graders had a great time at the Mavericks hockey game during their field trip!



## Upcoming Events

- Science Night: December 5
- Spelling Bee: December 8
- Music Makers Carolling: December 13
- Veteran's Monthly Lunch: December 14
- Christmas Break: December 21-January 2



Mrs. Albin's turkey-themed Family Art Night (left) produced some great projects!

Thank you to PTO for sponsoring Muffins and Mittens at Pleasant Hill Elementary, and thank you to all our families for the generous donations that we are able to give back to help local Pleasant Hill families in need!



ES students take lots of pride in their school!



4th graders in Ms. Meehan's and Ms. Miller's class became surgeons for the day! Students performed surgery on Scholastic News magazines to search for text features. With each text feature, students determined how it helped the patient (the reader).



Mrs. Kay's class (left) loves tactile learning!



Pleasant Hill Elementary is full of Chiefs fans (right)!



# Intermediate Ingenuity



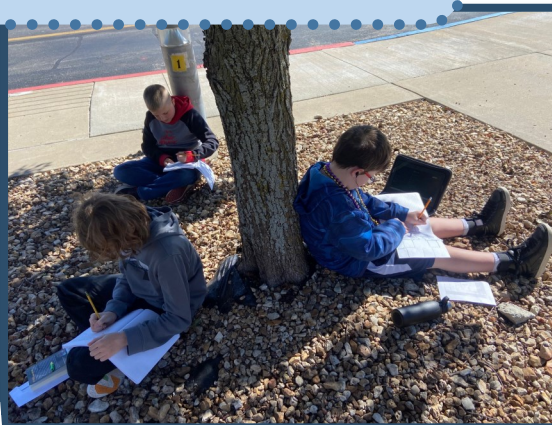
Art club students at PHIS tried out light painting! Students first made their light wands, choosing their light color and decorating their wand. Afterwards, the wands were used to create letters or shapes using a long exposure photo app to follow their movements.

## Upcoming Events

- McTeacher Night: December 11
- 6th Grade Band Concert: December 19
- Christmas Break: December 21-January 2



Fifth graders worked hard on Earth Systems dioramas! They learned about Earth's four spheres, and used their knowledge of how they interact together to create models!



Taking classwork outdoors is always enjoyable!



IS Staff love when the Camel Cart comes by to bring them treats!



Students in fifth grade computer class created presentations about all those crazy National Days! They celebrated: National Kansas Day, National Cereal Day, National Root Beer Float Day, National Roller Coaster Day and more!





# Middle School Magic



8th grade science (top left and middle) looks at chemical changes, Project Art draws hallway perspectives (top right), and PE does a piggyback warm-up (right).



They're not brothers, they swear! MS Assistant Principal Jim Poplau and substitute teacher Mike Prater share a keen fashion sense!



## Upcoming Events

- Choir Performance @ Mayor's Xmas Tree Lighting: December 2
- Choir Performance @ Crown Center: December 5
- Winter Band Concert: December 19
- Christmas Break: December 21-January 2



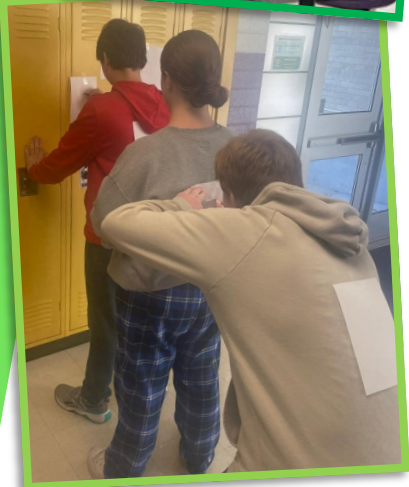
Chess Club



Science students worked on creating elements from the periodic table and assigning the appropriate number of electrons on their paper plate representation. They learned how some elements are more stable than others, and what elements can bond with other elements to create two-atom elements, or compound elements.



PHMS Staff came back from Thanksgiving Break to a gallery walk of appreciation for all their hard work! Staff members submitted positive affirmations and compliments to their coworkers that were posted for all to see. Staff were thrilled to celebrate the middle school's success on state testing!



# High School Highlights



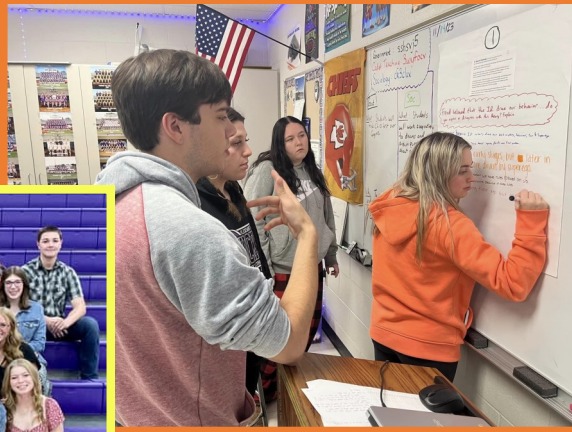
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FCCLA Cake Pop Orders Due: December 5  
 Baseball Prospects Meeting: December 7  
 ACT Test: December 9  
 Christmas Break: December 21-January 2



Seniors and parents had the opportunity to learn about the FAFSA and financial aid information from an area expert. Thank you to Mr. Lubbers from the UCM Financial Aid Office for visiting PHHS.!

Mr. Thompson's Biology I students applying their understanding of cellular structure and function by using microscopes to study different types of cells.



Students in Mr. Schoenherr's class did a cooperative walkabout activity in sociology over the elements of human personality.



The National Honor Society welcomed 32 new members at their induction ceremony. These students were recognized for their Scholarship, Leadership, Character, and Service.



PHHS Senior Audrey Leyerly (above) along with Cass Career Center Instructor Officer Kelly presented at the Citizens Police Academy hosted by the Pleasant Hill Police Department. Audrey

highlighted her internship experience with the PHPD and how the Criminal Justice/CSI program at CCC guided her career choice. This is a great example of how Career and Technical Education is preparing our students for their next steps!



A special congratulations to our All-District Band members!

Ella Kurtz: 1st Chair Piccolo, and  
 2nd Chair Flute in the Honor Band  
 Zoey Coale: 11th Chair Flute in the Honor Band  
 Abby Moore: 23rd Chair Clarinet in the Honor Band  
 Grayson Meeks: 4th Chair Horn in the Honorable Mention Band



PHHS recognized one hundred and seventy students for academic excellence at the recent Academic Letter Assembly!

# Sports Highlights



Brooke Beck attended the Greater Kansas City Cross Country Coaches Association: All Metro Selection. She was recognized as one of the top 25 athletes in the entire KC Metro regardless of class size!



PLEASANT HILL HIGH SCHOOL

## ATHLETICS ANNOUNCEMENT

MISSOURI SPORTS HALL OF FAME

We would like to announce that the Pleasant Hill Wrestling Era of 1986-1996 will be introduced into the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame.

Pleasant Hill High School Wrestling 1986-1996 Era Coached by Steve Leslie, the Pleasant Hill High School wrestling teams emerged as one of the state's most competitive from 1986 to 1996 in Class 1-2. The Roosters earned nine top-four finishes in that span, winning state championships in 1989 and 1996. They were the runner-up in 1986, 1988 and 1995, and placed third in 1987 and 1994. Pleasant Hill placed fourth in 1992 and 1993. The program produced 11 state champions in that era:

Please have any individuals associated with these teams to contact current AD Sam Horrell at [shorrell@phr3.org](mailto:shorrell@phr3.org). Induction ceremony will be held in mid-December. Thank you for your help!

GO ROOSTERS!



PLEASANT HILL

2024

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ROOSTERS &  
*Chicks*

## PROJECT GRAD MEETINGS

LAST WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH

7PM IN THE HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY

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FOR QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT OFFICERS BELOW:

President- Ashley Nicholas & Carrie Hull

Vice President- Don Donovan

Treasurer- Savannah Bush

Secretary- Mindy Halfmann





# Community Engagement

## Board of Education Update

In the November meeting, Dr. Paul Canaan presented the PHHS Theater group to the Board. The theater department just finished their production of the musical "BIG." Over fifty students from the Intermediate, Middle, and High Schools were part of the performance. Several students presented a short skit from the show for the Board.

Sherry Helus presented Sara Adams, Primary School Title 1 Teacher to the Board. Sara has been working on ways to meet tutoring needs of the students at the Primary School. Sara and her team have created a process to provide additional support to the students that may need it. The Primary School staff works hard to help provide this support to their students.

Katie Shrader from the Cass County Health Foundation presented to the Board an overview of the Dental Screening Program that is provided to the Pleasant Hill School District. The Dental program is offered to students in grades K-6.

The Board approved the updated Exempt/Non-Exempt Classified Compensation Schedule that will take effect January 1, 2024.

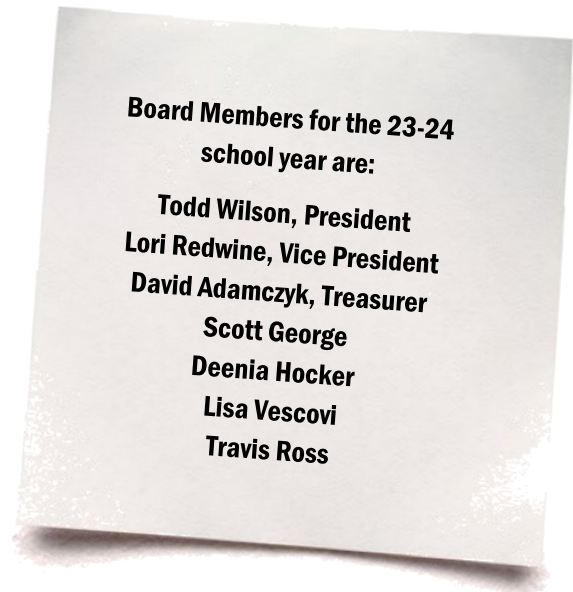
Jim Schlichting and a representative from ADS shared a presentation for upgraded cameras at Eklund Field.

Dr. Suzanne Brennaman presented the principals from each building to share their building's MAP data for the 2023 school year. The data shared showed a comparison of results from the 2022 and 2023 school year vs. the state average in ELA and Math.

Community Tours for Bond improvements will be January 18 from 5:30-8:30pm.

The board will next meet on December 19th.

Candidate Filing dates for upcoming election open on December 5th at 8:00am, and close December 26th at 5pm.



## New Subbing Rates!



## Bright Futures

### Collection Drive: Hats & Gloves Still Needed!

PH Bright Futures is collecting donations of unused hats, gloves and scarves for the upcoming winter season! These donations can be dropped off at Goppert Bank or PH Central Office (318 Cedar St).

Want to donate online? Use the QR Code to provide monetary help in increments of \$5. Thank you as always for supporting Bright Futures and our students!



# PLEASANT HILL SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS APRIL 2, 2024



Board Candidate Filing begins December 5, 2023  
at 8:00am at District Office

Candidate Filing ends on December 26th, 2023 @  
5pm (District office will be open from 3-5pm on this  
day)

## **Election info:**

- ☑ Two 3 year terms on the ballot
- ☑ Place for Filing: 318 Cedar St
- ☑ Office hours 8-4 Monday-Friday
- ☑ Central office will be closed from December 21-29



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