

ROOSTER REVIEW



PLEASANT HILL
R3 DISTRICT
NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2025

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As we welcome the sunshine and shake off the last of winter's chill, April has brought with it a renewed energy across our district. We've officially wrapped up another successful year of MAP testing, and we couldn't be prouder of our students' focus and determination. We're eagerly awaiting the results, confident that the hard work of both students and staff will shine through.

The arrival of warmer temperatures (and yes, even the rain!) has reminded us to be thankful for growth in all its forms—both outside in nature and within our schools. Spring sports are in full swing, and it's been a joy to watch our athletes reach new heights. Whether it's a team victory or a personal best, the effort and heart our students pour into their sports are inspiring. The excitement they create is felt throughout our community, and it's that shared spirit that makes every practice and game day so rewarding.

April also brought some memorable moments off the field. From the elegance and excitement of Prom 2025 to the joy and energy of the Middle School Spring Dance, it's been wonderful to see our students come together, dressed to the nines and dancing the night away. These are the experiences that make school life unforgettable.

Even with summer on the horizon, our classrooms are still buzzing with learning. Teachers and staff have done an outstanding job providing hands-on, meaningful experiences that keep students engaged and growing. It's incredible to see how much confidence our students have gained—and how brightly they're shining as we approach the end of the school year.

Thank you for your continued support, and here's to a strong finish to an already amazing year!

We encourage any and all staff, parents and students to send pictures and stories to Nicole Barbour (nbarbour@phr3.org) or Cathy Jobe (cjobe@phr3.org) to be featured in the newsletter, on Facebook, or our district website! As always, thank you for your support! It's a great day to be a Rooster and Chick!



PHR3 teachers and staff recently enjoyed some time together for socializing and snacks. It's always nice to take time to collaborate with others across the district!

PRIMARY PRIDE



The Primary Staff had fun for Easter with a Funny Bunny scavenger hunt, making some Easter cookies with Ms. Georgette Harrauld, and an "Anything but a Cup" day.



Mrs. Blundell's 2nd graders led the All-School Assembly for April at the Primary School. We recognized 6 students as Super Citizens and celebrated perfect attendance for the month of March. The Optimists also recognized all our staff. Thank you to the Pleasant Hill Optimists for celebrating our students and staff!



Chicks Day in kindergarten! I'm not sure who was chirping more - the chicks or the excited kindergartners!



Mrs. Shanley has been teaching kindergarten students about the lifecycle of a plant and what plants need to grow. The students have planted several vegetables and herbs. We are enjoying our new planter boxes outside the library!



Ms. Feuerborn's kindergarten class took advantage of the beautiful weather and did their Independent Daily Reading outside at our new picnic area.



First graders entertained families as they performed "E-I-E-I Oops!" At their music program in April. Thank you, Mrs. Clodfelter, for another successful program! Have you ever seen a cuter barnyard?!



Upcoming Events

- May 27th-June 20th- Summer School @ PS
- August 19th - First Day of School for 25-26

ELEMENTARY ENRICHMENT



4th grade got to practice their realistic drawings on live chicks in art!



PHES had a very successful Family Art Night in April! Thank you to everyone who came and enjoyed the evening with us!



Miss Smith & Mrs. Manning's Kindness Club members held a donation drive for Pleasant Hill Animal Control. For this project, students brainstormed needs for the animals, created flyers to advertise, and took leadership roles to promote the drive to their classes. We welcomed Ms. Dana and one of her sweet dogs to accept our donations, teach us about what she does for our community, and answer questions! We are thrilled to have been able to offer such a unique opportunity for students and be strongly connected to our community!



PHES McTeacher Night was a huge success!!!



PHES celebrated our April Optimist Winners at the all school assembly!

Inspiring Self-Belief: Girls on the Run Positive Self-Talk lesson!

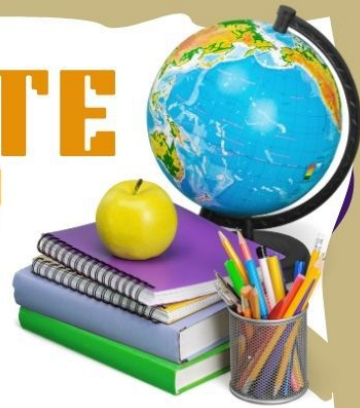


PHES proudly celebrated completing MAP testing with delightful ice cream sundaes and pizza with the principals!!

Upcoming Events

- May 27th-June 20th- Summer School @ PS
- August 18th- Preview Day (3rd Grade)
- August 19th- First Day of School for 25-26

INTERMEDIATE INGENUITY



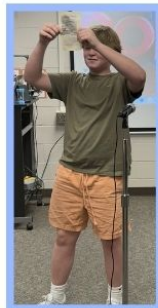
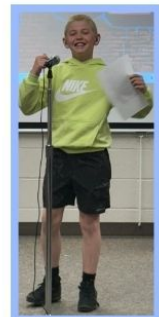
6th graders in Mrs. D's class at PHIS analyze and annotate song lyrics to understand the theme and meaning.



We're big fans of the Optimist Club at PHIS! We sure love ice cream sundae day!



Our 6th grade science students at PHIS had a blast exploring thermal energy, temperature, and the power of insulators. They tested different materials to see which best prevented heat transfer and were excited to see real-world science in action!



6th graders at PHIS celebrated their incredible work with a Poetry Cafe Showcase. We had a creative variety from deep, heartfelt free-verse to hilariously, wordy limericks. Thank you parents for sending in treats for us to share.



PHIS 5th graders explored the phases of the moon using the most delicious medium possible—Oreos!



PHIS showed up and showed off at the Spring Music Concert. Performances included: 5th grade, 6th grade and Rockin' Roosters.

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- May 27th-June 20th - Summer School @ PS
- August 18th - Preview Day (5th Grade)
- August 19th - First Day of School for 25-26



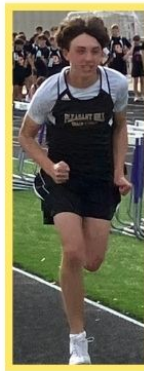
MIDDLE SCHOOL MAGIC



PHMS StuCo sponsored the spring dance in April! It was a Hawaiian/Luau Theme!



PHMS hosted its home meet in April! The weather didn't cooperate, but it was exciting to see everyone compete!



Upcoming Events

- May 27th-June 20th- Summer School @ HS (Some classes have a different start/end date)
- August 18th- Preview Day (7th Grade)
- August 19th- First Day of School for 25-26



The Pleasant Hill anatomy students traveled to Cleveland University to spend time in the anatomy cadaver lab. Students were able to speak with current students and professors about their dissections and test what they have learned this year.



Biology II students in Mr. Thompson's class dissect dogfish sharks to get a better understanding of the anatomy of fish contrasting them to the internal structures of previously discussed organisms.



Psychology students in Mr. Schoenherr's class spent time engaging in a chalk talk and a gallery walk as a pre-assessment for the new unit.



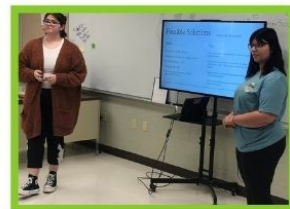
Students in Mr. Ortiz and Ms. Lomeli's Spanish class showcased their skills at the World Language Competition at UCM. Congratulations to Kennedy Thornsberry and Ella Williams for taking 1st place in the poster contest, Loren Brito for winning 1st in the Level 3 reading competition, and Addison Secrist for securing 3rd in Level 1 grammar!



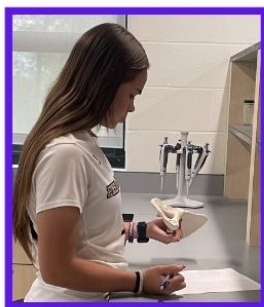
PHHS cadet teachers Shannon Williamson, Jaron Reyes, Kylie Smith, and Zoey Younce, spent time this week teaching lessons to classes in their assigned classrooms. These kids are going to be great teachers!



LA IV students presented their Pitch It Projects to district instructional coaches Crystal Monath, Jessica Young, and Melissa Brixey, and the district technology specialist, Jessica Rowland. Students used durable skills to prepare and pitch ideas to clients in a short career readiness unit.



Students in Conservation & Wildlife Management created Mammal Mystery Bags that included 10 clues to a Missouri Mammal as well as tracks made in clay. They then worked in teams to attempt guessing which sample matched each mammal represented.



Anatomy students at PHHS tested their knowledge as they identified bones during their lab practical exams.



Upcoming Events

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- August 18th- Preview Day (9th Grade)
- August 19th- First Day of School for 25-26

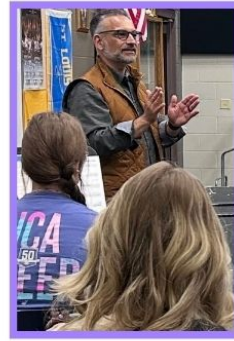
HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

JOB Olympics



PHHS students recently attended the annual Cass County Job Olympics competition in Belton. All of our students were very successful as they brought home several medals. They showed their competitiveness, teamwork, and most of all Rooster & Chick Pride! Congratulations to all of our students!

PLESANT HILL CONCERT BAND & JAZZ BAND



The PHHS Concert Band welcomed Dr. Joseph Parisi from UMKC for a clinic as the band prepares for MSHSAA State Festival in April. Dr. Parisi is a Curators' Distinguished Professor at the UMKC Conservatory where he conducts the Conservatory Wind Ensemble and serves as a music education and conducting faculty member.

CASS CAREER CENTER



Congratulations to Tanna Kreisel for being selected as Cass Career Center's Young Professional of the Month for April! Tanna is a senior in the Advanced Health Services Program. We are incredibly proud of her hard work and achievements.



The PHHS Jazz Band performed at the 18th and Vine Jazz Festival on April 15th. The band performed at the historic Gem Theater and received a clinic with a professional jazz performer. The jazz band also toured the 18th and Vine Jazz Museum and watched a live performance with the Stanton Kessler Quintet.

Scholar Bowl



Congratulations to our Scholar Bowl team who competed in Districts finishing 2nd overall after a hard-fought finals match against Center. Josh Brown earned 2nd overall All-District honors, and Alina Duncan placed 4th All-District.



The Pride of the Hill Concert Band travelled to St. Louis to compete in the Music in the Parks Festival. The band received an Excellent rating and placed second in their class.

HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

FBLA

FUTURE TEACHERS OF AMERICA



FBLA competed at the State Leadership Conference in Springfield, MO in April. All members participated in leadership workshops, charitable activities, and networking with other students throughout the state.

Austin Bennett placed in the Top 10 in Missouri for Introduction to Business Concepts. Congratulations to all members competing this year on behalf of PHHS FBLa.

Mr. Bloom was the guest speaker at the recent Future Teachers of America meeting.

Hillside

4-H



PHHS students Delaney Duncan, Brett Miller, and Dylan Miller boarded the Amtrak and to meet up with about 700 other students in Jefferson City for 4-H Day at the Capitol. This was a day of civic engagement, leadership, and advocacy. They were able to meet Governor Kehoe and other policy makers during their visit.



Hillside Mini Camp was a big hit!

FFA



Congratulations to the State Championship Nursery Landscape team of Olivia Wingard, Davin Gilsdorf, Maddux Umscheid, and Anna Young. This team will advance to national competition. Olivia Wingard was also the top individual scorer in the competition!



The district champion Ag Sales team! Headed to state! Thank you to Alewel's Country Meats couldn't have done it without your support!

On behalf of the PHHS FFA, President Heyden Denner accepted the plaque for being awarded the 12th best chapter in the state! The chapter will now compete for national recognition.



Congratulations to the Ag Mechanics team of Jackson Willig, Emilea Cobb, Heyden Denner, and Cole Ketchum for their 6th place finish at the FFA State Convention.

Roosters & Chicks Athletics



ROOSTER Baseball



Thank you to our Rooster Baseball Seniors. Best of luck in the future!



Thank you to some special PHHS Teachers who have made an impact off the field for some of our Rooster Baseball players!



ROOSTER Golf

The Rooster Golf Team kicked off the 2025 season at the Oak Grove Tournament held at Adams Pointe Golf Course. Varsity finished 3rd out of 7 schools led by Jack Ervin shooting 82 - 4th place. JV finished 5th out of 6 schools led by Chaise Power's 109.



Rooster Golfers battled some tough competition finishing 13th at the Grain Valley Invitational in April. The team was led by Cannon Cooper's 83 and Jack Ervin's 84.



The Roosters (179) shoot their lowest team score of the year but lose to Harrisonville (162) at Country Creek. The team was led by Jack Ervin's 40. JV took the loss also led by Brock Curtis shooting 51.



The Rooster Golf Team finished 7th at the Platte County Scramble Tournament. Ervin/Fisher 77, Cooper/King 79, Nelson/Powers 86.

Roosters & Chicks Athletics



ROOSTER Baseball



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Roosters & Chicks Athletics



ROOSTERS & CHICKS Track & Field

Brooke Beck broke the oldest Chicks Track and Field record with a time of 5:13.42. The previous record was held by Lindsey Borgstadt (1994). Beck now holds 8 school records in Chicks Track and Field and XC.



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The girls 4x4 decided it was time to break the school record again! Running 3:56 and punching a ticket to finals at KU Relays!





FLOCK Award WINNERS!



This year, as we continue to strive towards our District Mission Statement of "Every Student, Every Day" we would like to feature our FLOCK Award Winners for each month. These recipients have shown one or more of the following ideals and have been chosen by their peers to receive this outstanding recognition. Congratulations on a job well done!



PS- Andrea Abbott (Early Childhood Teacher)



MS- Brad Ditty
(Robotics/PLTW/
Computer Science Teacher)



HS- Erin Vlasak
(Athletic Trainer)



MS- Schyler
Johnston
(Paraprofessional)



District- Melissa Brixey (District
Instructional Coach /Interventionist)

**FLOCK
TOGETHER**
FOCUS ON STUDENTS
LISTEN, TRUST, LEAD
ONGOING IMPROVEMENT
COMMUNICATE³
KIND AND CARING



ES- Brenda Donnell (Custodian)



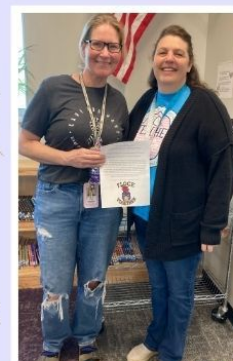
ES- Ariana Meehan
(4th Grade Teacher)



HS- Mandie Owen
(Counselor)



IS- Taylor Glazner (6th
Grade Science) &
Joleen Fuller (IS Head
Cook)



PS- Jenny Kimrey (Nurse)



Join us for Nutritious Summer Meals at No Charge

Where: High School
1 Rooster Way

When: 5/27-6/20
Monday – Friday
Breakfast (7:40-8:15)
Lunch (11:00-12:00)

Who: Children of the Community through age of 18

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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!

- Math Teachers
- ELA Teachers
- Self-Contained Special Education Teacher
- Cross-Categorical Special Education Teacher
- Custodians
- MS Girls Basketball Coach
- Assistant Boys & Girls Golf Coach
- More listings at phr3.org- Employment



Have a K-6 student? Want to get involved? Join PTO!

Officers:

Kristi Olson-President

Sarah Crume- Vice President

Tiffany Creach-Treasurer

Contact at ptopleasanthill@gmail.com



Booster Club

Booster Club memberships are available for the 25-26 school year! Gold Memberships are \$50.00 per family, and Purple Memberships are \$25.00. The PH Booster Club is a non-profit organization with volunteers serving to help provide benefits to our student athletes and athletic programs.

Meetings are the second Wednesday of every month at 7:00 PM in the PHHS Library. See you there!

Parents as Teachers



The month of April sure was a fun one for Parents as Teachers! We got to enjoy some of our visits outside under the sun and also hosted an Easter Egg Hunt with our families! As we wrap up the year, please remember to follow us on Facebook for all kinds of fun summer activities to complete as a family! :)

Follow Pleasant Hill R3 Parents as Teachers on Facebook for more updates and event information!

Want to get involved with Parents as Teachers? Contact Courtney Borgman at cborgman@phr3.org or Ashton Stark at astark@phr3.org /816-987- 9200 for the 25-26 school year!

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Board of Education Update

APRIL 2025

Certification of the Election-

Certification of Election- Dr. Wayne Burke presented to the board the results of the 2025 board elections, which elected Todd Wilson and Jason Hull to a 3 year term on the Board.

The board approved the following positions-

John Edenburn- President
Lori Redwine- Vice President
David Adamczyk- Treasurer
Cathy Jobe- Secretary

The Board said goodbye to Scott George and thanked him for his service to our District.

PHIS Roost Program-Maleri Shoemaker presented to the Board her PHIS ROOST program. The students in the program work on making and selling items to help develop and work on social skills. Park Jarman, Von Robertson, Remington Dunlap and Kian Hadi shared their duties as part of the ROOST program and what their favorite jobs were.

Dr. Burke presented Will Henley to the Board. Will won the district Spelling Bee and will be competing in the National Spelling Bee on May 28th in Washington DC.

PHES Assembly Team- Mrs. Lori Burbee presented to the Board the PHES Assembly team. The Assembly team leads the school in monthly assemblies celebrating assorted accomplishments and successes. John Higgs, Violet Abrams, Emerie Carnes, Josie Gottman, Casssidy Curtis and Andy Tippee gave a demonstration on how the assemblies are run.

CCC-Young Professional of the Month-Nichole Tews presented to the Board Tanna Kreisel as student of the month from Cass Career Center. Tanna is a 2 year student at CCC and has received several certifications over these 2 years and has completed her internship at Cass Regional ER.

FCCLA-Ms.Tori Long presented to the Board Rowan Hansen and Sage Dawe for their State performance in April. Both students received Silver medals for their project they presented.

All State Band- Dr. Canaan and Mr. Twenter presented Ella Kurtz to the Board for being selected for the Missouri All State Band. This is Ella's 3rd time being selected for this prestigious event.

Dr. Jak Boden presented Melissa Turney to the board for her work as our district Reading Specialist and Interventionist at the Elementary School and Intermediate School. Melissa shared with the board an overview of her position and the student's accomplishments for this year.

Cass County Health Foundation-The Cass County Health Foundation presented to the Board an overview of the services they provide for our students and community. The Health Foundation has serviced 884 students in grades k-6 this year. They are excited to be opening a new clinic in Belton on April 21st.



Pleasant Hill School Board recognized the PHES Assembly Team. Thanks for all your hard work this year!



Young Professional of the Month Tanna Kreisel being recognized for her accomplishments at Cass Career Center

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Board of Education Update

APRIL 2025 CONTINUED

Bank Account Information-Dr. Burke presented to the Board an overview of our Fiscal Investment Management. Dr. Burke shared that the district reopened 2 money market accounts at Goppert Bank.

The Board approved the following compensation schedules (as presented):

- 2025-2026 Certified Teacher Schedule
- 2025-2026 Non-Exempt Compensation Schedule
- 2025-2026 Exempt Compensation Schedule
- 2025-2026 Extra Duty Compensation Schedule
- 2025-2026 Leadership Recommendation

The Board approved the following:

- Vertical movement (also known as "servicing the salary schedule" and/or "giving steps" as applicable) for individuals on the following schedules:
 - 2025-2026 Certified Teacher Schedule
 - 2025-2026 Non-Exempt Compensation Schedule
 - 2025-2026 Exempt Compensation Schedule

The Board approved the following:

- Horizontal movement (also known as "educational movement" as applicable) for individuals on the following schedules:
 - 2025-2026 Certified Teacher Schedule

The Board approved that the District remain with United HealthCare for both its medical and dental provider. This will result in a 33% increase to the medical costs and 45% to the dental costs.

The Board approved the policy updates for the following policies- JG-R1, JG-R2, JG-R3, JG-R4, JG-R5

Dr. Burke thanked the community for their support and votes for the District Bond . Dr Burke shared that the district would be creating an improvement plan with top priority issues that will need to be resolved asap Mike Clevenger provided an update on his summer project list for the summer of 2025.

Board Comments-

Sweet Rewards Banquet-May 14th
Graduation May 8, 2025

The next Board of Education meeting will be held on May 20, 2025 at 6:15 pm.



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